

FOR TURKISH CITIZENS IN KENT

Turkish Consulate General in Los Angeles: 2026 Services Guide (for Kent and Washington State)

Passport, ID card, birth and marriage registration, military service, power of attorney and apostille. What the trip from Kent involves, how to book and how to reach them.

SHORT ANSWER

There is no Turkish consulate in Kent, and none in Seattle either. Every consular matter for Turkish citizens in Washington State goes through the Consulate General of Türkiye in Los Angeles, at 8500 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, phone +1 424 313-8800. Passports are issued in person by appointment only, so when yours expires you have to travel from Kent to Los Angeles and back. In-person applications are taken weekdays 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., booked on konsolosluk.gov.tr.

Contact and booking

ITEM	INFORMATION
Address	8500 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90211
Phone	+1 424 313-8800
Consular Call Center (24/7)	+1 888 566 7656
After-hours emergency line	+1 310 779 3288
Email	consulate.losangeles@mfa.gov.tr
Office hours	Weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
In-person application hours	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., by appointment
District	Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and the Pacific islands
Education attaché (students)	5455 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 804, Los Angeles CA 90036 · +1 310 342 5222
Web	losangeles-cg.mfa.gov.tr

1 konsolosluk.gov.tr → Randevu Al

- 2 Türk Vatandaşları İçin Konsolosluk İşlemleri → Los Angeles Consulate General
- 3 Pick the service. Fees, document lists and the conditions for applying by mail are updated from time to time, so confirm them when you book or on the [consulate's site](#).

What this means if you live in Kent

- **The consulate is not in Kent, and not in Seattle.** Living in Kent, Auburn or Federal Way makes no difference; the appointment is in Los Angeles.
- **Passports are in person.** Passport and Turkish ID card applications cannot be done by mail. Plan a flight, a day off work and usually a night in a hotel. Applications are taken only in the morning, which makes a same-day round trip tight.
- **Kent's one advantage is the airport.** From Kent Des Moines station the Link light rail reaches SeaTac/Airport in about 7 minutes for a flat \$3, and Sea-Tac has direct flights to Los Angeles (LAX). On weekdays the last southbound train from Lynnwood toward Federal Way leaves at 12:02 a.m., so a late arrival can usually still get home by train.
- **Start early.** Put your passport expiry date in your calendar now. A Turkish passport's validity also matters for U.S. visa renewals and your I-94.
- **Bring every document.** One missing paper means a new appointment and another flight.

SERVICE	HOW
Passport	In person only, by appointment
Turkish ID card	In person, by appointment
Birth registration	In person or by mail
Marriage registration	In person or by mail
Power of attorney	At the consulate building only

Registering a Kent-born child

Birth registration uses a certified copy of the birth certificate and can be done by mail, so you do not have to fly to Los Angeles for a child's registration. But there is no counter in Kent for the certified copy: in King County it comes from King County Vital Statistics, 201 S. Jackson St., Suite 220, Seattle WA 98104, 206-837-0719, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (opening at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month). A certified copy is \$25, or \$28.50 from the VitalChek kiosk in the same building, ready in about 10 to 15 minutes. By mail it is \$4 extra and takes 3 to 4 weeks; online or by phone through VitalChek it is a \$6 agency fee plus \$11.50 processing. The hospital does not order the certificate for you. Order at least two certified copies.

Because there is no hospital in Kent

Your baby is most likely born in Renton, Auburn or Federal Way, but the certificate still comes from King County. The baby's SSN application is a separate errand, and Kent has its own SSA office: 321 Ramsay Way, Suite 401, (866) 931-7671.

Marriage registration

Marriage licenses are not issued in Kent. In King County only the Seattle counter issues them: King County Recorder's Office, 201 S. Jackson St., Suite 204, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 206-477-6620. There is no branch in the south county. The fee is \$169; after the license is issued there is a 3-day wait and then it is valid for 60 days. Both parties must come in person, and the form has no SSN field and no blood test requirement. The county does not publish a list of accepted ID, so bring official photo identification such as a passport and call 206-477-6620 to confirm before you travel. The ceremony takes place in Washington, with two witnesses, performed by someone authorized under state law, and the officiant returns the certificate to the county within 30 days. Certified copies are \$3 each and are not sent automatically, so ask for them. To register the marriage in Türkiye you need a certified copy with an apostille.

Military service

- **Registration (yoklama):** men born in 2007, and anyone without a deferral, must complete it by December 31, 2026, through the consulate or e-Devlet.
 - **Paid military service (dövizle askerlik), July to December 2026:** the foreign-currency equivalent of 472,653.60 TL, collected in U.S. dollars at the Turkish central bank rate of the payment day. Ask the mission whether a transfer fee is added. The amount changes on January 1, 2027.
 - **Conditions:** a U.S. residence or work permit, at least 3 years (1,095 days) of work abroad excluding time spent in Türkiye, the [MSB online training](#), and residence in the mission's district. Kent is in the Los Angeles district. Applications are in person and by appointment only.
 - **F-1 students** defer through the education attaché (5455 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 804, Los Angeles CA 90036, +1 310 342 5222).
 - **Timing:** booking a flight and an appointment takes time, so do not leave it to the last week of the window.
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Power of attorney

Issued only in person and at the consulate building, so a power of attorney also means a trip to Los Angeles. Check the fee and the documents with the consulate before you apply.

Apostille on a Washington document

There is no apostille counter in Kent. Documents issued in Washington or notarized by a Washington notary get their apostille from the Secretary of State's apostille program. The fee is \$15 per document, not per page. An apostille goes only on a certified copy. A document issued or notarized in another state is apostilled by that state, not by Washington. Türkiye and the U.S. are both parties to the Hague Apostille Convention, so no further consular legalization is needed.

ROUTE	WHERE	TIME AND EXTRA FEE
Mail (standard)	PO Box 40228, Olympia WA 98504-0228	About 7 to 10 business days, no extra fee

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Expedited	Same office	2 to 3 business days, +\$100 per 10 documents
Same day, in person	243 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater WA 98501 or 960 Washington St, Cheney WA 99004	Same day, +\$150 for the first 10 documents

The apostille program's phone number is 360-725-0377. For anything that is not urgent, mail is the easier route: Tumwater is south of Kent and you would have to check counter hours on the office's contact page first.

PLANNING THE TRIP FROM KENT

- Book the appointment first, then the flight.
- Applications are taken only in the morning, so arriving the evening before is the safest plan.
- Link reaches the airport from Kent Des Moines station in about 7 minutes, so you do not have to rely on airport parking for an early flight.

DO NOT CONFUSE THIS WITH YOUR U.S. IMMIGRATION MATTERS

The consulate handles Türkiye-related business. Your U.S. visa, green card and citizenship applications are matters for USCIS and the U.S. State Department. Before traveling to Türkiye with a green card application pending, check your advance parole.



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