

STEP BY STEP · BRENTWOOD

Turkish Consulate and Apostille Matters from Brentwood 2026

Your mission is in Houston and the jurisdiction was verified in both directions. The apostille office is not in this city; there is a same-day window but it requires going to the counter.

SHORT ANSWER

Tennessee falls in the jurisdiction of the **Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye in Houston**, and that is not an assumption: the consulate general's own site lists its jurisdiction as **eight states** and this state appears on four separate pages; in addition **the pages of the other five Turkish consulates general in the United States were scanned in the same round and this state appears on none of them**. Know two things about hours before you travel: **the only published window for general consular business is 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, and **visa applications are taken separately, in a thirty-minute window**. There is one convenience: the consulate general is in **the same time zone** as you, so you do not have to convert the published hours. **On the other hand the apostille office is not in this city and we write no distance or drive time figure**; the only thing we say is that you should start the document errand **before** your consular appointment.

The mission and its hours

ITEM	INFORMATION
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 emergencies and duty officer	+1 832 774 18 61
Consular call center, 24 hours, 7 days	+1 888 566 76 56
Opening hours	Weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The mission publishes no afternoon counter hour for general consular business; this is the only published window
Visa application hours	2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. , a separate thirty-minute window. The mission asks that no appointment be booked before instructions arrive
Appointments	An advance appointment for every transaction; the system runs from the mission's own menu

ITEM	INFORMATION
Holiday calendar	The mission publishes its 2026 and 2027 holiday calendar on its own page; the calendar includes both U.S. and Turkish official days, October 29 among them

A comparison, because it has a practical consequence for a reader traveling from here: some consulates general offer two windows a day, morning and afternoon. **In Houston the afternoon holds only the thirty-minute visa window.** What that means: **your chances of fitting two transactions into one day are narrow.** Account from the start for the fact that the trip leaves the state.

The attaché offices are in the same building, and even the same suite

In one round of this series the attaché offices were in **a different building** from the consulate general and that guide sent readers to two separate addresses. **The situation here is different and we do not carry that warning over:** the **Religious Affairs Attaché Office**, the **Education Attaché Office** and the **Commercial Attaché Office** all publish the consulate general's address **and the same suite number**. So you can handle your child's equivalency paperwork and your consular business in the same building; but the appointments are booked separately and **the general transaction window is mornings only**.

Jurisdiction: eight states, and a proximity trap

By the consulate general's own list the jurisdiction covers these states: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. The mission's pages print the list in different orders but the content is the same; that is an ordering difference, not a contradiction.

YOUR NEIGHBOR'S CONSULATE MAY NOT BE YOUR CONSULATE

- The Consulate General in Chicago lists its jurisdiction as **thirteen Midwestern states** and that list includes **Kentucky, this state's neighbor to the north**. This state is not on it.
- **So someone you know living on the other side of the line may belong to a different mission.** The instinct of geographic proximity misleads on this question.
- **Confirm which mission covers your own state before you begin.**

What runs through the consulate

- Birth notifications and civil registry transactions · marriage registration · passport transactions
- Military service transactions, under four separate headings on the menu
- Notarial transactions: powers of attorney, revocations, consents, undertakings and contracts
- Certification: certification of signatures and seals on documents issued by foreign authorities, and certification of translations made by sworn translators
- Turkish citizenship transactions · estate matters · the visa heading, information requests and appointment transactions

- **We do not write the document lists in this guide.** Every transaction has its own fee and its own list, and we could not verify item by item which transaction requires what this round; confirm the list **from the appointment menu and the call center.**

TWO TRANSACTIONS THAT CAN BE DONE BY MAIL, AND A CANCELED TRIP

- Almost every transaction on the mission's menu carries the phrase **you must apply in person after making an appointment.**
- **But two exceptions were found.** First: for **registration of a marriage performed before foreign local authorities** the menu says **you may apply by mail.** Second: an **international marriage record extract** can be obtained either by appointment or by mail delivery through an online link.
- **This is directly useful to a reader marrying in this city:** if you obtained the license from the county clerk and held the ceremony here, you may not need to travel for the registration.
- **The right step:** before booking an appointment, call the call center and ask **whether your own transaction can be done by mail.** There may be an exception not written on the menu, and a **phone call is cheaper than a trip.**

Apostille: the office is not in this city, but there is a same-day window

ITEM	INFORMATION
Office	Tennessee Secretary of State, the authentication office of the business services division
Address	312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 6th floor, Nashville, TN 37243
In person	The customer service desk on the 3rd floor, weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Same-day service	If you arrive before 2:00 p.m. If you are going to use this window, plan the day around it; if you cannot make it, the mail route exists
Fee	\$2.00 per document. Because this is a fee figure, confirm it on the office's own page before paying
Scope	The office issues an apostille or a certificate of authentication for documents issued, made or certified by county clerks, the state office of vital records and the Secretary of State

There are two separate routes and you should know which one you are on from the start.

Route A: a notarized private document, county certification required

- 1 You take the document to a **Tennessee notary** and have it notarized.
- 2 You take the notarized document to **the clerk of the county where the notary is commissioned** and have the notary's signature certified.
- 3 Then you send or carry the office's own application form, the document, **the name of the certifying county** and the fee to the Secretary of State.

The test at this step is easily misunderstood, so we spell it out: what governs is not where the document was signed or the county you live in, but the county where the notary is commissioned. If you live in this city and signed before a notary in the county where you work, this step goes to **that county.** And a notary

from a neighboring state never enters this chain, because the office processes only documents issued in this state. County clerk certification fees vary by county; the figures seen this round came from secondary sources and **we write no figure**. **There is a convenience in this county**: the county clerk's office is the same institution as the counter where you will register your car, so you can plan two errands into one trip; but **ask about the appointment and counter arrangement first**, because the two may not run from the same desk.

Route B: vital records, no county certification needed

- The office's own sentence: **if you already hold a certified copy and need an apostille added to it, you may send your request and your document directly to the Secretary of State**, with the \$2 per document fee.
- **This is not the case everywhere in this series**. In some states a birth or death certificate had to be **reissued** for an apostille and had to carry a particular signature. **There is no such condition here**: a certified copy you obtained years ago can go straight into the process.
- **If you have no certified copy**, you send **two separate payments** to the vital records office, one to the office for the copies and one to the Secretary of State for the apostille; and **the vital records office forwards the document, the payment and the request itself**. You do not visit two institutions separately.
- **And obtaining a vital record is already easy in this state**: a birth or death certificate can be obtained from **all 95 county health departments**. **But the same sentence is not built for marriage and divorce records**.

APOSTILLE OR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION: WE DO NOT ANSWER THAT

- The office's own distinction is this: if a document requires **a certificate of authentication**, the U.S. Department of State must also certify the state's signature; **with an apostille that step is not required**. So the difference is one more leg of travel.
- **The office does not publish its own country list** and its own guidance is plain: if you are not sure which type of certification is required, ask **the consulate of the receiving country or the U.S. Department of State's authentications office**.
- **That is why this guide makes no claim about which bucket Türkiye falls in**. Call the call center and ask which one is required for your document. **Requesting the wrong service means the package comes back**.
- **Only documents issued in this state are in scope**. Do not send a certificate for a child born in another state here.
- **Federal documents are not certified at the state level**. For a document such as a certificate of naturalization your office is the U.S. Department of State's authentications office; this is an expensive and very common mistake.
- **We write no figure for mail processing time**. The office's page gives no time frame; **start the errand early** and build your calendar on dates, not durations.

Do not break the order

- 1 Obtain the document**. Any county health department for a birth or death certificate; a notary for a private document.
- 2 Get the county certification on a notarized document**, and go to **the county where the notary is commissioned**.

- 3 **Have it translated if needed and have the translation notarized.** Ask the Turkish institution that will receive the document, or the consulate, which translation is required.
- 4 **Get the certification last.** A certified document cannot be altered afterward.
- 5 **Do not confuse the reverse direction:** Turkish documents you will use in the United States for your immigration case are **apostilled in Türkiye** and submitted here **with a certified English translation**. No agency here performs that step.

And we make no claim about the order. For U.S. documents going to Türkiye, **consular certification and an apostille are alternative routes, not two links in the same chain. No official information note answering whether the apostille or the translation comes first was found this round**, so this guide imposes no order; ask the call center and ask for the answer in writing.

MILITARY SERVICE: THE ORDER IS CRITICAL, AND WE WRITE NO AMOUNTS

- **The order is this and an application is not accepted if it is broken: distance learning first**, the obligor must complete the program on the Ministry of National Defense's own distance learning portal; **then the in-person application**. The mission's own announcement is plain in its wording: **applications made by mail are not accepted**.
- **If you also hold U.S. citizenship there is one more step first:** for the military service transaction to proceed, **the multiple citizenship must first be registered in the Turkish civil registry. Without that registration the military service transaction does not begin**, and for a reader traveling from here that can mean **two separate trips**.
- **The conditions are set out in the announcement:** residence in one of the eight states in the jurisdiction; being a worker, an employer, a member of a profession or an artist with a residence or work permit, or a seafarer on a foreign-flagged vessel; and having worked in the United States for **at least three years** in total, excluding time spent in Türkiye. **There is an exception for dual citizens:** those who have actually been abroad for at least three years are not required to meet the work condition.
- **The status distinction affects the reader's years:** in student status, **practical training periods within the curriculum do not count**; students working on post-graduation work authorization are among the statuses that do count. **Exchange program participants receiving a scholarship from Türkiye cannot benefit from this law for as long as they receive it.**
- **Seafarers cannot be processed in Houston.** The announcement says these applications can be made **only at two other consulates general. We do not write the names of those two missions**, because their jurisdictions were not measured this round; confirm with the call center.
- **The announcement's own warning:** all company and personal information on the tax forms must **match** the employer letters. **On payment, cash and personal checks are not accepted**, and the instruction is this: **do not pay before the consulate general has determined that you meet the conditions. No written notice is sent after the application**; you follow it through e-Devlet.
- **Paid exemption is not consular business:** there is no such heading on the mission's transaction menu. **We could not verify its current conditions, its authority or its amount this round and we write none of them.** On the foreign-currency route we also **write no amount**.
- **No official sentence was found on the effect on entry to and exit from Türkiye. We say neither that it has an effect nor that it does not;** before buying a ticket, consult your own military service office and the consulate general.

TIME DIFFERENCE AND FLIGHTS

- **The state is not in a single time zone:** the federal time zone boundary runs through the state, with **the east on Eastern time** and **the west on Central time**. **This city's county is west of the line**, so Central time. Account for the difference when you call an institution in the east of the state.
- **The difference with Türkiye: 8 hours** ahead during daylight saving time and **9 hours** ahead during standard time. The clocks go back on **November 1, 2026**, so after that week the gap grows by an hour; because Türkiye does not use daylight saving, you experience the change one-sidedly.
- **The consulate general is on Central time too**, so you do not have to convert the published appointment and phone hours. But the window is narrow: the only published window for general business is **9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
- **The window for calling Türkiye is narrow in the other direction:** when it is 5 p.m. in Türkiye it is 9 a.m. here in summer. **Two channels solve it:** [e-Devlet](#) and the **call center**, open twenty-four hours.
- **Flights: research found no scheduled nonstop flight from the airport serving this area to Istanbul or to anywhere in Türkiye. We do not write flatly that there is none**, because the airport's own destination list could not be read firsthand this round; confirm the routing on the carrier's own site.
- **And a name trap:** the airport's name contains the word International, **but that does not mean there is a scheduled route to Türkiye**. When you look for tickets, go by the flight list, not by the airport's name.
- **Plan the trip to the airport separately:** research found no municipal bus system of this city's own, and the regional demand-response service requires a reservation **seventy-two hours ahead for trips crossing a county line**. **No intercity passenger rail station was found in this place either.**
- **Luggage and identification:** the identification document for an international flight is a passport. The regime for the cards this state issues changed in 2026 and needs reading.

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