

FOR TURKISH RESIDENTS OF HUNTERTOWN

Consular and Apostille Errands from Huntertown, 2026

There is no Turkish mission in Indiana, the mission sits in a different time zone, and the apostille office works by appointment only in the state capital. This guide puts the chain in order.

SHORT ANSWER

All of Indiana, this town included, sits in the consular district of the **Consulate General in Chicago**; the mission's own site lists its district as **13 Midwestern states** and Indiana appears on the list on two separate pages. **There is no Turkish authority inside Indiana where you can go and get your business done**, which means that from here a consular errand is not a day's errand but a **planned trip**. And the detail that governs the planning is this: **the Consulate General is on Central time and you are on Eastern**, so **you have to add an hour to every published time**. The telephone application window reads 14:00 to 16:00 on the site; **here that means 15:00 to 17:00**, and calling an hour early means a telephone nobody answers. **We print no distance figures**.

Which mission, which hours

ITEM	DETAIL
Mission	Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye in Chicago
Address	455 N. Cityfront Plaza Dr. (NBC Tower), Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60611, 29th floor
Switchboard	+1 312 263 0644
Duty officer, out of hours emergencies	+1 773 386 3213
Email	consulate.chicago@mfa.gov.tr
Consular call center, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	+90 312 292 29 29
Working hours, in the mission's own time	Weekdays 09:00 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 16:30 Central time
Working hours, in your time	10:00 to 13:30 and 14:30 to 17:30
In-person reception by appointment	09:30 to 12:00 in the mission's time, 10:30 to 13:00 in yours
Telephone applications	14:00 to 16:00 in the mission's time, 15:00 to 17:00 in yours
Consul General	Tahir Bora Atatanır

Consular district

13 Midwestern states; Indiana is on the list

THE ONE-HOUR GAP: THE DETAIL MOST EASILY MISSED IN THIS GUIDE

- **The published hour is not your hour.** A reader in the northwest corner of the state can read the mission's hours exactly as they stand; **you cannot.** The arithmetic runs one way and it is simple: **add an hour to the time on the screen.**
- **The telephone application window is 15:00 to 17:00 in your time.** Looking at the published hour and calling at 14:00 means calling an hour early, and most of the time nobody will answer.
- **The in-person reception window is two and a half hours in the mission's time,** which is 10:30 to 13:00 in yours. If you are making a trip, try to book **at the start of that window;** an appointment at the end of it can be lost to a small delay, and **a plan that has you arriving in the afternoon wastes the day.**
- **Do not confuse the direction:** you make no conversion at all for state agency hours, because they are on Eastern time too. **The only time calculation you make in this series is on the Turkish side.**
- **The call center removes the difference entirely.** +90 312 292 29 29 is open around the clock, so whatever the hour you can find out there which documents are needed. **That is the first thing to do before you travel.**
- **Cancel the moment you know you cannot go.** One mission covers the entire Midwest and an appointment slot is genuinely valuable at this distance.

Three rules for running consular errands from a small settlement

- 1 Finish more than one errand in a single trip.** Gather every passport, civil registry and notarial matter in the household onto the same day or consecutive days. The journey is made once, and because the window is narrow two separate matters may need two separate appointments; ask the call center.
- 2 Close the document list by telephone first.** Each procedure has its own fee and its own document list and we could not verify them one by one this round, so **we do not print a document list in this guide.** Going home for a missing document costs not one day from here but two.
- 3 Finish the apostille first.** If an Indiana document is going to be used in Türkiye it has to be apostilled in the state capital first, and **that office works by appointment only.** Break the order and you need a second trip.

The district, and which errands run through it

On the mission's own list the consular district covers these states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. One mission covers the entire Midwest and the only honorary consulate general in the region is in another state. **Make one distinction here:** you do not live in the state where the Consulate General sits. The Türkiye side of your affairs is tied there, but your driver license, your taxes, your schools and your property tax are in Indiana. **Going to the consulate does not make you a resident of that state.**

- Birth notifications and civil registry transactions; marriage notifications and death notifications.
- Passport renewals and first passports; Turkish citizenship matters, **including recording US citizenship in the Turkish civil registry.**
- Military service matters; notarial services, powers of attorney and signature certification.
- Judicial matters, criminal record certificates and service of documents; e-Devlet credentials; renewal of a Turkish driving license.
- Employment and social security matters; estate matters.
- **Almost all of them are handled by appointment;** booking, checking and cancelling an appointment all sit in the same menu on the mission's site. The detail of the consular district is in [our Indiana guide](#).

TWO ROUTES TO TRY BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

- **e-Devlet.** Civil registry, address and some document matters can be handled remotely; check there first which procedures can. **For a household in a small settlement this is the one item that can remove a trip altogether.**
- **Courier or post.** Some procedures run by sending documents in. Ask the call center or the mission which ones are accepted, and **do not send documents on your own initiative.**
- **The attaché offices in the same building matter more to someone coming from far away:** the education attaché, same address and floor, +1 312 263 0644 extension 811, chicago@meb.gov.tr; the commercial attaché, extensions 888 and 812, chicago@trade.gov.tr; the press attaché, extension 835, chicago@iletisim.gov.tr.
- **Three doors can be knocked on in a single day:** a scholarship obligation, a school registration in Türkiye, a diploma equivalence or a commercial matter need no separate trip to another city. But book them **on consecutive half days rather than consecutive hours.**

Military service: we print no figures, and we say why

- Military service matters run through the consulate and appear as a separate heading in the mission's own procedure menu.
- **We print no amount, no age limit and no deadline here:** the terms and the fees for paid and foreign-currency military service change from period to period and we **could not verify** the current position from an official source this round. Planning around a wrong figure would be the worst service this guide could do you.
- **The right step:** call the call center and ask what applies to your own year of birth and your own status. **For someone living far away that is practical advice as well,** because a trip made on wrong information costs two days from here.
- **The call center being open around the clock solves two problems at once here:** the **seven-hour** gap to Türkiye and the **one-hour** gap to the mission.
- **Why not to trust figures found online:** the amounts circulating on forums and private consultancy sites generally belong to earlier periods. One period's figure does not apply to another, and **there are steps that cannot be undone once payment is made.**
- **If you have become a US citizen:** for dual citizens, having US citizenship recorded in the Turkish civil registry is generally a precondition for the military service side.

- **Registration and address records:** check whether your address here and your marital status appear correctly in the civil registry; some of this can be done through e-Devlet.
 - **If you need a power of attorney, do not break the order.** Documents allowing somebody to act for you in Türkiye may need notarization, and for a document going on to an apostille that step comes before the apostille. **We found no verified free notary service in this town or county;** we are not saying there is none. Ask the price before you use a paid notary and make sure the certificate is complete.
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Apostille: the order of the chain, and the mail route from here

Both Türkiye and the United States are parties to the Hague Apostille Convention, so to use a document issued here in Türkiye you need **an apostille rather than consular legalization**. On the Hague Conference list of competent authorities the authority shown for Indiana is the **Indiana Secretary of State**, and **the state's only authentication office is in the state capital**, at 302 W. Washington Street, Room E-018. **It has no branches**, it works **by appointment only**, the fee is **\$2 per certificate issued** and is non-refundable, and the normal turnaround is **one to two business days**. The office is on Eastern time, so you read the appointment time exactly as given. **The good news is that the office also works by mail**, and from a small settlement that is usually the sensible route. The full table, the payment methods and the telephone discrepancy are in **our official offices guide**.

FOUR RULES THAT HIT A TURKISH READER DIRECTLY

- **The office does not translate, and the translation has to be notarized.** The agency's own answer is this: we do not translate documents, you have it translated and **once the translation has been notarized** the work can be done. **That is the most important line in this section for a Turkish reader.** The order runs: get the document, have it translated if needed, have the translation notarized, then send or take it for the apostille.
 - **A marriage license is a two-stop errand, and the first stop is the county seat rather than the state capital.** A marriage license must first be **certified by the clerk of the court of the county where the marriage took place**; only then does it go to the state authority. If you married in this county the first stop is the clerk's office at the county courthouse; **if you married in a different Indiana county the first stop is that county.**
 - **Leave your phone in the car when you go to the courthouse.** The clerk's own document states that **electronic devices including cell phones and cameras are not taken into the county courthouse.** Being turned around at the door costs you half an hour at the end of a journey; **print everything.**
 - **Only Indiana documents are certified.** A birth certificate issued by another state, or a diploma you earned in another state, goes to that state's own authority. **A household that works in a neighboring state or married there should know this from the start.**
 - **Federal documents are a different door.** Documents such as a certificate of naturalization, a US passport or a federal criminal record go to the **US Department of State authentications office** rather than the state. A document issued by a federal court is certified by the clerk of that federal court.
 - **The office's own capitalized warning:** the certificates this office issues **cannot be used within the United States.** If an Indiana institution asks you for an apostilled document, what it wants is probably not an apostille; do not pay without asking.
 - **On fee-exempt documents two official pages do not give the same list,** and we are not trying to resolve it, we print it as it stands. Whether your diploma or your transcript is exempt is an open question; **call before you post the envelope.**
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- **Take the mail route seriously, but prepare the envelope.** If you go by mail a **self-addressed stamped return envelope is required**, or your document will sit there. And the office's own warning: **postal service deliveries are not made directly to this office** and that can cause delay; for a time-sensitive document the office recommends a private courier. **Do not send a document that has to reach a consulate appointment by ordinary mail.**
 - **If you go in person, multiply the documents.** Someone with an appointment can have up to **10 documents** processed while they wait and someone without an appointment up to **5**; having come that far, check the list twice so you do not leave a document behind.
 - **The form of the document changed in 2022:** since **July 1, 2022** the office uses the Hague Conference model apostille form and **no longer distinguishes between apostille and authentication requests.** The certificate is on standard-size paper, **in three languages** (English, French and Spanish), attached in front of the page carrying the signature and seal **with two staples**, and carries **a number of its own** for verification. **The gold foil seal is gone**; do not look at an old document and go hunting for one.
 - **Notarization is needed on most documents,** but on the office's own statement it is **not needed on marriage, divorce and birth certificates.** On a notarized document the certificate must be complete, meaning the notary's signature, seal, commission, the date and the name of the signer.

- **Do not break the order.** You obtain the document first, have it translated and the translation notarized if needed, and **the apostille comes last.** No change can be made to an apostilled document afterwards.
- **Remember the time difference when you put two appointments in the same week:** the apostille office is on Eastern time, the Consulate General on Central.

The first link in the chain: the document itself

In Indiana a birth certificate comes by **two separate routes** and which one you need matters for an apostille. **The county route is faster:** the state's own question and answer page says you will receive the certificate **sooner** if you order through the county where you were born. **But the long form comes only from the state,** and **an apostille requires the state copy,** so the quick copy you get from the county may not do that job; **ask for both copies at once.** There are two pieces of good news for a Turkish reader: **a foreign passport is on the primary identification list and is sufficient on its own,** and the statute says a county health officer **must issue a certificate relating to the applicant's own birth record.** **No Social Security number is required;** the Social Security card is on the secondary list as one of two documents and is never asked for on its own.

THE REAL OBSTACLES ARE NOT THE NUMBER, THEY ARE THESE

- **There is a conflict between the statute and the practice, and we print it.** The statute says a county health officer may issue a certificate **regardless of where the record is kept.** But the statute says **may,** not **must,** and some county health departments in this state state that they issue certificates only for births that occurred in their own county. **We take no side:** call the county health department before you set out. **We could not read this county health department's own identification policy,** so we do not print the county counter's list here.
- **Direct interest.** The people who may request a certificate are listed and each must **document** the relationship: the person named in the record, the parents named in it, grandparents, an adult sibling, an adult child or grandchild, a current spouse, certain relatives, a court-appointed guardian and an attorney representing the person.
- **The order cannot be completed without the parents' names:** the name at birth, the date of birth, the place of birth, **the mother's full maiden name and the father's full name** are required. For a reader who came from Türkiye that is something to ask older relatives in advance.
- **The search fee is not refunded.** If no record is found you receive a certificate of no record and your money does not come back. **We print no vital records fee,** because we could not verify one.
- **The certificate is mailed only to the address on your identification.** For somebody who has just moved that is a genuine trap: if the address on your identification is your old one, that is where it goes. **In a town where the mail comes to the door, settle this detail before you apply.**
- **Two more rights that are not widely known:** a county health officer's refusal to issue a certified copy is **subject to court review,** and on request the officer must issue a death certificate **that does not show the cause of death.** **We could not find the delayed registration procedure;** we describe no route for a person whose birth was never registered.

On the marriage side the order runs like this: the license comes from the clerk of the court of **the county where one of you lives,** and **this county writes that as a prohibition rather than a fee tier:** a person who lives in a different Indiana county may not apply here. **You must both attend in person,** the license is valid **sixty days,** there is no waiting period and it is **valid only inside Indiana.** The passport is **named among the**

accepted documents, and particular to this county, **a baptismal certificate and a school transcript** are on the list as well, which is a second door for someone with no American identification. **A number is asked for**, and the state judiciary's own page says exactly this: you will be asked to provide your Social Security number, although your Social Security card may not be required. **We found no official Indiana source that says what a person with no number at all should do, and we are not inventing a procedure**; call the clerk before you go. And the most critical sentence: **if your documents are in a language other than English they may need to be translated and notarized before they are presented to the clerk**. So do not take your Turkish birth certificate straight to the counter; **sworn translation first, notary second, journey third**.

Time difference and the flight to Istanbul

PERIOD	TIME ZONE	DIFFERENCE FROM TÜRKİYE
October 9, 2026 to October 31, 2026	Eastern Daylight Time	Türkiye is 7 hours ahead
After November 1, 2026	Eastern Standard Time	Türkiye is 8 hours ahead
The northwest corner of the state, for comparison	Central time	Türkiye 8 hours ahead, 9 in winter

- Türkiye stays on the same time all year and does not observe daylight saving, so the gap shifts twice a year **on the US side**. Clocks go forward on the second Sunday in March and back on the first Sunday in November; for 2026 those dates are **March 8** and **November 1**. **Put November 1, 2026 in your calendar**, because it is very easy to shift a layover calculation by an hour when you are buying a ticket.
- **The practical window**: 08:00 here is currently 15:00 in Türkiye, and 16:00 after November. The easiest time to speak to family or a government office in Türkiye is **the morning here**. **The trap runs the other way**: if a bank, hospital or government office in Türkiye works 09:00 to 17:00 on weekdays, the window in which you can call from here opens after midnight and closes mid-morning. That is why running Turkish business through e-Devlet and the round-the-clock call center also solves the time difference.
- **The state is divided internally and two official sources confirm it**. The federal regulation describes the Eastern and Central boundary by county lines and this county falls east of it; the state's own question and answer page lists the **twelve counties** on Central time one by one and this county is not among them. One more detail concerns anybody living on the line: **under the regulation, municipalities lying on the boundary line are counted as being on Central time**. **Do not trust lists circulating online**; some third-party pages give a different county count.
- **You make no conversion at all with state agencies**. The apostille office, the immigration court, the state licensing agency, the state tax line and the statewide legal aid line are all on Eastern time. **That is a convenience a reader in the northwest corner of the state does not have**.

ISTANBUL ON A SINGLE CONNECTION

- **There is no nonstop from Indiana to Istanbul**, but this town's scheduled airport is **Fort Wayne International Airport** and on the airport's own count it has **fourteen nonstop routes across four airlines**: eight on a low-cost carrier, three on one major airline, three on another and one on a fourth.
- **This is where the chain is built: two of those routes go to the same large connecting hub, and the Turkish flag carrier flies nonstop from that hub to Istanbul.** The airline's own site gives **two nonstop departures a day** and a flight time of about **10 hours 40 minutes**. So a **single-connection** trip to Istanbul can be built from here.
- **Be generous with the layover.** On a short domestic connection, if delay, baggage and a terminal change are not allowed for, the transatlantic flight is missed and the next departure can mean **the following day. That is the mistake a household traveling from this town makes most often.**
- **There is no nonstop from the state's larger airport either.** Türkiye does not appear on its 2026 nonstop list; **the only nonstop to Europe is Dublin.** The Dublin connection has one advantage: it is one of the two airports in Europe with US preclearance, so entry formalities are done there on the way back.
- **Departure times are in your own time.** You make no conversion reading the time of a flight leaving from here. But **if the city where you connect is on Central time** its departure time is an hour behind; **read every time on the ticket in the time of its own city.**
- **Tying the consulate and the flight into one trip is possible but not automatic.** The city the nonstop departs from is the city where the Consulate General sits, which makes it sensible to put a consular appointment **the day before** the flight. **Do not put them on the same day**, and read the appointment time **with an hour added.**
- **Solve the trip to the airport in advance:** the research found no fixed bus route reaching this town, so transport on the day has to be planned by car or by a transfer arranged beforehand. **Long-stay parking is a budget line and we print no parking fee**, because we could not verify one.
- **Do not confuse it with the second field:** the same authority runs a second airfield in the region but **there is no scheduled passenger service** there.
- **The document you use on an international flight is a passport.** We could not verify this round whether an Indiana license is accepted at the airport.

DO NOT CONFUSE THIS WITH YOUR US IMMIGRATION MATTERS

The consulate handles matters relating to Türkiye. Your US visa, green card or citizenship applications are the business of federal agencies. If you have a pending green card application, check your advance parole position before you travel to Türkiye. If you naturalize, remember to record your US citizenship in the Turkish civil registry; for dual citizens that is also a precondition on the military service side. And with Turkish documents you will use in the United States for your immigration file the direction reverses: those documents are apostilled in Türkiye and submitted here with a certified English translation.



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