

FOR TURKISH CITIZENS IN BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND

Turkish Consulate General in Boston: 2026 Services Guide

Passports, ID cards, birth and marriage registration, military service, powers of attorney and apostilles. Booking steps and contact information.

SHORT ANSWER

The Turkish Consulate General is in the city itself, at 31 Saint James Avenue, Suite 840, Boston, MA 02116, phone +1 857 250 47 00. Its district covers six states: Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Connecticut. If you live in Boston, consular business takes a morning, not a flight; but one office serves all of New England, so slots fill. Every service needs its own appointment on konsolosluk.gov.tr, and in-person applications are taken on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Contact and booking

DETAIL	VALUE
Address	31 Saint James Avenue, Suite 840, Boston, MA 02116
Phone	+1 857 250 47 00
Email	consulate.boston@mfa.gov.tr
After-hours emergency line	+1 857 207 9284
Consular Call Center	+1 888 566 76 56, and +90 312 292 29 29 around the clock
Office hours	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.
In-person applications	Weekdays 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Education Attaché	Same address, Suite 840; boston_ozel@meb.gov.tr
Commercial Attaché	43 Thorndike Street, Suite 1-4, Cambridge, MA 02141

- 1 konsolosluk.gov.tr → Randevu Al
- 2 Türk Vatandaşları İçin Konsolosluk İşlemleri → Boston Başkonsolosluğu
- 3 Pick the service. Each service needs its own appointment. Visa applications by foreign nationals go through a separate pre-application system.

In the city, but one office for six states

- **The trip is short.** A Turkish citizen living in Boston does not need a plane ticket for an ID card, a passport, a civil registry entry or a power of attorney, just a morning set aside.
- **Slots fill.** The same office serves everyone from Portland, Providence and Hartford. If your passport is expiring, or you have a dated obligation such as military registration, do not leave the appointment to the last week.
- **Do not budget from another mission's price list.** Confirm fees and documents on the [consulate's contact page](#) or by phone.

Services and fees

SERVICE	HOW	FEE
Passport	In person only, by appointment	Ask the consulate for the current fee before your appointment
Turkish ID card	In person only, by appointment; not handled by mail	\$10.20 cash; \$15.50 to replace a lost card
Birth registration	In person or by mail	\$35 to send the documents to Türkiye; the child's ID is \$5 within 60 days of birth, \$10.20 after
Marriage registration	In person or by mail	Confirm the fee and document list before you apply
Death registration	In person or by mail	No fee
Power of attorney and notarial acts	At the consulate building only	Ask the consulate for the current fee

Of the amounts above, only the ID card, birth registration and death registration lines come from the consulate's own 2026 information notes. The fees for passports, powers of attorney and notarial acts are not published on those pages. Fees can also change during the year.

For a Turkish ID card: adults apply in person; a 15 to 18 year old comes with a parent; for a child under 15, the parent applies. Bring one 2x2 inch biometric photo taken within the last six months and the old ID card (without it, a passport, driver's license or marriage book works). Payment is cash. The new card is mailed to the consulate, and you can ask for a temporary ID if you need identification sooner.

Registering a Boston-born child with the Turkish civil registry

Conditions: at least one parent is a Turkish citizen, the child is under 18, and the birth took place in the six-state district. Payment is cash or a money order; personal and company checks are not accepted.

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ The original certified birth certificate and a copy	A short-form birth record is not accepted. For a birth in Boston, order it from the Boston Registry Division (1 City Hall Square, Room 213; \$12 in person, \$14 online or by mail); for a birth elsewhere in the state, from the state office in Dorchester (\$20 in person, \$32 by mail, VitalChek \$54)

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ Both parents' identification	Turkish ID card or passport
☐ Marriage certificate	If you are married; the marriage must be registered first
☐ Translation	If a foreign parent's birth certificate is not in English or Turkish
☐ Dual citizenship form	Completed at the application

Order at least two certified copies: one stays with the U.S. passport application and one goes for the apostille and the consulate. The hospital does not order the certificate for you. A child born in the United States is a U.S. citizen at birth.

Marriage registration and the marriage license

Register a marriage performed in the United States with the Consulate General so that it is valid in Türkiye. In Boston the license comes from the Registry Division at City Hall: 1 City Hall Square, Room 213, 617-635-4175. Both partners must be 18 or older, currently unmarried, and come together, in person, with an appointment; there are no walk-ins. The fee is \$50. After the license is filed there is a three-day wait, then it is valid for 60 days, and the ceremony has to take place in Massachusetts. If the SSN line is blank you write down why, and a passport is enough for ID. A copy of the certificate is \$12 in person. To use the certificate in Türkiye it also needs a Massachusetts apostille.

Apostille: how it works in Massachusetts

One office issues the apostille, and it is in Boston: Secretary of the Commonwealth, Commissions Section, One Ashburton Place, Room 1719, Boston MA 02108. The fee is **\$6 per document**. Only the wet signature of a Massachusetts official is apostilled: a notary, a justice of the peace, a city or town clerk, a court clerk or the Registrar of Vital Records. Photocopied signatures are rejected. Up to 3 documents are handled at the counter on the spot; 4 or more are collected after 3 p.m. the next business day; by mail it takes 2 to 3 weeks (a check payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, no credit cards). Regional offices in Fall River and Springfield do the same work. Federal documents (an FBI record, a naturalization certificate) get their apostille from the U.S. Department of State, not from Massachusetts. Türkiye is a party to the Hague Apostille Convention, so no extra consular certification is needed, and an apostille does not translate the document.

Military service (askerlik)

- **Registration (yoklama):** men born in 2007, and anyone without a deferral, must complete it by December 31, 2026, through the consulate or e-Devlet.
- **Paid service (dövizle askerlik):** for July to December 2026 the amount is the foreign-currency equivalent of 472,653.60 TL, collected in U.S. dollars at the Turkish central bank rate on the day of payment. Whether the Boston consulate adds a transfer fee is not published on the pages we could read, so ask before your appointment. The amount changes on January 1, 2027.

- **Conditions:** working in the U.S. with a residence or work permit, at least three years (1,095 days) of work abroad excluding time spent in Türkiye, completion of the Ministry of Defence online course (dovizle.msb.gov.tr), and residence in the consular district. Applications are in person by appointment only.
- **Dual citizens** born in the U.S., or who arrived as minors and naturalized, may defer to the end of age 35, once U.S. citizenship is recorded in the Turkish civil registry. The work requirement does not apply to them; three years abroad is enough.
- **F-1 students** defer through the Education Attaché at the same address, boston_ozel@meb.gov.tr.
- **Timing:** the registration deadline is December 31, 2026 and the paid-service amount is reset on January 1, 2027. December appointments go early, and living in the city does not reserve you a slot.

Time difference and flights

Türkiye stays on UTC+3 all year while Boston is on Eastern Time with daylight saving. The difference is 7 hours until November 1, 2026 and 8 hours from November 1, 2026 to March 14, 2027. When it is 9 a.m. in Boston it is 4 p.m. in Istanbul now and 5 p.m. after November 1. Turkish Airlines flies nonstop between Logan (BOS) and Istanbul (IST), about 11 hours. Massport and the airline publish different frequencies, so check days and times with the airline directly. Logan is in the city: take the Blue Line to Airport station and the free terminal shuttle.

DO NOT CONFUSE THIS WITH YOUR U.S. IMMIGRATION MATTERS

The consulate handles Türkiye-related business. Your U.S. visa, green card or citizenship applications belong to USCIS and the U.S. Department of State. If you have a pending green card application, check your advance parole status before you travel to Türkiye.



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