

STEP BY STEP GUIDE · JEFFERSONTOWN

Turkish Consular Matters from Jeffersontown: 2026 Guide

The mission that covers you is in Chicago, which is on Central Time. Appointment visits and telephone transactions run in different windows, the apostille chain takes two steps, and here the travel itself needs planning.

SHORT ANSWER

Kentucky falls within the consular district of the Turkish Consulate General in Chicago, and the mission's own jurisdiction list names thirteen states. **Labeled inference:** there is no Turkish consulate general in Kentucky, and almost every consular transaction runs on **an appointment plus an in-person visit**, so **most matters mean travelling to Chicago**. The agency does not say that in those words; we combined the jurisdiction list with the in-person requirement. **The theme of this guide applies here too:** Jeffersontown has its own police force, its own revenue department, its own zoning office and its own alcohol licensing unit - **but every one of your Turkish matters sits outside the city limits. And a time zone warning:** Jeffersontown is on **Eastern** Time and Chicago is on **Central** Time; the consulate's 9:30 is 10:30 by your clock.

Contact and hours

ITEM	DETAIL
Address	455 N. Cityfront Plaza Dr., Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60611 (NBC Tower)
Telephone	+1 312 263 0644 · Fax +1 312 263 1449
Email	consulate.chicago@mfa.gov.tr
After-hours emergency line	+1 773 386 3213
Consular call center (24 hours)	+90 312 292 29 29
Local number for the United States and Canada	+1 888 566 7656
Office hours	Monday to Friday 9:00 - 12:30 and 13:30 - 16:30
Appointment visits	9:30 - 12:00
Transactions by telephone	14:00 - 16:00

Note the last two rows: appointment visits and telephone transactions run in **different windows**. Do not plan to arrive in the afternoon and be served at the counter.

TIME ZONES: THREE SEPARATE RISKS

- **Jeffersontown is on Eastern Time and Chicago on Central Time.** The consulate's **9:30** is **10:30** by your clock. **Confirm** which zone your appointment time is given in.
- **Kentucky itself is split across two time zones.** Jeffersontown is Eastern, but head southwest across the state and the clock changes. We confirmed this from two official sources: the state licensing agency's office list carries **a zone label next to each office**, and the federal regulation describes the boundary **by county names**. **Because you may transact at any licensing office in the state, this carries extra weight here.**
- **The same trap appears in your immigration hearing:** the Louisville docket's times are in **Eastern** Time, but the court with administrative control over the case is in **Central** Time.

Two separate domain traps, and they are unrelated

First: the forms of Turkish mission web addresses written with a **dot** after the city name **would not open at all** during the research; **the working form uses a hyphen**. If you click an old link from a search result and the page fails, check whether the address is in that form. Second, specific to this city: **the government-suffixed address of Jeffersontown's own site will not open over a secure connection**, and the working form is the city's second domain. If your browser shows a security warning on the city's page, that is why; **it is a separate problem with nothing to do with the consulate domain trap.**

How appointments work

Almost every transaction needs an appointment. The mission's site offers **Randevu AI**, the appointment booking menu, with two routes: **consular transactions for Turkish citizens** and **pre-application for visas for foreign nationals**. There are also **Randevu Sorgula** and **Randevu İptali** links for checking and cancelling. The central gateway is konsolosluk.gov.tr. **The sentence repeated on every transaction record:** *"Randevu aldıktan sonra şahsen başvurunuz gerekmektedir"* - after booking an appointment you must apply in person.

What is handled at the consulate

The official Turkish consular transaction gateway lists these top-level headings: **DOĞUM · NÜFUS · YUVAM HESAPLARI · EVLİLİK · PASAPORT · ASKERLİK · NOTERLİK · T.C. VATANDAŞLIK · ÖLÜM · ADLİ KONULAR · TAPU VE KADASTRO · E-DEVLET · SÜRÜCÜ BELGESİ · ÇALIŞMA**. The four most used by Turkish readers:

- **Passport renewal.**
- **Notarial matters:** grouped under a single heading - **"Noterlik İşlemi Başvurusu (Vekaletname-Azilname-Muvafakatname-Taahhütname-Sözleşme vb.)"**. A power of attorney for a sale, an inheritance or a case in Turkey is executed **here**. **Fees and document lists could not be read from the agency's page;** ask when you book.
- **Birth registration:** **"Doğum Tescili Başvurusu (Evlilik Birliği İçinde Doğan Çocuklar İçin)"**. **Labeled inference:** registering a child born in Kentucky with Turkish civil records is done through this transaction

and through Chicago; **the consulate does not say so in a Kentucky-specific sentence. The document list could not be read from the agency's page.**

- **Citizenship:** if you have become a U.S. citizen, **Çok Vatandaşlık Tescili Başvurusu**; if you have renounced Turkish citizenship, **Mavi Kart Başvurusu**. **We write no sentence about the scope of the Mavi Kart** - the agency's transaction detail pages did not load.

Military service matters

Military service runs through the same mission, and the official transaction list groups it under three headings, all requiring **an appointment and an in-person application: deferment** (based on employment, profession or trade, seafarer status or multiple citizenship, and a separate application for student status), **paid service abroad**, and **exemption** (separately for holders of multiple citizenship and on health grounds).

What was measured from the defence ministry's own distance learning portal:

- **Distance learning is mandatory:** those wishing to use the paid service route must complete the training through that portal.
- **Who qualifies:** in the portal's words, you must have reached conscription age and **not yet begun actual military service**.
- **Time requirement:** holding a residence or work permit abroad and having **actually worked for at least three years**; for those with multiple citizenship, having **lived abroad for at least three years** excluding time spent in Turkey.
- **The age 38 limit has been removed.**
- **Payment is made in full and in cash at the time of application; there is no instalment option.**
- **The consulate assesses eligibility.**
- **The amount is not published on the portal.**

Why we publish no figure: two different amounts circulate for 2026 and neither could be confirmed from **the Chicago consulate's own announcement**; the announcements that were found came from **other consulates** and the currency conversion differs by country. A press source gives a third figure that matches neither. **The correct route:** learn the figure from the current announcement of the consulate you will apply to, or from the call center. **Because payment is in full and in cash, settle the figure before you travel.** If you have become a U.S. citizen there is a separate **exemption application for holders of multiple citizenship**; ask about it in the same appointment. **The conditions and document list for that exemption could not be read from the agency's pages.**

Is there an honorary consulate?

Whether Turkey maintains an honorary consulate in Kentucky could not be verified in this research - the mission's honorary consulates page returned no content. There is secondary information about an honorary consul in the Midwest, but **we name no one because it was not confirmed on the agency's own page**. The **limits of an honorary consulate's authority** could not be read either. If you hear of one, **confirm with the call center first whether it can handle your transaction.**

Sending a document to Turkey: the apostille chain takes two steps

This is specific to Kentucky, and skipping a step gets your request rejected. The chain runs like this: **first the county clerk certifies the notary's signature, then the Secretary of State issues the apostille.** The Secretary of State's own warning: **"Requests for documents that do not have the required signatures will be rejected."** And a detail specific to this city: Jeffersontown has its own revenue department, its own police force and its own alcohol licensing unit **but no county clerk of its own** - the first link in the chain sits with the **Jefferson County Clerk**, just like the marriage license and vehicle registration.

ROUTE	FEE	TIMING
By mail	\$5 per document	3 business days, returned by first class mail
Walk-in	\$5 per document	Completed as you wait and handed back directly
Electronic (e-Apostille)	Paid electronically	Issued as a PDF by email. Not available for vital records

- **Vital records** (birth, marriage, divorce, single status) must carry the **current State Registrar's signature**. The state vital statistics office: **(502) 564-4212**
- **Paper notarized documents:** the signature must be notarized by a **Kentucky notary and the notary's signature certified by the county clerk where that notary is registered.**
- **The shortcut:** if the document is notarized electronically by a **Kentucky Online Notary Public, the county clerk step is not required. In Jeffersontown that removes a counter visit altogether**, because with no clerk's office in the city that step already means a counter outside it.
- **Federal documents** (federal background checks, tax records, passports) are not the Secretary of State's business; the **U.S. Department of State** handles those.
- **Kentucky criminal background check:** specifically request the **notarized** version from the state police **(502-227-8700)**; **a check issued by the court administration cannot be apostilled.**
- **When ordering a birth certificate, say it is for an apostille:** the vital statistics office's own sentence is that it **must be informed** the copy will be used for that purpose, and that **you** carry the certified copy to the Secretary of State. The offices do not pass it along.
- **If you plan to use an Affidavit of True Copy, ask the consulate first** whether it will be accepted - that is the office's own warning.

Travel: this takes extra planning here

We write this out separately, because getting around from Jeffersontown is not like getting around downtown. **The city has no airport of its own** - the county's two airfields are both outside the city limits - and **no intercity bus terminal of its own was found in this research.** On top of that, **a single transit route passes through the city** and the network is thin. **So solve the travel side of your consular appointment before the appointment itself.** Also, **no station in the national passenger rail system was found for Jeffersontown;** do not plan to travel by train.

On flights: the airline list at the county's airport with scheduled service contains **no scheduled transatlantic passenger carrier. Labeled inference:** from that we conclude **there is no direct flight from here to Istanbul;** the airport does not say so in a sentence. **We do not publish how long the journey takes, how many connections there are or which days flights operate** - none of that was measured and it changes often. **An**

idea: if you have consular business, plan your Turkey trip **connecting through Chicago** and line up the connection day with your appointment day.

Checklist before travelling to Chicago

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ Book the appointment	Through konsolosluk.gov.tr ; every transaction requires an in-person application
☐ Confirm the time zone	Jeffersontown is Eastern , Chicago is Central . The consulate's 9:30 is 10:30 for you
☐ Pick the right window	Appointment visits 9:30 - 12:00 , telephone transactions 14:00 - 16:00
☐ Ask for the document list in advance	+1 888 566 7656 (United States and Canada) or +90 312 292 29 29 (24 hours)
☐ Solve the travel before the appointment	The city has no airport and no terminal of its own and only one route passes through. Plan parking, a shuttle or a ride at the same time as the ticket
☐ Fit everything into one trip	Passport, power of attorney, civil registry and military service matters in the same appointment
☐ For military service, finish the training first	Distance learning is mandatory , payment is in full and in cash with no instalments ; settle the amount beforehand
☐ Do not skip a link in the apostille chain	For a paper notarized document: the county clerk first, then the Secretary of State . Skip it and the request is rejected
☐ Do not try the e-Apostille for a vital record	The office's own exception: that option is not available for vital records
☐ Save the emergency line	After hours: +1 773 386 3213



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