

FOR TURKISH CITIZENS IN FEDERAL WAY

Turkish Consulate General in Los Angeles: 2026 Services Guide (for Federal Way and Washington State)

Passport, ID card, birth and marriage registration, military service, power of attorney and apostille. What the trip from Federal Way involves, how to book and how to reach them.

SHORT ANSWER

There is no Turkish consulate in Washington State. Every consular matter for Turkish citizens here goes through the Consulate General of Türkiye in Los Angeles, at 8500 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, phone +1 424 313-8800. By road that is about 1,100 miles from Federal Way, a 21-hour drive: nobody should drive it, so plan a flight. In-person applications are taken weekdays 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., booked on konsolosluk.gov.tr.

Contact and booking

ITEM	INFORMATION
Address	8500 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90211
Phone	+1 424 313-8800
Consular Call Center (24/7)	+1 888 566 7656
After-hours emergency line	+1 310 779 3288
Email	consulate.losangeles@mfa.gov.tr
Office hours	Weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
In-person application hours	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., by appointment
District	Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and the Pacific islands
Education attaché (students)	5455 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 804, Los Angeles CA 90036 · +1 310 342 5222
Web	losangeles-cg.mfa.gov.tr

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- 2 Türk Vatandaşları İçin Konsolosluk İşlemleri → Los Angeles Consulate General
- 3 Pick the service. Fees, document lists and the conditions for applying by mail are updated from time to time, so check the [consulate's site](#) before your appointment.

What the trip really costs

- **Driving is not an option:** about 1,100 miles and 21 hours.
- **Flying:** there are nonstop flights from Sea-Tac to Los Angeles, about 2 hours 50 minutes in the air. Beverly Hills is a further drive from the airport.
- **Getting to the airport:** about 12 miles and 25 minutes by car from Federal Way, or about 17 minutes on Link from Federal Way Downtown station to the airport station for \$3.
- **The train is not realistic:** Amtrak's Coast Starlight stops in Tacoma but takes about 35 hours to Los Angeles.
- **The district:** living in Federal Way, Kent or Tacoma makes no difference; the appointment is in Los Angeles.
- **Bring every document.** One missing paper means a new appointment and another flight.

SERVICE	HOW
Passport	In person only, by appointment
Turkish ID card	In person, by appointment
Birth registration	In person or by mail
Marriage registration	In person or by mail
Power of attorney	At the consulate building only

Registering a Federal Way-born child

Birth registration uses a certified copy of the birth certificate and can be done by mail, so you do not have to fly to Los Angeles for a child's registration. Because Federal Way is in King County, the certified copy comes from King County Vital Records: 201 S. Jackson St., Suite 220, Seattle WA 98104, 206-837-0719, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (opening at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month). **There is no counter in south King County.** A certified copy is \$25, or \$28.50 from the VitalChek kiosk in the same building, ready in about 10 to 15 minutes; by mail it is \$4 extra and takes 3 to 4 weeks, and online or by phone through VitalChek it is a \$6 agency fee plus \$11.50 processing. The VitalChek line is 1-888-273-4623 and there are no refunds. Bring photo identification that has not been expired for more than 60 days, plus proof of your relationship. Order at least two certified copies.

Can you get it in Tacoma?

The Tacoma-Pierce County health department (3629 S. D St., Tacoma, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., walk-in, \$39 base fee) sells certificates, but its own page warns that some records you want may not be available there, and it does not say whether it can print a birth registered in King County. The certain route is Seattle.

Marriage registration

There is no marriage license counter in Federal Way, and none anywhere in south King County. King County issues licenses in one place only: King County Recorder's Office, 201 S. Jackson St., Suite 204 (2nd floor), Seattle WA 98104, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 206-477-6620. Link line 1 takes about 55 minutes from Federal Way Downtown station to downtown for \$3.00, and the birth and death records office is in the same building, so you can do both errands in one trip. The fee is \$169. **The 3-day wait after the license is issued cannot be waived, not even by a court order**, and after it the license is valid for 60 days. Both parties must come in person. The county does not publish a list of accepted ID, so bring official photo identification such as a passport and call 206-477-6620 to confirm before you travel.

- **Who performs the ceremony:** it takes place in Washington, with two witnesses, performed by someone authorized under state law (a minister of any religion, state and federal judges, court commissioners, tribal judges). Spouses cannot marry themselves. The officiant returns the certificate to King County within 30 days, even if the ceremony took place in another county. Certified copies are \$3 each and are not sent automatically.
- **A judge as officiant:** King County District Court judges perform ceremonies by appointment. The list dated September 25, 2026 names the Auburn (340 E. Main St, 206-263-1571), Kent (Maleng Regional Justice Center, 401 Fourth Ave N) and Burien (601 SW 149th St) courthouses plus Bellevue, Issaquah, Redmond and Seattle. **Federal Way is not on the list**, so the nearest options are Auburn and Kent. Each judge sets their own fee.
- **The Pierce County alternative:** the neighboring county auditor (Pierce County Auditor, 2401 S. 35th St., Room 200, Tacoma WA 98409, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., marriage line 253-798-7435) issues a license for \$172 and hands it over at the time of purchase. But no official page we read says whether a couple living in Federal Way may buy one there; the statute speaks of getting the license from the county where you intend to marry. If that is your plan, call the Pierce County auditor first.
- **Your surname:** changing your name after marriage is not required and Washington sets no deadline. If you do change it, take a certified marriage certificate (\$3 a copy) to the Social Security Administration, DOL, the State Department for a passport, USCIS and your banks.

Military service

- **Registration (yoklama):** men born in 2007, and anyone without a deferral, must complete it by December 31, 2026, through the consulate or e-Devlet.
- **Paid military service (dövizle askerlik), July to December 2026:** the foreign-currency equivalent of 472,653.60 TL, collected in U.S. dollars at the Turkish central bank rate of the payment day. Ask the mission whether a transfer fee is added. The amount changes on January 1, 2027.
- **Conditions:** a U.S. residence or work permit, at least 3 years (1,095 days) of work abroad excluding time spent in Türkiye, the [MSB online training](#), and residence in the mission's district. Federal Way is in the Los Angeles district. Applications are in person and by appointment only.
- **F-1 students** defer through the education attaché.
- **Timing:** booking a flight and an appointment takes time, so do not leave it to the last week of the window.

Power of attorney

Issued only in person and at the consulate building, so a power of attorney also means a trip to Los Angeles. Check the fee and the documents with the consulate before you apply.

Apostille on a Washington document

There is no apostille counter in Federal Way. Documents issued in Washington or notarized by a Washington notary get their apostille from the Secretary of State's apostille program. The fee is \$15 per document, not per page. An apostille goes only on a certified copy. Türkiye and the U.S. are both parties to the Hague Apostille Convention, so no further consular legalization is needed.

ROUTE	WHERE	TIME AND EXTRA FEE
Mail (standard)	PO Box 40228, Olympia WA 98504-0228	About 7 to 10 business days, no extra fee
Same day, in person	243 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater WA 98501 or 960 Washington St, Cheney WA 99004	Same day, extra fee applies

The apostille program's phone number is 360-725-0377. Tumwater is south of Federal Way, near Olympia; for anything that is not urgent, mail is the easier route.

PLANNING THE TRIP FROM FEDERAL WAY

- Book the appointment first, then the flight.
- Applications are taken only in the morning, so arriving the evening before is the safest plan.
- Link reaches the airport in about 17 minutes, so you do not have to rely on airport parking for an early flight.

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

The consulate handles Türkiye-related business. Your U.S. visa, green card and citizenship applications are matters for USCIS and the U.S. State Department. Before traveling to Türkiye with a green card application pending, check your advance parole.

TURKISH-SPEAKING IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY IN FEDERAL WAY

Have a question about your immigration status?



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