

FOR TURKISH NATIONALS IN CONNECTICUT

Consulate General in Boston: A 2026 Transactions Guide

Appointments, the drive from Hartford, which matters are handled there, military service, apostilles and the time difference.

SHORT ANSWER

There is no Turkish consulate in this state. It falls in the consular district of the **Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye in Boston**, and we did not assume that: the mission's own contact page lists its district in its own words, and **Connecticut is on that list**. The address is **31 Saint James Avenue, Suite #840, Boston MA 02116** and the main line is **+1 857 250 47 00**. But the number that matters most here is not the address: **the in-person window for applicants runs 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on weekdays**, four hours a day. From Hartford, catching that morning means leaving **before about 7:30 a.m.**

Contact and appointments

ITEM	DETAIL
Consular district	In the mission's own words: Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Connecticut, the six New England states
Address	31 Saint James Avenue, Suite #840, Boston MA 02116
Main line	+1 857 250 47 00
Emergency line	+1 857 207 9284
Email	consulate.boston@mfa.gov.tr
General office hours	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
In-person window for applicants	Weekdays 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Appointments	The mission runs an online appointment system both for consular transactions for Turkish nationals and for visa applications by foreign nationals

Watch how you type the address: the mission's live site is boston-cg.mfa.gov.tr, **with the hyphen**. Spellings without the hyphen, or with a period in place of it, do not resolve.

Hartford to Boston: we calculated these figures

- The two figures below were **calculated for this guide**; they are not official figures published by the consulate or by any transport agency. Read them as estimates.
- **Distance:** roughly **100 miles / 160 km** from Hartford to 31 Saint James Avenue, almost all of it I-84 and then the Massachusetts Turnpike.
- **Time:** realistically **1 hour 50 minutes to 2 hours 15 minutes** outside Boston's peak hours. Longer in rush hour and in winter.
- **The train is an option too**, on the Hartford Line with one connection.
- The practical consequence is one sentence: **because the window closes at 1:30 p.m., anyone driving from Hartford has to leave before about 7:30 a.m.** If your appointment is given for the afternoon, make sure it does not fall outside the window; do not set off without confirming the time.

Which matters are handled at the consulate?

- Passport renewal and a first passport.
- **Civil registry matters:** registering a birth, recording a marriage or divorce in the Turkish registry, reporting a death.
- **Powers of attorney and notarial services**, for use in Türkiye.
- **Military service** matters.
- Blue card, renunciation of citizenship and similar transactions.

One question we cannot answer, and we say so: we could not establish whether the Consulate General in Boston holds **mobile consular days** in this state. If it does, that would be the most valuable fact here, because it would remove the journey altogether. Ask about it on the main line when you book. One last note: we say this state is in the Boston consular district; we did not read the New York mission's page in this research, so we do not write an exclusion list, we write what the Boston mission's own page says.

Military service

- Turkish military service law does not change with the U.S. state you live in; the only thing that changes here is where you go, and the answer is the **Consulate General in Boston**.
- **The registration deadline for men born in 2007 falls on December 31, 2026.**
- **The paid exemption fee** for the period July 1 to December 31, 2026 is the equivalent of **472,653.60 Turkish lira**, collected in U.S. dollars at the Central Bank rate on the day of payment, with a transfer charge added on top. **The amount changes on January 1, 2027.**
- How your military service position interacts with your U.S. immigration file is a separate question; if you want to plan the two together, speak to an immigration attorney.

Apostilles: two addresses and one open question

ITEM	AMOUNT OR ADDRESS
Ordinary document	\$40.00 per document
Child adoption document	\$15.00 per document
Expedited service	\$50.00 per document extra
By mail	Secretary of the State, Authentications and Apostilles, P.O. Box 150470, Hartford CT 06115-0470
By courier or in person	165 Capitol Avenue, Suite 1000, Hartford CT 06106
Telephone	(860) 509-6002

- 1 Obtain the **certified original** of the document. Birth and death certificates come from the town's **Registrar of Vital Statistics**.
- 2 If it is needed, have the document **notarized**. On documents that need a notary, the apostille authenticates the notary's authority.
- 3 Get the apostille from the **Secretary of the State**. But if it is a vital record, telephone first: the state health department has a **separate apostille route specific to vital records**, and we could not establish its requirements or its fee. That one call can save you a round of mail.
- 4 For use in Türkiye the **sworn translation** is usually done on the Turkish side; ask the receiving institution in advance where it wants the translation done.

Three cautions. First, an apostille authenticates only the genuineness of the document and the signature, not its content. Second, decide at the outset how many copies you need: the fee is per document, and starting the process again for a second copy costs both time and money. Third, **we could not read the fees above directly** and took them from a search extract of the official domain; confirm by telephone before you send. **And do not mix up the two addresses:** a courier will not deliver to a post office box.

Time difference and flights

PERIOD	CONNECTICUT	HOW FAR AHEAD TÜRKIYE IS
Mid-March to early November	Eastern Daylight Time (UTC-4)	7 hours
Early November to mid-March	Eastern Standard Time (UTC-5)	8 hours

Both changes are caused by the American clock; Türkiye never moves its own and stays on UTC+3 all year. The gap widens to 8 hours on **Sunday, November 1, 2026** and narrows back to 7 on **Sunday, March 14, 2027**. The practical consequence: from early November to mid-March, 9 a.m. here is 5 p.m. in Istanbul, so a call home has to be made early in the Connecticut day. If you need to speak to an institution, a lawyer or a bank in Türkiye, book it for the first hours of the morning. On flights the answer has to be short and honest: **Bradley International has no flight to anywhere in Türkiye**; we checked the airport's entire published nonstop list, and **Bradley's only transatlantic nonstop goes to Dublin**.

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

The consulate handles matters relating to Türkiye. Your U.S. visa, green card or naturalization application is the business of USCIS and the U.S. Department of State. If you plan to go and return in one day, hold three things together: book through the online system, allow for the 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. window, and **confirm by telephone before you leave that your documents are complete**, because one missing document doubles a 200-mile round trip. In an emergency, call the **emergency line** rather than the main line. Before traveling to Türkiye with a green card application pending, check your advance parole position.



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