

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · AUBURN

Turkish Consular Business from Auburn: 2026 Guide

Your mission is in Houston. The general window is mornings only, visa applications sit in a separate thirty-minute window, and all three attache offices are in the same building.

SHORT ANSWER

Alabama sits in the consular district of the **Consulate General of Türkiye in Houston**, and that is not an assumption: the mission's own site lists its district as **eight states** and Alabama appears on the list on two separate pages; in the same round **the pages of the other five Turkish consulates general in the United States were also checked and the word Alabama appears on none of them.** **There is no Turkish authority in Auburn where you can get something done in person**, and the journey leaves the state. Three things up front, because all three mean a wasted trip: **there is a single published window for general consular business and it is mornings only, visa applications are taken separately in a thirty-minute window, and this city's airport operates no scheduled flights and the city is off the passenger rail route.**

Mission details

ITEM	DETAIL
Mission	Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye in Houston
Address	5333 Westheimer Road, Suite 1050, Houston, TX 77056
Switchboard	+1 346 439 65 60
After-hours emergency and duty officer	+1 832 774 18 61. The contact page gives the same number under two separate headings, so it is a single line
Consular call center, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	+1 888 566 76 56
Email	consulate.houston@mfa.gov.tr
Working hours	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The mission publishes no afternoon counter hours for general consular business
Visa application hours	2 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. , a separate thirty-minute window. The mission's own instruction asks you to book before you come
Consul General	Çağrı Sakar. Diplomatic postings change , so check current information before you travel

All three attache offices are in the same building

In the previous round of this series the attache offices sat in a **different building** from the Consulate General and that guide sent readers to two separate addresses. **Houston is different and we do not carry that warning over:** the Religious Affairs, Education and Commercial attache offices all publish the Consulate General's address. **The Education attache office sharing the building matters especially for this city's readers,** because diploma, transcript and equivalency matters come up often in this readership. **But appointments are separate,** and since the general window is mornings only, work out in advance whether they fit into one day.

Setting off from here: transportation leads the plan

- **We publish no distance or driving time figure,** because none came from a source this round. What we can say is this: Houston is to the **west** of this state, this city is in the **east** of it, and the journey **leaves the state.**
 - **On flights and trains this city differs from the others:** its airport **operates no scheduled passenger service** and the city is **off the passenger rail route.** So you plan either your own vehicle or a flight departing from another city.
 - **A name trap:** the word international in an airport's name does not mean it has nonstop international flights.
 - **You do not need to change your clock:** the Consulate General is in the same time zone, so the published appointment and telephone hours are directly your hours. But the window is narrow, so keep that in mind.
 - **For a reader with classes, labs or a teaching assignment:** because the general window is mornings only, this trip is in practice **a full day**, often two. If you plan to go mid-term, book the appointment in a break week or a holiday period.
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What runs through the mission

The transaction headings in the mission's own application menu show what actually runs through it: birth registration and civil registry matters, marriage notification, passport matters, military service matters, notarial matters and powers of attorney, Turkish citizenship matters, estate matters, and education and visa headings. Booking, checking and canceling appointments happen through the mission's own menu, which is split in two: **consular transactions for Turkish citizens** and **visa pre-application for foreign nationals.**

We publish no document lists in this guide. Every transaction has its own fee and its own document list, and which transaction requires what could not be verified one by one this round. **Traveling to another state with the wrong document would be the most expensive advice this guide could give you;** confirm the list from the appointment menu and the call center.

A NOTARY TRAP, PLEASE READ THIS

- In this state **there is no such document as a marriage license**. A marriage is created by filing with the probate court a form signed before **an Alabama notary public**.
- **And having that form notarized at the consulate is not accepted**: the signature required is that of a notary **commissioned by Alabama**. So do not plan to travel to Houston and have the form signed there.
- **And a deadline**: the form must **reach the court within 30 days** of the signatures or the marriage is void. **A postmark date does not count**.
- **There is a convenience too**: the form may be filed with the probate court of **any county**. **Fees differ from county to county and we publish no unverified fee**; call the court you plan to use.

Three routes to try before you travel

- 1 **e-Devlet**. Civil registry, address and some document matters can be handled remotely; check first [here](#) which transactions are available that way.
- 2 **The call center**. Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and the fastest way to learn which document is required: **+1 888 566 76 56**.
- 3 **Courier or mail**. Some transactions run on documents sent in. Ask the call center which ones are accepted, and **do not post documents on your own initiative**.

2026 closing days

The 2026 holiday list published on the mission's own contact page includes days falling after this guide's publication date, and two are immediately ahead: **October 12** and **October 29**. The list also carries November 11, November 26, December 24 and December 25, 2026, and January 1 and January 18, 2027. **The list is published annually**; check [the current list](#) before you book.

Pre-trip checklist

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ Try e-Devlet and the call center first	Some matters can be handled without traveling at all
☐ Plan transportation from the start	This city has no scheduled flights and no passenger rail ; it is your own vehicle or a flight from another city
☐ Confirm the document needed for each matter one by one	The document list changes from transaction to transaction and this guide gives none
☐ Book appointments on the same day or consecutive days	Finish more than one matter in a single trip
☐ Account for the general window being mornings only	9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. No afternoon counter hours are published

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ If you have visa business, plan for the separate window	2 p.m. to 2.30 p.m., thirty minutes, and an appointment is requested
☐ If you are mid-term, pick a break week	The trip is in practice a full day, often two
☐ Check whether a holiday falls on the day you plan to go	The 2026 list is on the mission's contact page
☐ Certify documents for use in Türkiye first	The order matters: certification first, consular appointment second . The document must carry the wet signature of an Alabama official and an embossed or inked seal ; an ordinary counter copy may not work
☐ Prepare a notarized English translation for every foreign-language document	This is the likeliest reason a Turkish reader's package comes back in the certification chain
☐ Do not plan to have the marriage form notarized in Houston	The signature required is that of an Alabama notary , and the form must reach the court within 30 days of signing
☐ Do not trust figures you find online about military service	Conditions and amounts change periodically and the current position could not be verified this round . Ask the call center about your own birth year and status

The trick to running consular business from here is planning, and in this city the first item in the plan is transportation. The good news: **all three attache offices share the Consulate General's address and the mission is in your time zone**. The hard news: **the window is narrow**, the journey leaves the state, and **no scheduled flight departs from here**.



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