

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · HENDERSONVILLE

Turkish Consulate and Apostille Matters from Hendersonville 2026

The mission covering you is in Houston and the consular district was confirmed in both directions. The apostille office is in the state capital and delivers the same day if you arrive before 2 p.m.

SHORT ANSWER

Tennessee lies in the consular district of the **Turkish Consulate General in Houston**, and that is not an assumption: the Consulate General's own site lists its district as **eight states** and this state appears on four separate pages; moreover, **the pages of the other five Turkish consulates general in the United States were scanned in the same round and this state appears on none of them.** Know two things about hours before you travel: **the only window published for general consular business is 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, and **visa applications are taken separately, in a thirty-minute window. There is a convenience too:** the Consulate General is in **the same time zone** as you, so you do not have to convert the published hours. The state office that certifies a U.S. document for use in Türkiye is **in the state capital**, and **if you arrive before 2 p.m.** the document is ready the same day.

The mission and the hours

ITEM	INFORMATION
Mission	Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye in Houston
Address	5333 Westheimer Road, Suite 1050, Houston, TX 77056
Switchboard	+1 346 439 65 60
Emergency and duty officer outside office hours	+1 832 774 18 61
Consular call center, 24 hours, 7 days	+1 888 566 76 56
Office hours	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The mission publishes no afternoon counter hours for general consular business; this is the only window published
Visa application hours	2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. , a separate thirty-minute window. The mission asks that an appointment be made before you come
Appointments	An appointment is required for every transaction; the system runs through the mission's own menu
Holiday calendar	The mission publishes its 2026 and 2027 holiday calendar on its own page; it covers both U.S. and Turkish official days, October 29 included

A comparison, because it has a practical consequence for a reader traveling from here: some consulates general offer two windows a day, morning and afternoon. **In Houston the afternoon holds only the thirty-minute visa window.** What that means: **your chances of fitting two transactions into one day are narrow.** **We print no distance or drive time,** but we say up front that the trip leaves the state.

The attaché offices share the building, and even the suite

In one round of this series the attaché offices were in **a different building** from the Consulate General, and that guide sent readers to two separate addresses. **Here the situation is different and we do not carry that warning over:** the **Religious Affairs Attaché**, the **Education Attaché** and the **Commercial Attaché** all publish the Consulate General's address **and the same suite number.** So you can handle your child's diploma equivalence and your consular business in the same building; but appointments are booked separately and **the general transaction window is in the morning only.**

The consular district: eight states, and the neighboring-state trap

According to the Consulate General's own list, the district covers these states: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. The mission's pages print the list in different orders but the content is the same; that is an ordering difference, not a contradiction.

THE CONSULATE YOUR NEIGHBOR GOES TO MAY NOT BE YOURS

- The Consulate General in Chicago lists its district as **thirteen Midwestern states**, and that list includes **neighboring Kentucky**. This state is not on it.
- **That matters particularly for a reader at the northern end of the state**, because someone you know living on the other side of the line may be covered by a different mission.
- **Confirm which mission covers your state before you begin your transaction.**

Which matters run through here

- Birth notifications and civil registry transactions · marriage registration · passport transactions
- Military service transactions, under four separate subheadings in the menu
- Notarial transactions: powers of attorney, revocations, consents, undertakings and contracts
- Certification: certification of signatures and seals on documents issued by foreign authorities, and certification of translations by sworn translators
- Turkish citizenship transactions · estate matters · visa heading, information requests and appointment matters
- **We do not print the document lists in this guide.** Each transaction has its own fee and its own list, and we could not confirm one by one which transaction requires what this round; confirm the list **through the appointment menu and the call center.**

TWO TRANSACTIONS THAT CAN BE DONE BY MAIL, AND ONE TRIP CANCELED

- Almost every transaction in the mission's menu carries the phrase **you must apply in person after making an appointment**.
- **But two exceptions were found.** First: for **registration of a marriage performed before foreign local authorities**, the menu says **you may apply by mail**. Second: an **international marriage record extract** can be obtained both by appointment and through an online link with delivery to your address.
- **The right step:** before you book, call the call center and ask **whether your own transaction can be done by mail**. There may be an exception not shown in the menu, and **one phone call is cheaper than one trip**.

Apostille: the office is in the state capital and can be same-day

ITEM	INFORMATION
Unit	Tennessee Secretary of State, the authentication office of the business services division
Address	312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 6th floor, Nashville, TN 37243
In person	3rd floor customer service desk , weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Same-day delivery	If you arrive before 2 p.m. For a reader living in this settlement, that window is usable only by making the trip to that city
Fee	2.00 dollars per document. Since this is a fee figure, confirm it on the office's own page before you pay
Scope	The office issues an apostille or a certificate of authentication for documents issued, made or certified by county clerks, the state office of vital records and the Secretary of State

And there is a way to get there, but by reservation: the dial-a-ride transit program covering the county has a **flat one-way fare** to that city, and trips out of the county require **seventy-two hours** notice. **So using the same-day window is possible, but you have to build the plan at least three days ahead. We print no distance or drive time.**

Route A: a notarized private document, county certification required

- 1 You take the document to a **Tennessee notary** and have it notarized.
- 2 You take the notarized document to **the clerk of the county where the notary is commissioned** and have the notary's signature certified.
- 3 Then you send or bring the office's own application form, the document, **the name of the certifying county** and the fee to the Secretary of State.

The test at this step is easily misread, so we spell it out: what controls is not where the document was signed or which county you live in, but the county where the notary is commissioned. The good news in this settlement: the city's boundaries were measured this round and **the whole city sits inside a single county**; it only touches two neighboring counties. So if you went through a notary inside the city, your office is **your own county's clerk**, in the county seat the next town over. **But one warning:** if work or home took you before a notary **in a neighboring county**, you have to go to **that county's clerk; a notary in a**

neighboring state does not enter this chain at all. The county clerk's certification fee varies from county to county; the figures seen this round came from secondary sources and **we print no figure.**

Route B: a vital record, no county certification needed

- The office's own sentence: **if you already hold a certified copy and need an apostille added to it, you may send your request and your document directly to the Secretary of State**, with the 2 dollar per document fee.
- **This is not the case everywhere in this series.** In some states a birth or death certificate had to be **reissued** for the apostille and had to carry a particular signature. **There is no such requirement here:** a certified copy you obtained years ago can go straight into the process.
- **If you do not hold a certified copy**, you send **two separate payments** to the office of vital records, one to that office for the copies and one to the Secretary of State for the apostille; and **the vital records office forwards the document, the payment and the request itself. Seen from here, that removes an entire trip.**
- **And obtaining a vital record in this state is already easy:** birth and death certificates are available from **all 95 county health departments**, so you do not have to leave this settlement for that step. **But that sentence is not written for marriage and divorce records;** those go through the central office or by mail.

APOSTILLE OR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION: WE DO NOT ANSWER THAT

- The office's own distinction: if a document requires a **certificate of authentication**, the U.S. Department of State must also certify the state's signature; **with an apostille that step is not needed.** So the difference means one more leg of travel.
- **The office publishes no country list of its own** and its own guidance is clear: if you are unsure which type of certification is needed, ask **the consulate of the receiving country or the U.S. Department of State's authentications office.**
- **So this guide makes no claim about which bucket Türkiye falls into.** Call the call center and ask which one is required for your document. **Requesting the wrong one means the package comes back.**
- **Only documents issued in this state are within scope. That warning matters especially in this settlement**, because you are at the northern end of the state and a household's documents can easily come from more than one state.
- **Federal documents are not certified at the state level.** For a document such as a certificate of naturalization the office is the U.S. Department of State's authentications office; this is an expensive and common mistake.
- **We print no figure for mail processing time.** The office's page gives none; **if you are working by mail, start early** and build the schedule around a date, not a duration.

Do not break the order

- 1 Obtain the document.** Any county health department for a birth or death certificate; a notary for a private document.
- 2 Get county certification for a notarized document**, and go to **the county where the notary is commissioned.**

- 3 Have it translated and the translation notarized if needed.** Ask the Turkish institution that will receive the document, or the consulate, which translation is required.
- 4 Get the certification last.** A certified document cannot be altered afterward.
- 5 Do not confuse the reverse direction:** Turkish documents you will use in the United States for your immigration case are **apostilled in Türkiye** and submitted here **with a certified English translation**. No office here performs that step.

And we make no claim about the order. For U.S. documents destined for Türkiye, **consular certification and an apostille are alternative routes, not two links in the same chain. No official guidance answering whether the apostille or the translation comes first could be found this round**, so this guide imposes no order; ask the call center and ask for the answer in writing.

MILITARY SERVICE: THE ORDER IS CRITICAL, AND WE PRINT NO AMOUNTS

- **The order is this, and if you break it the application is not accepted: distance learning first**, the person must complete the program on the Ministry of National Defence's distance learning portal; **then the application in person**. The mission's own announcement is explicit: **applications made by mail are not accepted**.
- **If you also hold U.S. citizenship there is one more step first**: for the military service transaction to proceed, **the multiple citizenship must first be registered with the Turkish civil registry**. **Without that registration the military service transaction does not begin**, and for a reader traveling from here that can mean **two separate trips**.
- **The conditions are written in the announcement**: residence in one of the eight states in the consular district; being a worker, employer, professional or artisan with a residence or work permit, or a seafarer on a foreign-flagged vessel; and having worked in the United States for **at least three years** in total, excluding time spent in Türkiye. **There is an exception for dual citizens**: those who have actually been in foreign countries for at least three years are not asked to meet the work requirement.
- **The status distinction affects your years**: in student status, **practical training periods within the curriculum do not count**; students working on post-graduation work authorization are among the statuses that do count. **Exchange program participants receiving a scholarship from Türkiye cannot benefit from this statute for as long as they receive it**.
- **Seafarers cannot be processed in Houston**. The announcement says these applications can only be made at **two other consulates general**. **We do not print the names of those two missions**, because their consular districts were not measured this round; confirm with the call center.
- **The announcement's own warning**: all company and personal details on the tax forms must **match** the employer letters. **On the payment side, cash and personal checks are not accepted**, and the announcement's instruction is this: **do not pay until the Consulate General has determined that you meet the conditions**. **No written notification is sent after the application**; follow up through e-Devlet.
- **Paid military service is not a consular matter**: there is no such heading in the mission's transaction menu. **We could not confirm its present conditions, authority or amount this round and we print none of them**. On the foreign-currency military service side **we print no amount either**; the amount is set from period to period and you bear the cost of planning around a wrong figure.
- **No official sentence on the effect on entry and exit could be found**. **We say neither that it has an effect nor that it does not**; consult your own military service branch office and the Consulate General before you buy a ticket.

TIME DIFFERENCE AND FLIGHTS

- **The state is not in one time zone:** the federal time zone boundary runs through the state, with **the east on Eastern time** and **the west on Central time**. **This county is west of the line**, so it is on Central time. Account for the difference when you call an institution in the eastern part of the state.
- **The difference with Türkiye:** Türkiye is **8 hours** ahead during daylight saving time and **9 hours** ahead in winter. Clocks go back on **November 1, 2026**, so after that week the difference grows by an hour; because Türkiye does not observe daylight saving, you experience the change one-sidedly.
- **The Consulate General is also on Central time**, so you do not have to convert the published appointment and phone hours. But the window is narrow: the only window published for general business is **9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
- **The window for calling Türkiye is narrow in the other direction:** when it is 5 p.m. in Türkiye it is 9 a.m. here in summer. **Two channels solve it:** [e-Devlet](#) and the **24-hour call center**.
- **Flights:** your airport is the international airport in the state's largest city, and it announced that in fiscal year 2026 it reached **115 nonstop destinations**. **But none of the known international routes go to Türkiye**, and **Türkiye does not appear** on the airport's own announced list of European destinations. **Getting to Istanbul from here involves at least one connection**. The airport's own destination list could not be read first-hand, so **we name no individual routes** and **we make no categorical negative statement**.
- **And a name trap:** the airport's name contains the word International, **but that does not mean there is a scheduled route to Türkiye**. When you shop for tickets, look at the flight list and not the airport's name.
- **On rail the answer is short: research found no intercity passenger rail station** in this settlement or its county, and the regional commuter line does not serve this county.
- **Luggage and identification:** the identification you use on an international flight is a passport. **We print no distance or drive time;** plan getting to the airport, and the winter regime, from the start.

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