

FOR TURKISH CITIZENS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Turkish Consulate General in Boston: 2026 Services Guide

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

SHORT ANSWER

The Turkish Consulate General is at 31 Saint James Avenue, Suite 840, Boston, MA 02116, phone +1 857 250 47 00. Its consular district covers six states: Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Connecticut. For a Turkish citizen living in Massachusetts that means no flight for consular business. Every service needs its own appointment on konsolosluk.gov.tr, and in-person applications are taken on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Contact and booking

DETAIL	VALUE
Address	31 Saint James Avenue, Suite 840, Boston, MA 02116
Phone	+1 857 250 47 00
Email	consulate.boston@mfa.gov.tr
After-hours emergency line	+1 857 207 9284
Consular Call Center	+1 888 566 76 56, and +90 312 292 29 29 around the clock
Office hours	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.
In-person applications	Weekdays 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Education Attaché	Same address, Suite 840; boston_ozel@meb.gov.tr

- 1 konsolosluk.gov.tr → Randevu Al
- 2 Türk Vatandaşları İçin Konsolosluk İşlemleri → Boston Başkonsolosluğu
- 3 Choose the service. Each service needs its own appointment. Visa applications by foreign nationals go through a separate pre-application system.

One consulate, six states

- **The consulate is close.** For someone in Massachusetts the trip is a ride into Boston. From Providence or Manchester it is an hour or two by car.

- **Slots can fill up.** One office serves the whole region, so do not leave a deadline to the last week, especially the military registration in December.

Services and fees

SERVICE	HOW	FEE
Passport	In person only, by appointment	Ask the consulate for the current fee before your appointment
Turkish ID card	In person only, by appointment; not handled by mail	\$10.20 cash; \$15.50 to replace a lost card
Birth registration	In person or by mail	\$35 to send the documents to Türkiye; the child's ID is \$5 within 60 days of birth, \$10.20 after
Marriage registration	In person or by mail	Confirm the fee and document list before you apply
Death registration	In person or by mail	No fee
Power of attorney and notarial acts	At the consulate building only	Ask the consulate for the current fee

For an ID card: adults come in person, a 15 to 18 year old comes with a parent, and for a child under 15 the parent applies. Bring one 2x2 inch biometric photo taken within the last six months and the old card (without it, a passport, driver license or marriage book works). Pay in cash. The new card is mailed to the consulate; if you need identification sooner, ask for a temporary ID.

Registering a U.S.-born child with the Turkish civil registry

Conditions: at least one parent is a Turkish citizen, the child is under 18, and the birth took place in the six-state district. Pay in cash or by money order; personal and company checks are not accepted.

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ Original certified birth certificate plus a copy	The short "birth record" is not accepted. For a birth in Boston, the Boston Registry Division (\$12 in person, \$14 online or by mail); for a birth elsewhere in the state, the RVRS in Dorchester (\$20 in person, \$32 by mail, \$54 via VitalChek)
☐ Parents' identification	Turkish ID card or passport
☐ Marriage certificate	If you are married; the marriage must be registered first
☐ Translation	If a foreign parent's birth certificate is not in English or Turkish
☐ Dual citizenship form	Completed at the application

Order at least two certified copies: one stays with the U.S. passport application and one goes for the apostille and the consulate. The hospital does not order the certificate for you. A child born in the United States is a U.S. citizen from birth. Since July 1, 2026, Massachusetts death certificates no longer carry the decedent's SSN unless a requester with a legitimate need asks for it.

Marriage registration and the marriage license

Register a marriage performed in the U.S. with the Boston Consulate General so that it is valid in Türkiye. Any city or town clerk can issue the license, with no residency requirement. Both partners must be 18 or older and unmarried, and apply together, in person, by appointment; in Boston the fee is \$50. There is a three-day wait, the license is valid for 60 days, and the ceremony has to take place in Massachusetts. If the form asks for an SSN and you have none, write down why. To use the certificate in Türkiye you also need a Massachusetts apostille.

Apostille: how it works in Massachusetts

One office issues it: the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Commissions Section, One Ashburton Place, Room 1719, Boston MA 02108. The fee is **\$6 per document**. Only the original signature of a Massachusetts official is apostilled: a notary, a justice of the peace, a city or town clerk, a court clerk or the Registrar of Vital Records. Photocopied signatures are turned away. In person, up to 3 documents are handled at the counter; 4 or more are dropped off and picked up after 3 p.m. the next business day. By mail it takes 2 to 3 weeks (check payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, no credit cards). Fall River and Springfield have regional counters. Türkiye is a party to the Hague Apostille Convention, so no extra consular legalization is needed; an apostille does not translate the document.

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 service (dövizle askerlik), 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. Whether the Boston consulate adds a transfer fee is not published on the pages we could read, so ask before your appointment. The amount changes on January 1, 2027.
 - **Conditions:** working in the U.S. with a residence or work permit, at least three years (1,095 days) of work abroad excluding time spent in Türkiye, completion of the Ministry of Defence online course at dovizle.msb.gov.tr, and residence in the consular district. Applications are in person by appointment only.
 - **Dual citizens** born in the U.S., or who arrived as minors and naturalized, may defer to the end of age 35, once U.S. citizenship is recorded in the Turkish civil registry. The work requirement does not apply to them; three years abroad is enough.
 - **F-1 students** defer through the Education Attaché, boston_ozel@meb.gov.tr.
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Time difference and flights

Türkiye stays on UTC+3 all year, while Massachusetts is on Eastern Time with daylight saving. The gap is 7 hours until November 1, 2026 and 8 hours from then to March 14, 2027. Turkish Airlines flies nonstop between Boston Logan (BOS) and Istanbul (IST), about 11 hours. Massport and the airline publish different weekly frequencies, so check days and times on the airline's own site.

DO NOT MIX IT UP WITH YOUR U.S. IMMIGRATION MATTERS

The Consulate General handles matters with Türkiye. Your U.S. visa, green card or citizenship applications are for USCIS and the U.S. State Department. If you have a pending green card application, check your advance parole status before you travel to Türkiye.



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