

STEP BY STEP GUIDE · ELIZABETHTOWN

Turkish Consular Matters from Elizabethtown: 2026 Guide

The mission covering you is in Chicago, which sits in Central Time. Appointment visits and phone transactions have separate windows, the apostille chain has two steps, and transportation is its own task from here.

SHORT ANSWER

Kentucky falls within the consular district of the Turkish Consulate General in Chicago. The mission's own jurisdiction list names **thirteen states** and **Kentucky is on it.** **A labeled inference:** there is no Turkish consulate in Kentucky, and almost every consular transaction runs on an **appointment plus an in-person visit - so most matters mean travelling to Chicago.** The agency does not say that in those words; we drew it from two institutional facts. **And from here that trip needs extra planning:** this city has **no airport with scheduled service, no fixed route bus service,** and the area's public transportation requires booking **by noon on the previous business day.** **One time zone warning:** Elizabethtown is in **Eastern** Time, Chicago in **Central**; the consulate's 9:30 a.m. is 10:30 a.m. on your clock. **This section also covers military service matters** - they run through the same mission.

Contact details and hours

ITEM	INFORMATION
Address	455 N. Cityfront Plaza Dr., Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60611 (NBC Tower)
Phone	+1 312 263 0644 · Fax +1 312 263 1449
Email	consulate.chicago@mfa.gov.tr
Duty and emergency line (after hours)	+1 773 386 3213
Consular Call Center (24/7)	+90 312 292 29 29
Local number for the US and Canada	+1 888 566 7656
Working hours	Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Appointment visits	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Phone transactions	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Note the last two lines: appointment visits and phone transactions fall in **different windows.** Do not plan to arrive in the afternoon and be served at the counter.

TIME ZONE: THREE SEPARATE RISKS

- **Elizabethtown is in Eastern Time, Chicago in Central.** The consulate's **9:30 a.m.** is **10:30 a.m.** on your clock. **Confirm** which zone your appointment time is given in.
- **Kentucky itself is split across two zones and this city sits right on the boundary.** Elizabethtown and the whole county are in the **Eastern** zone, but the boundary runs **along this county's west and south lines**. Two official sources confirm it: the licensing agency's office list **tags each office with a zone**, and the federal regulation describes the boundary **by county names**. **Because you can do your licensing at any office in the state, this carries extra weight here.**
- **The same trap appears in your immigration hearing:** hearing times are given in **Eastern Time**, but the court the docket reports to sits in **Central Time**. **And the nearest listed detention facility is in Central Time as well.**

The difference with Turkey: in Eastern Time it is **8 hours** in winter and **7 hours** in summer, with Turkey ahead. Turkey keeps one clock year round and **does not observe daylight saving**; in the United States daylight saving starts on **the second Sunday in March** and ends on **the first Sunday in November**. **Watch the transition weeks when you arrange calls with family in Turkey.** A practical rule for calling an institution in Turkey: **morning here is afternoon there.**

Two separate domain traps, do not confuse them

First: the versions of Turkish mission web addresses written with a dot after the city name **did not open at all** during the research; **the working form uses a hyphen**. If you click an old link in a search result and the page does not open, check whether the address is in that form. Second, and specific to this city: **the city government's dot-gov address presents a broken security certificate** and your browser shows a warning. **The domain is not fake** - it was verified as registered to the city in the federal registry; **the working form is the city's second domain. This is a separate problem, unrelated to the consular domain trap.**

How appointments are made

Almost every transaction requires an appointment. On the consulate general's site the **Randevu Al** menu offers two routes: **consular transactions for Turkish citizens** and **visa pre-applications for foreign nationals**. There are also **Randevu Sorgula** and **Randevu İptali** links. The central appointment and transaction portal is konsolosluk.gov.tr. **The sentence repeated on every transaction record on the site:** *"Randevu aldıktan sonra şahsen başvurmanız gerekmektedir"* - after booking an appointment you must apply in person.

What the consulate handles

The top-level headings of Turkey's official consular transaction portal: **DOĞUM · NÜFUS · YUVAM HESAPLARI · EVLİLİK · PASAPORT · ASKERLİK · NOTERLİK · T.C. VATANDAŞLIK · ÖLÜM · ADLİ KONULAR · TAPU VE KADASTRO · E-DEVLET · SÜRÜCÜ BELGESİ · ÇALIŞMA**. The four items a Turkish reader uses most:

- **Passport renewal.**

- **Notarial services:** grouped under a single heading on the transaction list - "**Noterlik İşlemi Başvurusu (Vekaletname-Azilname-Muvafakatname-Taahhütname-Sözleşme vb.)**". A power of attorney for a sale, an inheritance matter or a case in Turkey is executed **here**. **The fee and the required documents could not be read from the agency's page;** ask when you book.
- **Birth registration:** "**Doğum Tescili Başvurusu (Evlilik Birliği İçinde Doğan Çocuklar İçin)**". **A labeled inference:** registering a child born in Kentucky in the Turkish civil registry is done through this transaction and through Chicago; **the consulate does not say this in a Kentucky-specific sentence. The document list, including any apostille requirement, could not be read from the agency's page.**
- **Citizenship:** if you have naturalized as a US citizen, **Çok Vatandaşlık Tescili Başvurusu**; if you have renounced Turkish citizenship, **Mavi Kart Başvurusu**. **We write no sentence about the scope of the Blue Card in this guide** - the agency's transaction detail pages did not load.

Military service matters

Military service runs through the same mission and the official transaction list groups it under three headings, all requiring **an appointment plus an in-person application: overseas deferment** (employee-employer, profession or art, seafarer, multiple citizenship status, and separately student status), **paid military service for citizens abroad**, and **exemption** (separately for multiple citizenship holders and for health conditions preventing service).

Measured from the Ministry of National Defense's own distance learning portal:

- **Distance learning is mandatory:** those wishing to use the paid service route must take the training **through this portal**.
- **Who:** in the portal's words, **you must have reached conscription age and not yet started actual military service**.
- **Duration requirement:** holding a residence or work permit abroad and having **actually worked at least three years**; for multiple citizenship holders, having lived abroad **at least three years** excluding time spent in Turkey.
- **The age 38 limit has been removed.**
- **Payment: in full and in cash** at the time of application; **no installments**.
- **The consulate performs the eligibility assessment.**
- **The amount is not stated on the portal.**

Why we print no figure: two different amounts circulate for 2026 and neither **could be verified from the Chicago consulate general's own announcement**; the announcements that could be found come from other consulates general and the currency conversion varies by country. A press source gives a third figure that matches neither. **The right route:** learn the amount from the current announcement of the consulate general you will apply to, or ask the call center. **Because payment is in full and in cash, settle the figure before you travel** - putting together a second trip from here is not easy. If you have naturalized as a US citizen there is a separate **multiple citizenship exemption** transaction; ask about it at the same appointment. **The conditions and document list for the exemption could not be read from the agency's page.** If you are a student, **renew your deferment before it expires.**

DO NOT LET THE MILITARY INSTALLATION NEARBY CAUSE CONFUSION

In this area the **military installation nearby** is part of daily life and shows up in the workflows of many agencies, from the water district to the school district. **But it has nothing to do with your military service obligation in Turkey.** Two countries, two separate regimes; **a convenience in one does not create a right in the other.**

Is there an honorary consulate?

Whether Turkey has an honorary consulate in Kentucky could not be verified in this research - the consulate general's honorary consulates page returned no content. There is secondary information about an honorary consul general in the Midwest, but **because it was not verified from the agency's own page we print no name.** The **limits of an honorary consulate's authority** could not be read from agency text either. If you hear a name, **confirm with the call center first whether it can handle your matter.**

Sending a document to Turkey: a two-step apostille chain

This item is specific to Kentucky and skipping a step gets the request rejected. The chain runs like this: **first the county clerk certifies the notary's signature, then the Secretary of State issues the apostille.** The Secretary of State's own warning: **"Requests for documents that do not have the required signatures will be rejected."** Here the first link of the chain sits with the **Hardin County Clerk - 150 N Provident Way, Suite 103** - like the marriage license and vehicle registration, it is county business, not the city's.

ROUTE	FEE	TIME
Mail	\$5 per document	Three business days, then returned by regular mail
In person	\$5 per document	Completed while you wait and handed back
Electronic (e-Apostille)	Electronic payment	Arrives by email as a PDF. Not available for vital records

- **Vital records** (birth, marriage, divorce, single status) must carry the **current State Registrar's signature**; for a current certified copy, the state vital statistics office: **(502) 564-4212.**
- **For notarized paper documents** the signature must be notarized by a **Kentucky notary and the notary's signature certified by the county clerk where the notary is commissioned.**
- **A shortcut:** a document notarized electronically by an authorized **Kentucky Online Notary Public does not need the county clerk step. That is a real gain in this city:** water service already needs a notarized lease and electricity a notarized membership form - **you have notary business anyway**, so plan it all together.
- **When you order a birth certificate, say it is for an apostille.** The vital statistics office's own sentence says the office must be informed and that **the customer** takes the certified copy to the Secretary of State - **the agencies do not forward it to each other.**
- **Federal documents** (federal criminal record, tax records, passports) **are not the Secretary of State's business.**
- **If you plan to use an Affidavit of True Copy**, the agency's own warning: **ask the consulate it will be submitted to whether it will be accepted.**

How to get to Chicago: extra planning is needed from here

- The city has an airfield but no scheduled service. Addington Field / Elizabethtown Regional Airport is a general aviation field; no scheduled commercial service was found in this research.
 - The regional scheduled airport has no transatlantic carrier. On Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport's own airline list, no transatlantic scheduled passenger carrier is named. Labeled inference: there is no direct flight from here to Istanbul - the airport does not say so in a sentence; we drew it from the carrier list.
 - There is no fixed route bus service; the area's public transportation is a dial-a-ride shared vehicle service requiring booking by noon on the previous business day, five days ahead for long trips, with no weekend bookings and service hours of 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Do not rely on it for an early morning or late night flight.
 - No intercity bus stop was found and no station on the national rail system was found here. We do not say they do not exist, the research did not find them; confirm your departure point before buying a ticket.
 - The practical result: travel from here to Istanbul goes with a connection, and the most natural connecting point, for both the flight and the consulate, is Chicago. We do not write how many hours it takes, how many connections there are or which days flights operate - those were not measured this round.
- 1 Book your appointment through konsolosluk.gov.tr and confirm which time zone the appointment time is given in - Elizabethtown Eastern, Chicago Central.
 - 2 Remember that appointment visit hours and phone transaction hours are different.
 - 3 Ask the call center for the document list before you book: +1 888 566 7656 (US and Canada) or +90 312 292 29 29 (24/7).
 - 4 Finish more than one matter in a single trip - fit your passport, power of attorney, civil registry and military service business into the same appointment; almost every transaction requires an in-person application.
 - 5 For paid military service, check your eligibility first, then complete the distance learning on the portal, then learn the amount from the consulate general's current announcement - payment is in full and in cash.
 - 6 Run a document bound for Turkey through the apostille chain: for a notarized paper document, county clerk first, then the Secretary of State. Using an online notary removes the county clerk step.
 - 7 Do not try the electronic apostille for a vital record - that is the agency's own exception.
 - 8 Solve transportation before the appointment. The city has no airport with scheduled service, no fixed route bus, and booking is a day ahead. In an emergency the after-hours line is +1 773 386 3213.



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