

FOR TURKISH CITIZENS IN BROOKLINE

Turkish Consulate General in Boston: 2026 Guide from Brookline

The shortest consular trip in this series: the Green Line to Arlington with no transfer. Stop-by-stop times, booking, fees, registrations, the apostille, military service and the time difference.

SHORT ANSWER

The Turkish Consulate General is at 31 Saint James Avenue, Suite 840, Boston MA 02116, phone +1 857 250 47 00. **Brookline has the easiest consular trip in this whole series:** both Green Line branches reach Arlington station with no transfer, and Arlington is about 120 meters from the building. It is 16 minutes from Brookline Village, 19 from Brookline Hills and 20 from Coolidge Corner. Because the district covers six states, appointments still fill up. 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
Emergency (duty) line	+1 857 207 9284
Consular Call Center	+1 888 566 76 56, and around the clock +90 312 292 29 29
Office hours	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.
In-person application hours	Weekdays 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Consular district	Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Connecticut
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 (book an appointment)
- 2 Consular Services for Turkish Citizens → Consulate General in Boston
- 3 Pick the service. Each service needs its own appointment. Visa business for non-citizens runs through a separate pre-application system.

The Green Line takes you to the door

Of all our Massachusetts guides, Brookline has the easiest route to the consulate. The reason is simple: both Green Line branches (C and D) run through the town and both reach Arlington station with no transfer. Arlington is about 0.07 mile from the consulate building, roughly 120 meters. The times below come from the published MBTA weekday morning timetable; both branches run 7 to 8 trains an hour.

STOP	BRANCH	TIME TO ARLINGTON
St. Mary's Street	C	12 minutes
Hawes Street	C	14 minutes
Brookline Village	D	16 minutes
Kent Street	C	16 minutes
St. Paul Street	C	17 minutes
Brookline Hills	D	19 minutes
Coolidge Corner	C	20 minutes
Beaconsfield	D	22 minutes
Washington Square	C	25 minutes
Reservoir	D	25 minutes
Cleveland Circle	C	30 minutes

- **The last step on foot:** about two minutes from Arlington station to the building. We calculated that from map coordinates; it is not an official measurement.
- **By car:** roughly 3.3 miles and 11 minutes without traffic from Town Hall (333 Washington Street); 2.8 miles and 8 minutes from Coolidge Corner. Those are free-flowing estimates and the trip takes far longer morning and evening; the consulate pages we read say nothing about parking, so the subway is the lower-risk choice.
- **Two stops closed in October 2026:** under MBTA notices dated October 5, 2026, inbound trains do not stop at Dean Road on the C branch until October 9 and do not stop at Brandon Hall until October 30 (accessibility work). If you use either stop, allow for walking to a neighboring one on the day of your appointment: Englewood Avenue or Tappan Street, Fairbanks Street or Summit Avenue.
- **The Commercial Attaché is in Cambridge:** 43 Thorndike Street, Suite 1-4, Cambridge MA 02141. That office does no consular work, so do not go there for a passport or a civil registry matter.

Services and fees

The trip is short but appointments still fill up: according to the consulate's own contact page its district is six states, and one office serves all of New England, so everyone arriving from Portland, Providence and Hartford comes through the same door. Living in Brookline saves you a plane ticket and a hotel night; it does not save you a place in the queue. If your passport is expiring, or you have a dated obligation like the military service registration, do not leave the appointment to the last week.

SERVICE	HOW	FEE
Passport	In person only, by appointment	Ask for the current fee before your appointment
Turkish ID card	In person only, by appointment; not handled by mail	\$10.20 in cash; a replacement for a lost card is \$15.50
Birth registration	In person or by mail	Sending the documents to Türkiye costs \$35; the ID card is \$5 within 60 days of the birth and \$10.20 after that
Marriage registration	In person or by mail	Confirm the fee and the documents before you apply
Death registration	In person or by mail	Free
Powers of attorney and notarial acts	Only at the consulate building	Ask 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, notarial acts and criminal record extracts are not published on those pages. Do not budget from another mission's price list; confirm on the [consulate contact page](#) or by phone.

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 Brookline-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. **Because Brookline is a town, this record comes from the Town Clerk**, with one wrinkle: the town has no hospital of its own, so the baby is most likely born at one of the Longwood hospitals on the Boston side, which technically makes it a Boston birth. The town's rule about parents who lived in Brookline at the time appears to cover that case, but we read it only from a search summary: **call 617-730-2010 first and ask which office holds the record.**

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ A certified copy of the birth certificate plus one photocopy	The short "birth record" is not accepted. Town Clerk, 333 Washington Street, 1st Floor, Room 104, 617-730-2010; a certified copy is \$15, processed within one to two business days and then mailed, with no expedited mail option . The town page is not clear about ID; state rule says birth records are not public, so expect to be asked for a photo ID and your relationship
☐ Parents' identity documents	A Turkish ID card or passport
☐ Marriage certificate	If you are married; the marriage has to be registered first
☐ Translation	If a foreign parent's birth certificate is in neither English nor Turkish

- ☐ **Dual citizenship form** Filled in at the appointment

Order at least two certified copies: one stays with the U.S. passport application and one goes for the apostille and the consulate. Because the record is mailed and there is no expedited option, order at least a week before a passport appointment. For a birth elsewhere in Massachusetts you go to the state registry: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, 150 Mt. Vernon Street, 1st Floor, Dorchester MA 02125, (617) 740-2600. 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 Brookline marriage license

Register a marriage performed in the United States with the Consulate General so that it is valid in Türkiye. In Brookline the license comes from the town's own Town Clerk: Town Hall, 333 Washington Street, 1st Floor, Room 104, 617-730-2010, townclerk@brooklinema.gov; hours Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The application is called the Notice of Intention of Marriage and both applicants appear in person; an **appointment is required** and is booked through the tool on the Town Clerk page, with marriage intention appointments given Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 to 11 a.m. The fee is \$50. There is a three-day wait and weekends and holidays count while the filing day does not: file on Friday and you collect on Monday. You have to hold the license before the ceremony. **The accepted proof of age matters particularly in this guide:** a valid state ID or driver's license, an original or certified copy of a birth certificate, a passport, or an **immigration or naturalization record** is accepted, so the door is not closed to someone without a U.S. ID. A Turkish passport works. Both parties must be 18; there is no blood test, no residency requirement, and no divorce record is asked for at the application, although any divorce must be final. We could not read whether the form asks for a Social Security number, so call before you go. The license is valid 60 days and only in Massachusetts, and the three-day wait can be waived through the court (total fees \$195). A member of the clergy or a Justice of the Peace can officiate; the officiant signs the license in black ink and returns it to the Town Clerk, and no witnesses are needed. The summaries we read show no civil ceremony service at Town Hall, so arrange your officiant up front. A certified copy is \$15.

Apostille: how it works in Massachusetts

One office issues the apostille: Secretary of the Commonwealth, Commissions Section, One Ashburton Place, Room 1719, Boston MA 02108. The fee is **\$6 per document**, among the lowest of any state. This is one of Brookline's concrete advantages: you can have a document signed in the town and apostilled in Boston the same morning, under half an hour away on the Green Line. 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. That list **includes the Brookline Town Clerk**, so a business certificate or a birth or marriage record from 333 Washington Street needs no extra round. Photocopied or scanned signatures are rejected, and a document issued in another state is apostilled there. In person, up to 3 documents are processed at the counter; 4 or more are collected after 3 p.m. the next business day (anything left after 4 p.m. waits another day); by mail it takes 2 to 3 weeks, with a check payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and no credit cards. There are regional offices in Fall River and Springfield. Federal documents such as an FBI record or a naturalization certificate get their apostille from the U.S. Department of State: Form DS-4194, \$20

per document. A university diploma first has to be notarized before a Massachusetts notary. Phone 617-727-2836 (confirm on the official page). Türkiye has been a party to the Hague Apostille Convention since 1985, so no further consular legalization is needed; an apostille does not translate the document, it only authenticates the signature.

Military service (askerlik)

- **Registration (yoklama):** men born in 2007 and anyone without a deferral must register through the consulate or e-Devlet by **December 31, 2026**.
 - **Paid exemption from abroad (July 1 to December 31, 2026):** the equivalent in foreign currency of 472,653.60 Turkish lira, collected in dollars at the central bank rate on the day of payment. Whether the consulate adds a transfer fee is not stated on its published pages, so ask before your appointment. The amount changes on January 1, 2027.
 - **Conditions:** working in the United States with a residence or work permit, at least 3 years (1,095 days) of work abroad excluding time spent in Türkiye, completing the ministry's distance training at dovizle.msb.gov.tr, and living in the consular district. Brookline is inside it. Applications are in person and by appointment only.
 - **Dual citizens:** people born in the United States, or who arrived as minors and naturalized, can defer until the end of age 35 once the U.S. citizenship is recorded with the Turkish civil registry; no work requirement applies, three years abroad is enough.
 - **F-1 students:** deferrals go through the Education Attaché, boston_ozel@meb.gov.tr. Because the town is a stop or two from the Longwood medical area and the universities, many students and researchers live here, and correspondence slows at the start of a term.
 - **Timing:** December appointments fill early, and getting there in twenty minutes on the Green Line does not reserve one for you.
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Time difference and flights

Türkiye stays on UTC+3 all year while Brookline 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 Brookline it is 4 p.m. in Istanbul now and 5 p.m. after November 1, so office hours in Türkiye fall between 2 and 9 a.m. here. Turkish Airlines flies nonstop between Boston Logan (BOS) and Istanbul (IST) in about 11 hours; Massport and the airline publish different frequencies, so check days and times with [the airline](#). There is no one-seat ride to the airport: take the Green Line to Government Center and the Blue Line to Airport station (7 minutes on the timetable), then the free Massport terminal shuttle (routes 22, 33, 55, 66 or the direct 88). Coming back, the Silver Line SL1 is free from Logan to South Station, and from there you take the Red Line to Park Street and the Green Line home; that is the cheapest way to arrive with suitcases on day one. Allow roughly 45 to 60 minutes door to door; that figure is our estimate built from published timetable legs. There is no Logan Express route from Brookline.

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. Before you travel to Türkiye with a pending green card application, check your advance parole status: leaving without it can be treated as abandoning the application, with limited exceptions such as H-1B and L-1. For green card holders, long absences can also create problems in keeping the card.



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