

FOR TURKISH CITIZENS IN BUFFALO

Turkish Consulate General in New York, from Buffalo: 2026 Services Guide

Passports, ID cards, birth and marriage registration, military service and powers of attorney. How to get there from Buffalo, booking steps and where to find current fees.

SHORT ANSWER

There is no Turkish consulate in Buffalo; the only one for Western New York is the Turkish Consulate General in New York City: 821 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017 (the Türkiye building), +1 (212) 351-7200. In-person services run weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and each service needs its own appointment on konsolosluk.gov.tr. Passports, ID cards and powers of attorney require an in-person visit; birth and marriage registration can also be done by mail. From Buffalo you fly or drive the Thruway, and you will often need an overnight stay.

Contact and appointments

TOPIC	DETAILS
Address	821 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017 (the "Türkevi"/Turkish House building)
Phone	+1 (212) 351-7200 · after-hours emergency line: +1 646 204 0011
Email	consulate.newyork@mfa.gov.tr
Turkish Consular Call Center (24/7)	+1 888 566 76 56
In-person hours	Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m., by appointment
Website	newyork-cg.mfa.gov.tr
Jurisdiction	New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware

- 1 konsolosluk.gov.tr → Book an appointment
- 2 Consular services for Turkish citizens → New York Consulate General
- 3 Choose the service. Each service needs its own appointment.

Getting there from Buffalo

- **Flying:** Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF) has nonstop flights to JFK (Delta, JetBlue), LaGuardia (Delta, American) and Newark (United). There is no nonstop to Istanbul; for a trip to Türkiye you can connect at JFK or Newark onto a Turkish Airlines nonstop.
- **Driving:** a full Thruway trip from New York City to Buffalo costs about \$27.90 with E-ZPass and about \$41.85 by mail.
- **Plan the trip:** book the appointment first, then the ticket. Because the consulate works only set morning and afternoon hours, you will often need to stay overnight.
- **Mobile consulate:** the consulate announced a mobile-consulate visit to Rochester in 2024. No 2026 date for Buffalo or Western New York was found; check newyork-cg.mfa.gov.tr for current announcements.

Passports

In person and by appointment only; no mail applications. You generally need your Turkish ID card, your old passport and one biometric photo. Fees vary by validity period and can change during the year, so confirm the current 2026 fee on the consulate's own information notes or when you book, rather than relying on a figure printed here.

Turkish ID card

In person, by appointment. If you married in the U.S., the marriage must be registered before a new ID card application. Confirm the current fee when you book or through the consulate's information notes.

Registering a U.S.-born child (birth registration)

DOCUMENT	NOTES
☐ Application form	From the consulate information note
☐ Original birth certificate and a copy	Parents' names must match Turkish records. For a child born in Buffalo, request it from the Buffalo City Clerk, Vital Records (City Hall, Room 1302, \$10 per copy); elsewhere, from the registrar where the birth occurred or the New York State Department of Health.
☐ Parents' IDs	Turkish ID card or passport
☐ Marriage certificate	If applicable
☐ Multiple citizenship form	Because the child is a U.S. citizen
☐ Translation	Translation of the birth certificate if one parent is not Turkish

For a child born within marriage you can also apply by mail: send notarized copies instead of originals, plus a prepaid tracked return envelope and payment to the consulate; ask the consulate for the current document

list and fees before you apply. Since the trip from Buffalo to New York City is long, mail is practical for many families.

Marriage registration

A marriage performed in the U.S. can be registered by mail. Ask the consulate for the current document list and fees before you apply. To use a Buffalo City Clerk marriage certificate in Türkiye, you may need an apostille: first the Erie County Clerk's authentication (92 Franklin Street, \$3 per authentication), then the apostille at the New York Department of State counter in Buffalo (295 Main Street, Suite 821, \$10 per document). Confirm the exact order when you apply.

Military service

- **Registration (yoklama):** men born in 2007 and others without a deferral must register by December 31, 2026, through the consulate or e-Devlet.
- **Paid military service (dövizle askerlik), July 1 to December 31, 2026:** the foreign-currency equivalent of 472,653.60 TL, paid at the Central Bank rate of the payment day, plus a transfer fee set by the consulate; confirm the current amount when you book, since it can differ by consulate. The amount changes on January 1, 2027.
- **Requirements:** working in the U.S. with residence or work authorization, at least 3 years (1,095 days) of work abroad excluding time in Türkiye, completing the online training at dovizle.msb.gov.tr, and living within the consulate's district. In person, by appointment, so you will need to travel to New York City.
- **Dual citizens:** those born in the U.S. or who came before 18 can defer until the end of age 35, after registering their U.S. citizenship with the Turkish civil registry.
- **F-1 students:** deferral through the New York Education Attaché (+1 212 687 8395).

Powers of attorney

In person, by appointment, and only at the consulate building. You generally need the application form, your Turkish ID card, and the agent's name, Turkish ID number and date of birth. Fees vary by subject and length; confirm the current amount when you book.

VISITING THE CONSULATE

- Services run only during set morning and afternoon hours. Leave time for building security so you do not miss your slot.
- To handle several matters in one trip, book a separate appointment for each and try to line them up on the same day.

NOT THE SAME AS U.S. IMMIGRATION

The consulate handles Turkish matters. U.S. visas, green cards and naturalization are handled by USCIS and the U.S. Department of State. If a green card application is pending, check your advance parole status before traveling to Türkiye.



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