

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · HOOVER

# Turkish Consular Matters from Hoover: 2026 Guide

Your mission is in Houston. The general window is mornings only, visa applications sit in a separate thirty-minute window, and all three attaché offices share the building.

## SHORT ANSWER

Alabama falls within the jurisdiction of the **Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye in Houston**, and that is not an assumption: the mission's own site gives its jurisdiction as **eight states** and Alabama appears on both of the two pages that carry the list; in the same sweep **the pages of the five other Turkish consulates general in the United States were checked and the word Alabama appears on none of them. There is no Turkish authority in Hoover where you can attend in person**, and the trip crosses a state line. Two things up front, because both mean a wasted journey: **there is a single published window for general consular business and it is mornings only**, and **visa applications are taken in a separate thirty-minute window**.

## Mission details

| ITEM                                   | DETAIL                                                                                                                            |
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| 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                                                                                                                  |
| After-hours emergency and duty officer | +1 832 774 18 61. The contact page prints <b>the same number</b> under two separate headings, so it is a single line              |
| Consular call center, 7 days 24 hours  | <b>+1 888 566 76 56</b>                                                                                                           |
| E-mail                                 | consulate.houston@mfa.gov.tr                                                                                                      |
| Working hours                          | <b>Weekdays 09.00 to 12.30.</b> The mission publishes no afternoon counter hours for general consular business                    |
| Visa application hours                 | <b>14.00 to 14.30</b> , a separate thirty-minute window. The mission's own instruction is to make an appointment before you visit |
| Consul General                         | Çağrı Sakar. <b>Diplomatic postings rotate</b> , so check current details before you travel                                       |

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## All three attaché offices are in the same building

In the previous 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. **Houston is different and we are not carrying that warning over:** the offices for religious services, education and commerce all publish the Consulate General's own address. So you can handle a school equivalence matter and a consular matter **in the same building; the appointments are separate** though, and because the general window is mornings only, work out in advance whether they fit into one day.

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## Traveling from Hoover: build the plan around your own city

- **We publish no distance or driving time figure**, because none came from a source this round. What can be said: Houston is **west** of this state and the trip is **interstate**.
  - **If you fly**, the nearest airport with scheduled service to Hoover is Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport.
  - **You do not have to convert the time:** the Consulate General is in the same time zone, so the published appointment and telephone hours are your own hours. The window is narrow, though, so do not forget that.
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## What is handled through the mission

The procedure headings in the mission's own application menu show what actually runs through it: birth notification and civil registry matters, marriage notification, passports, military service, notarial matters and powers of attorney, Turkish citizenship matters, estates, and education and visa headings. Booking, checking and canceling appointments run through the mission own menu, which is split into **consular procedures for Turkish citizens** and **visa pre-applications for foreign nationals**.

**We do not reproduce the document lists in this guide.** Each procedure has its own fee and its own document list, and they could not be verified one by one this round. **Traveling to another state with the wrong documents would be the most expensive advice this guide could give you;** confirm the list through the appointment menu and the call center.

### A NOTARY TRAP, WHICH YOU SHOULD READ

- In this state **there is no such document as a marriage license**. A marriage is created by signing a form before an **Alabama notary public** and delivering it to a probate court.
- **And having that form notarized at the consulate is not accepted:** the signature required is that of a notary **commissioned by Alabama**. So do not plan to travel to Houston and have the form witnessed there.
- **In Hoover there is an extra detail:** the form can be delivered to **any county's** probate court, but **Hoover spans two counties** and the recording fees of the counties can differ. **We publish no fee we have not verified.**
- **And a deadline:** the form must have **reached the court within 30 days** of the signatures, or the marriage is void. **A postmark date does not count.**

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## Three routes to try before you travel

- 1 e-Devlet.** Civil registry, address and some document matters can be handled remotely; check [here](#) first which ones can.
  - 2 The call center.** Open seven days, twenty-four hours, and the fastest way to learn which document is required: **+1 888 566 76 56**.
  - 3 Courier or mail.** Some matters run by sending documents. Ask the call center which ones are accepted; **do not send documents on your own initiative.**
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## 2026 closures

The 2026 holiday list published on the mission's own contact page contains dates falling after this guide goes out, and two of them are immediately ahead: **12 October** and **29 October**. The list also carries 11 November, 26 November, 24 December and 25 December 2026, then 1 January and 18 January 2027. **The list is published annually**; check [the current one](#) before you book.

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## Checklist before the trip

| TASK                                                                                     | WHERE OR HOW                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Try e-Devlet and the call center first</b>                   | Some matters can be settled without traveling at all                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Confirm the documents for each matter individually</b>       | Document lists vary by procedure and this guide gives none                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Book appointments on the same day or consecutive days</b>    | Finish more than one matter in a single trip                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Allow for the general window being mornings only</b>         | <b>09.00 to 12.30.</b> No afternoon counter hours are published for general business                                                                                                                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Plan a visa matter around the separate window</b>            | <b>14.00 to 14.30</b> , thirty minutes, and an appointment is requested                                                                                                                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Check whether a holiday falls on your date</b>               | The 2026 list is on the mission's contact page                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Authenticate documents for use in Türkiye first</b>          | The order matters: <b>authentication first, consular appointment second</b> . The document must carry <b>the wet signature of an Alabama official and an embossed or inked seal</b> ; an ordinary counter copy may not work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Do not plan to sign the marriage form in Houston</b>         | The signature required is that of <b>an Alabama notary</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Do not rely on figures found online for military service</b> | Conditions and amounts change from period to period and <b>the current position could not be verified</b> this round. Ask the call center for your own birth year and status                                                |

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**Running consular business from Hoover is a planning exercise.** The good news: **all three attaché offices share the Consulate General's address and the mission is in your own time zone.** The hard part: **the window is narrow** and the trip crosses a state line.



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