

## FOR TURKISH NATIONALS IN MARYLAND

# Maryland Turkish Consular Services Guide 2026

Maryland is served by the consular section of the Embassy in Washington, not by a consulate general. Appointments, services, military service, apostilles and the time difference.

**SHORT ANSWER**

This is one of the unexpected answers in the guide: **Maryland has no Turkish Consulate General.** Maryland is served by the **consular section of the Turkish Embassy in Washington, D.C.**, and the Embassy's own contact page gives its consular jurisdiction as Washington DC, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. The address is **2525 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008**, and the phones are **+1 202 612 67 00** and **+1 202 612 67 01**. Everything runs by appointment through konsolosluk.gov.tr; there is no walking in.

## Contact and appointments

| ITEM                                  | DETAIL                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Address                               | 2525 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008                                                                                                                                                 |
| Phone                                 | +1 202 612 67 00 · +1 202 612 67 01                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Fax                                   | +1 202 612 67 44                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Email                                 | embassy.washingtondc@mfa.gov.tr (the general Embassy address; the contact page publishes no separate email for the consular section)                                                                    |
| Emergency line (outside office hours) | +1 202 304 38 89                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Consular Call Center                  | 24/7 +90 312 292 29 29                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Office hours                          | Monday to Friday 9:00 to 18:00 (the only hours published on the contact page)                                                                                                                           |
| Appointments                          | <a href="https://konsolosluk.gov.tr">konsolosluk.gov.tr</a> (e-Konsolosluk). Turkish nationals book consular appointments and foreign nationals applying for a Turkish visa make a pre-application here |
| Consular jurisdiction                 | Washington DC, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland                                                                                                                                                     |

**We publish no hours for the consular counter itself, and there is a reason.** The Embassy contact page publishes only the 9:00 to 18:00 general office hours. We had a record of a noticeably shorter reception window specific to the consular section, but we could not reconcile it with a single official page. The only honest thing we can do is this: **assume the consular counter is open for less than 9:00 to 18:00 and confirm the time you are given when you book.**

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## Why a search for a consulate finds nothing

Searching for a Turkish consulate turns up the Consulates General in **New York, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Boston and Miami**, and **none of them covers Maryland**. Every other state in this guide series is attached to a consulate general; Maryland is not. The office that covers Maryland is the consular section inside the Embassy in Washington. We confirmed that distinction on the Embassy's own page rather than second hand.

### FOUR PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES OF BEING AN EMBASSY

- **There is no separate consular building in or near Maryland.** The consular counter sits inside the Embassy building on Massachusetts Avenue in Washington's diplomatic quarter, and a diplomatic mission's security regime applies: airport-style screening, no large bags, and no turning up to take a number.
- **The same building also runs diplomatic relations with the U.S. government.** Consular hours are therefore shorter than the Embassy's own office hours, and the consular staff is smaller than at a large consulate general. **Appointment capacity can be tight, so book early.**
- **Even so, this is the nearest Turkish mission.** From the Rockville area it is roughly 20 miles; that travel estimate is our own calculation rather than an official figure: 35 to 45 minutes depending on traffic. By Metro it is the Red Line to Dupont Circle or Woodley Park plus a short walk.
- **Mobile consular days:** we could not check these, so we make no promise of one. Ask when you book.

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## What it does and does not do

- **It does:** Turkish passports and ID cards (in person), registration of a birth, marriage or death that happened in the United States, powers of attorney and other notarial acts, military service procedures, certificates and copies, and Turkish visas for foreign nationals.
- **It does not:** issue U.S. documents; **apostille Maryland documents**; or act as a party in an immigration matter before USCIS or an immigration court.

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## Fees and document lists: we could not confirm them

When this guide prints a fee, we want to have read the source. **We could not retrieve the Washington Embassy's own consular fee schedule or document lists in this research.** The general pattern we know from other missions runs like this: passports in person only; students under 25 enrolled at a U.S. institution exempt from the fee with a signed enrollment letter; civil registry matters in person or by mail; powers of attorney only at the mission. But that is a pattern, not Washington's own schedule. **Confirm the fee and the required documents on the line or on the mission's page when you book**, and bring spare photocopies. A second trip is expensive: with 20 miles of road and the parking problem, check your documents against the list one by one.

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## A vehicle title: the rule here is stricter than for a license

- **For a license:** a Turkish license not in English is accepted with an international driving permit or a translation by an MVA-approved translator. A commercial translator is enough.
- **For a vehicle:** foreign title documents must be **translated by an embassy**, and **the translation must bear an embassy seal**. For a Turkish title the practical route is exactly this consular section in Washington.
- **And there is a separate clock:** a vehicle brought in from abroad must be titled **within 60 days of entering the United States**. That is a different clock from the 60 days that start when you settle in Maryland. If the car is on a ship, book the consular appointment before it reaches the port; waiting for an appointment for the sealed translation and missing the 60 days is a real risk.

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## Turkish military service

- **Yoklama (registration):** for men born in 2007 the deadline is **December 31, 2026**. Living in the United States does not remove it, and the deferral and paid-service routes both depend on it having been done. It can be done through the consular section or through e-Devlet.
- **Paid service (dövizle askerlik), July 1 to December 31, 2026:** the amount is 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 cash transfer fee. **Whether the Washington Embassy adds a transfer fee, and how much, we could not confirm**, so ask for the total before your appointment. **The amount changes on January 1, 2027.**
- **Conditions:** a residence or work permit, **three years or 1,095 days** abroad, the Ministry of Defense online training at [dovizle.msb.gov.tr](https://dovizle.msb.gov.tr), residence in the mission's consular district, and an in-person appointment.
- **Dual citizens** born in the United States, or who arrived before the age of 18, can defer to the end of age 35 once they register their U.S. citizenship.
- **F-1 students** defer through the mission's Education Attaché; **we could not confirm the Washington Embassy's attaché contact**, so ask the Embassy switchboard for it.
- The figures in this section were verified in late September 2026 and not re-pulled in this research, so confirm the current amount before paying.

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## Apostilles: the order matters

- 1 **Obtain the Maryland document:** a birth, death or marriage certificate. The state Vital Records division is the cheapest route.
- 2 **Have it apostilled in Annapolis:** Office of the Secretary of State, Certification Desk, 16 Francis Street, first floor, Annapolis, MD 21401, at **\$5.00 per document**, by check or money order payable to the Secretary of State.
- 3 **Arrange the Turkish translation by asking the consular section first.** We could not find a verified list of which translators are accepted, so we name no translator or agency here.

- 4 **Take it to the consular section or send it to Türkiye.** The consular section does not issue the apostille, it processes the apostilled document. Annapolis first, then the consular section, not the other way round. Türkiye has been party to the Hague Apostille Convention since September 29, 1985, so no further consular legalization is needed after the apostille. Two notes: **work out how many copies you need up front**, because an original is often kept rather than returned in Türkiye, so two or three apostilled copies usually cost less overall; and **an apostille certifies the signature, not the content**, so a typo has to be fixed on the document itself first.

## Time difference and the Istanbul flight

| PERIOD                                                  | DIFFERENCE | WHEN IT IS 9:00 IN MARYLAND |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| October 6 to November 1, 2026 (U.S. daylight time)      | 7 hours    | 16:00                       |
| November 1, 2026 to March 14, 2027 (U.S. standard time) | 8 hours    | 17:00                       |
| After March 14, 2027                                    | 7 hours    | 16:00                       |

Türkiye stays on UTC+3 all year and no longer changes its clocks, so you are the side that shifts twice a year. The practical consequence: for civil registry, land registry and bank business in Türkiye, call **between 8:00 and 10:00 Maryland time**, which is 16:00 to 18:00 there and still inside the working day; after 14:00 your time, only the 24/7 Consular Call Center and the emergency line will help. On flights, the common misunderstanding is this: **the direct Istanbul flight leaves from Virginia, not Maryland**. Turkish Airlines flies nonstop between Washington Dulles (IAD) and Istanbul twice a day; the twice-daily figure is the airport authority's own statement but the page carries no date, so confirm days and times directly with the airline. Maryland's own airport, **BWI Thurgood Marshall**, does not list Turkish Airlines among its published carriers, so **there is no nonstop from BWI to Istanbul**. That conclusion rests on absence from an official list, so still search both airports together; they lie in opposite directions from Montgomery County and are more than an hour apart.

### DO NOT CONFUSE THIS WITH YOUR U.S. IMMIGRATION CASE

The consular section handles matters relating to Türkiye. Your U.S. visa, green card or naturalization applications belong to USCIS and the U.S. Department of State. If a green card application is pending, check your advance parole position before travelling to Türkiye. A long stay in Türkiye is also worth discussing separately, because time spent abroad matters for a green card holder.



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