

DIRECTORY · HEFLIN

Official Offices and Appointments in Heflin: 2026 Guide

This is where the expectation breaks: the town has a passport acceptance facility. Against that, we publish no federal street address and no court name.

SHORT ANSWER

The item that breaks the expectation is here: **this small town has a passport acceptance facility.** What is more, **in a university city read in this same round the federal file lists no acceptance facility at all.** So there is no rule saying **a large settlement has the service and a small one does not.** The facility sits at the **county court clerk** and appears to be open **full weekdays**, the exact opposite calendar from the license counter in this town. Against that, we deliberately withhold some addresses: **the pages of the immigration agency, the enforcement bureau, the customs agency and the social security agency were closed on every route tried in this round**, and publishing a federal address from an old archive is exactly the mistake that sends people on wasted trips. **The address you go to is the address printed on your appointment notice.** On the court side the answer is shorter still: **Alabama has no immigration court**, your hearing is held in another state, and **we could not determine from the agency's own list which court has jurisdiction**, which is why **this guide names no court at all.**

Passport acceptance facility: the town has one

First a distinction: an **acceptance facility** can be a post office, a library, a court clerk or a university unit, and it takes and forwards a **routine or expedited** application. A **passport agency**, by contrast, is for **urgent travel**, works by appointment and is an entirely separate network. **The nearest passport agency could not be verified in this round** and we publish no agency name, city or distance; get the current list from [the federal agency's own site](#).

QUESTION	ANSWER
Is there an acceptance facility in town	Yes. The federal acceptance facility file records the county court clerk: 120 Vickery Street, Room 202, Heflin, AL 36264 · 256-463-2651
Hours	The federal file shows weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. But ask the office itself before you go: in this series the hour codes in the federal file proved less accurate than the institution's own page, and the file carries no usable web address or note for this record
The item that breaks the expectation	In a university city read in this round the federal file lists no acceptance facility at all , while this town has one. In another university city read in the same round the university runs its own acceptance unit. So there is no rule saying a campus in a university city handles passports either; the answer varies from settlement to settlement

QUESTION	ANSWER
What else is in the same building	Three separate counters: the court clerk takes passport applications in Room 202, the county probate counter is in Room 101, and the state license office is in Suite 105. Their calendars are not the same and only one of them handles foreign national license transactions

SEARCH BY ZIP CODE, NOT BY CITY NAME

- **First direction:** in federal directories a facility's mailing city may not show its real location. A concrete example was measured in this state: **a facility listed under another city's mailing name turned out, through a federal location service, to sit inside a different municipality. So the envelope shows neither jurisdiction nor location.**
- **Second direction: places carrying the same name in other states come up in the search results.** In this series facilities carrying the names of Alabama settlements were measured to be in another state. Seeing a familiar name does not mean the facility is near you.
- **The conclusion and the instruction: search the federal directory by your ZIP code, not by the name of your settlement.** The ZIP code removes both errors at once. **In a small settlement this is especially critical,** because it means missing the only facility near you.
- **The federal file also has fields printed incomplete:** the telephone field of one record in this state is incomplete and contains only six digits. **We do not complete an incomplete number;** confirm the facility through the agency's own finder.

Going to the application

- **A first passport is obtained in person.** Form DS-11 is completed but **not signed**; you sign it in front of the official. The **original** citizenship document is taken and surrendered during the process; it comes back with the passport.
- **ID and photocopy:** the original and a photocopy of your photo ID are required. **Whether this facility provides photocopy and photo services could not be verified in this round,** so ask by phone. A university unit in this series states that it provides those services on site; **we do not carry that answer over to here.**
- **We publish no fee figures,** because both the federal fee and the local execution fee change. **Be sure to ask about the payment method:** one counter read in this state **does not accept the federal fee by card** and asks for a check or a money order. **Arriving with the wrong payment instrument means losing a day.**
- **For a child's application,** both parents must be present or the agency's required consent document is needed. A child's birth certificate can be obtained from **any county health department** and **most are issued while you wait.**
- **Help in Turkish:** no Turkish guidance was found at any acceptance facility read in this round; one facility publishes material in Spanish only. **We do not say there is none,** we say research did not find any.

The immigration agency: office type, not address

ITEM	WHERE FROM
Field office	Green card and citizenship interviews happen here. Directory: <u>uscis.gov field offices</u>

ITEM	WHERE FROM
Biometrics center	Fingerprints and photos happen here, and it is not the same place as the field office . Directory: uscis.gov application support centers
Appointments	No walk-ins . Appointments are made through the Contact Center . Toll free: 1-800-375-5283 . Intermediary sites that charge for an appointment are a scam
Choosing the biometrics center	You do not choose : which center you go to is printed on the I-797C notice
Case status	Your online account . Biometrics centers do not give information about your case
Processing times	On the processing times page , select the form, the category and the office holding your case

Do not assume the nearest center to your mailing address. In this state it is a real possibility that your appointment lands **in another state**, and setting out from a small settlement takes planning: **read the address as soon as the notice arrives, check which state it is in, and build the trip around that day. We publish no distance or driving time figure.** And **do not confuse three agencies**: the immigration agency and the enforcement bureau are part of the homeland security department, while **the immigration courts are a separate agency under the justice department**.

COURT: NONE IN THE STATE, AND JURISDICTION COULD NOT BE DETERMINED

- The federal agency's own court list sorts courts by the city they sit in, and **no Alabama city appears in the list's city index**. So your hearing is held **in another state**.
- **The list ties a case to jurisdiction, not to distance**: which cases a court keeps records for is sorted by **the federal office that issued the charging document** and by specific detention facilities. Courts in neighboring states describe their areas open-endedly as their district **and sub offices**; one of them lists states in parentheses and **does not include Alabama**.
- **The result: a court cannot be derived from geography**, and we give no court name. **In this town the urge to guess is even stronger**, because the town sits on the eastern edge of the state between two large centers. **Do not make that guess**: what determines your case is not proximity but which federal office issued your paperwork.
- **The only correct instruction: read the notice sent to you; it names the court and the address.**

THREE INCONSISTENCIES IN THE FEDERAL LIST, AND WE RESOLVE NONE OF THEM

- **The same facility appears attached to courts in two different states**. An Alabama detention facility appears in one column of the list as the responsibility of a court in one state, and in another column as the hearing location of a court in another state. The two columns may describe different things, **but that cannot be resolved from this list**.
- **The same list misspells the name of an Alabama city**: one letter is missing. A reader searching letter by letter never finds that record.
- **One record is printed with no state**. The federal list does not say which state that facility is in, and **we do not assign it a place**.
- **And a general name trap**: the same list contains facilities carrying the names of Alabama settlements, and some of them are **in another state**.

If you are going to court: the agency's own rules

- **Faxes and unauthorized electronic filings are not accepted.** In the agency's own words, unless staff or the judge specifically request them, such filings are **not entered into the record and are discarded without notice to the sender.**
- **There is a security screening on every visit:** metal detector and bag check, you may be asked to remove your shoes, no food or drink except as the judge permits, and **cameras and recording devices are prohibited.**
- **Hearings are open to the public** and, in the agency's own words, no advance notice is required for your visit.
- **Attorneys and accredited representatives must register in the agency's own registry system.**
- **In this town the travel plan is a job in itself.** Your hearing will be in another state, there is no flight or train departing from here, and there is no fixed route bus either. **Do not plan to set out on the morning of the hearing.**
- **Case status:** your A number is enough for the [case information system](#), and the telephone line is 1-800-898-7180. The official information is still the hearing notice. **Check for closings on the morning of the hearing** on [the agency's operational status page](#); severe weather can close offices mid day in this state.
- **No immigration enforcement or customs office address, telephone number or name is published in this guide.** Confirm check-in locations through [the agency's own check-in page](#).
- **Your entry record and its errors:** you can download the I-94 for your most recent entry from [the customs agency's site](#). Errors made at entry, such as the wrong visa class, the wrong name or the wrong period of stay, are corrected by the offices called deferred inspection. **Which office covers this town, and its hours, could not be verified**, so we publish no address and no day; read the list on [the agency's own page](#) and **write first, travel second:** some of these offices are open only a few hours a week. **For a reader used to a counter that opens one day a week, this is a familiar situation.**

Voter registration and jury summons

- **Voter registration and voting belong to U.S. citizens only**, green card holders included. Registering or voting without being a citizen can have serious consequences for your immigration case and is also a crime.
- **Read the box on the form.** If a driver license, state ID or public service application contains a voter registration section, signing that section counts in most states as **a sworn statement that you are a citizen. A form handed to you at an event or in a crowd is a real application too**; the volunteer's good faith does not change the result. **Do not sign a section you do not understand.**
- **On the jury side we say what we do not know:** which public records the state builds its jury master list from could not be verified, so we do not know whether driver license or voter records feed that list, and **we make no claim in either direction.**
- **If a summons arrives, do not ignore the letter, and use the number on your letter rather than a general number.**

Two closing sentences. First: **not publishing an address is not the same as there being no office**; the address is on your appointment notice and in the agency's own office finder. Second: **missing a hearing**

date can lead to an in absentia removal order; if you have received a hearing notice, talk to an attorney right away.



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