

FOR TURKISH CITIZENS IN ILLINOIS

Turkish Consulate General in Chicago: 2026 Services Guide

Passports, ID cards, birth and marriage registration, military service, powers of attorney and apostilles. Booking steps and contact information.

SHORT ANSWER

Turkish citizens in Illinois have a consulate in their own state: the Turkish Consulate General in Chicago, 455 N. Cityfront Plaza Drive, Suite 2900 (NBC Tower, 29th floor), Chicago, IL 60611, +1 312 263 0644. In-person service is by appointment only, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, booked at konsolosluk.gov.tr. The consulate's district covers thirteen states, so slots fill early. An apostille on an Illinois document costs just \$2 per document.

Contact and appointments

ITEM	DETAILS
Address	455 N. Cityfront Plaza Dr., Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60611 (NBC Tower, 29th floor)
Phone	+1 312 263 0644 · after-hours emergency: +1 773 386 3213
E-mail and fax	consulate.chicago@mfa.gov.tr · fax +1 312 263 1449
Consular Call Center (24/7)	+90 312 292 29 29
Office hours	Weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
In-person service	By appointment only, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Phone enquiries	2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Web	chicago-cg.mfa.gov.tr
District (13 states)	Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin

- 1 konsolosluk.gov.tr → Randevu Al
- 2 Türk Vatandaşları İçin Konsolosluk İşlemleri → Chicago
- 3 Choose the service. The "Randevu Al" button on the consulate's own site opens the same national system, where you can also check or cancel an appointment.

Passport

In person only, by appointment, because fingerprints are taken; there is no application by mail. Fees change by service and by year, so confirm the current amount with the consulate or the call center before your appointment rather than relying on figures found online.

ID card

In person, by appointment.

Registering a U.S.-born child (birth registration)

When you register a birth or a marriage with the Turkish civil registry, use a certified long-form copy. For an Illinois birth you get that copy from the county clerk where the birth happened or from the state Department of Public Health (IDPH), then have it apostilled.

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ Certified long-form birth certificate	County clerk or IDPH; Cook County Clerk \$15 first copy, \$4 each additional, printed while you wait for in-person requests
☐ Apostille	Illinois Secretary of State, Index Department, \$2 per document
☐ Parents' IDs	Turkish ID card or passport
☐ Marriage certificate	If applicable
☐ Translation	A translation of the birth certificate if a parent is a foreign national

A child born in the U.S. is a U.S. citizen at birth; you apply for the first U.S. passport with the certified birth certificate. Getting several certified copies is usually sensible, because additional copies are cheap.

Marriage registration

To register a U.S. marriage with the Turkish civil registry, get a certified copy from the county clerk and have it apostilled. A Cook County marriage license costs \$60. Check with the consulate before you apply for the current document list and fees.

Apostille (Illinois document for use in Türkiye)

- 1 Get the original first.** For a birth record, a certified copy from the county clerk or IDPH; for a marriage record, from the county clerk; for a divorce, from the circuit clerk. An apostille goes only on an original certified by the official who issued it.
- 2 Notarize a private document.** A power of attorney, affidavit or declaration must be notarized by an Illinois notary. Do not take a document signed by a circuit clerk or a judge to a notary; it is already an official record.

- 3 **Go to the Index Department.** Chicago: 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 100, 312-814-8218, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., done while you wait. Springfield: 2701 S. Dirksen Parkway, 217-782-7017.
- 4 **Fee:** \$2 per document, and every document needs its own apostille. Pay with a single check or money order made out to the Illinois Secretary of State.

By mail it takes 7 to 14 business days. Federal documents such as an FBI background check or a naturalization certificate are apostilled by the U.S. Department of State's Office of Authentications instead, on Form DS-4194, at \$20 per document. An apostille does not translate the document; a sworn translation may still be needed in Türkiye. Türkiye and the U.S. are both parties to the Hague Apostille Convention, so no further consular legalization is needed.

Military service

- **Registration (yoklama):** men born in 2007, and those with no deferment, must register by December 31, 2026, at the consulate or on e-Devlet.
- **Paid military service (July 1 to December 31, 2026):** the foreign-currency equivalent of 472,653.60 TL, collected in U.S. dollars at the Turkish central bank rate on the day of payment, plus a transfer fee (confirm the amount with the consulate). The amount changes on January 1, 2027.
- **Conditions:** hold residence or work authorization in the U.S., have worked abroad for at least 3 years (1,095 days, excluding time in Türkiye), complete the online training at dovizle.msb.gov.tr, and live in the consulate's district. All of Illinois is in the Chicago district. Applications are in person, by appointment.
- **Dual citizens:** those born in the U.S., or who came before 18 and naturalized, can defer until the end of age 35 after registering their U.S. citizenship with the Turkish civil registry.
- **F-1 students:** defer through the Education Attaché at the same address, chicago@meb.gov.tr.

Power of attorney

Issued at the consulate building only. The fee depends on the subject and the number of pages; confirm the current amount with the consulate.

BEFORE YOU GO

- Service is by appointment only and between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. There is security screening at the building, so leave time.
- The consulate is closed on U.S. federal holidays as well as Turkish public holidays. Its online announcements page is not kept current, so if you are travelling a long way, call the call center to check.
- Because the district covers thirteen states, appointment slots fill early. Look well ahead.

KEEP IT SEPARATE FROM YOUR U.S. IMMIGRATION MATTERS

The consulate handles Turkish matters. Your U.S. visa, green card or citizenship applications belong to USCIS and the U.S. Department of State. If you have a green card application pending, check your advance parole before you travel to Türkiye.



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