

FOR TURKISH CITIZENS IN NAPERVILLE

Turkish Consulate General in Chicago: Services Guide 2026, a Day Trip from Naperville

Passports, Turkish ID cards, birth and marriage registration, military service, powers of attorney and apostilles. How to book, how to get there and which county issues what.

SHORT ANSWER

The consulate is at 455 N. Cityfront Plaza Drive, Suite 2900 (NBC Tower, 29th floor), Chicago, IL 60611. Phone +1 312 263 0644, with an after-hours emergency line on +1 773 386 3213. In-person service is by appointment only, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. From Naperville it is a day trip: the Metra BNSF line reaches Union Station in about 64 minutes on an all-stops train, \$6.75 one way. The document you need for registration comes from the county where the birth or the ceremony happened, not the county you live in. An apostille is \$2 per document and can be done by mail.

Contact and appointments

ITEM	DETAIL
Address	455 N. Cityfront Plaza Dr., Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60611 (NBC Tower, 29th floor)
Phone	+1 312 263 0644 · after hours +1 773 386 3213
Email and fax	consulate.chicago@mfa.gov.tr · fax +1 312 263 1449
Office hours	Weekdays 9 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
Information by phone	2 to 4 p.m.
Consular Call Center (24/7)	+90 312 292 29 29
Consular district	13 states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin
Attache	The Education Attache is at the same address, chicago@meb.gov.tr

- 1 konsolosluk.gov.tr → Randevu Al (book an appointment)
- 2 Consular services for Turkish citizens → Consulate General in Chicago

- 3 Pick the service. The "Randevu Al" button on the consulate's own site goes to the same system, and you can check or cancel your appointment there.
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Getting there from Naperville

- **By train (the easier way):** the Naperville station, 105 E. 4th Ave., is on Metra's BNSF line in fare Zone 4. Union Station is \$6.75 one way, \$13.50 for a day pass and \$135 for a monthly pass; reduced fares are \$3.25 and \$6.50. All-stops trains take 64 minutes; morning and evening expresses take 39 to 43 minutes. Midday trains leave at :16 past the hour and the first service is 4:13 a.m.
 - **The last stretch:** from Union Station it is about 1.5 miles northeast to NBC Tower: roughly half an hour on foot, and most people take a taxi or rideshare for that part. Allow between an hour and three quarters and two hours door to door.
 - **By car:** about 31 miles and 48 minutes from downtown Naperville with no traffic, or about 35 miles and 54 minutes from the Route 59 area. But your appointment falls between 9:30 a.m. and noon, which is the morning rush, and I-88 and I-290 can run well over that at those hours. I-88 is a toll road, and downtown parking is on top.
 - **Timing:** applications are only taken in the morning. If your appointment is at 9:30, take the 7:16 train at the latest, and leave yourself margin on a first visit.
 - **Station parking:** \$3 a day, paid by license plate, with no permit and no waiting list. The lots are run by the city, not Metra (630-420-6100). The city's second station, Route 59, is in the same Zone 4.
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Being close does not make the appointment easier

The consular district covers thirteen states. People coming from Detroit, Minneapolis or Cincinnati share the same calendar, and appointments close weeks in advance. A short trip does not mean a short queue: look at the booking screen the day you realize you need something, and do not wait for the last month of your passport. Cancelled slots fall back into the system, so checking the screen several days in a row pays off. Most readers of this series buy a plane ticket for a consular errand; the advantage of living in Naperville is leaving in the morning and being home that evening.

Passports, ID cards and powers of attorney

A passport is issued in person by appointment only; fingerprints are taken, so there is no mail option. A Turkish ID card is the same. A power of attorney is drawn up only inside the consulate building: if you need one for a sale, an inheritance matter or a court case in Türkiye, get the text from your lawyer beforehand, because the appointment slot is short. Fees vary by service and by year; confirm the current list with the consulate or the call center before your appointment rather than trusting old figures found online.

Birth and marriage registration: which county?

- **The document comes from the county where the event happened, not where you live.** A birth certificate comes from the clerk of the county where the baby was born (DuPage County Clerk in Wheaton or Will

County Clerk in Joliet), and a marriage certificate from the clerk of the county where the ceremony was held. For the Turkish civil registry, use a certified long-form copy.

- **The mistake on the city's page:** Naperville's contact page sends you to the DuPage County Health Department for birth and death records. But the DuPage County Clerk's own page says the Clerk issues them. The right office is the County Clerk.
- **Fees:** DuPage charges \$14 for the first copy and \$2 for each extra ordered at the same time; Will charges \$12 and \$4. Ask for certified copies, not photocopies, and because extras are cheap it usually makes sense to order several.
- **The ID difference, which is what really matters for a Turkish parent:** a foreign passport does not appear on DuPage's ID list for records requests (an Illinois license or state ID, a U.S. passport, U.S. citizenship papers and similar do), and if you hold none of those the Clerk asks you to call 630-407-5500. Will's list accepts a foreign passport on its own, but we read that from a search summary of the Clerk's page, so call 815-740-4615 to confirm. If you do not have an Illinois ID yet, call before the baby arrives and ask which document you can come with.
- **A marriage license comes from the county of the ceremony.** The DuPage Clerk states the license may only be used in DuPage County and checks the venue address. The fee is \$35 in both counties, both parties appear together in person, the license takes effect the day after it is issued and is valid 60 days. DuPage works without appointments but issues no license after 4 p.m.; Will works by appointment and appointments fill two weeks or more ahead.
- **DuPage's ID rule is the stricter one:** accepted on its own are a U.S. license, a U.S. state ID, a U.S. passport or a U.S. military ID. Do not go to Wheaton with only a Turkish passport: bring a second document from the list (a birth certificate with a certified English translation, or a valid consular ID). Affidavits and photographs are not accepted.
- Then you get the **apostille** (below) and register the document with the Consulate General. If you change your name, update your USCIS and SSA records too; in Illinois a name change through marriage is not a court matter.

Military service (askerlik)

- **Registration (yoklama):** men born in 2007 and anyone liable without a deferment must complete registration by December 31, 2026, through the consulate or e-Devlet.
- **Paid exemption, July 1 to December 31, 2026:** the foreign-currency equivalent of 472,653.60 Turkish lira. The Consulate General in Chicago collects it in dollars at the Central Bank rate on the day of payment, plus a transfer fee; ask the consulate for the current amount. The figure changes on January 1, 2027, and late December appointments are the first to fill.
- **Conditions:** working in the United States with a residence or work permit, at least 3 years (1,095 days) of work abroad excluding time spent in Türkiye, completion of the Ministry of National Defense [distance course](#), and residence in the consular district. Naperville is in Illinois, so you meet that last condition directly. Applications are in person by appointment only.
- **Dual citizens:** people born in the United States, or who came as minors and naturalized, can defer until the end of age 35. The U.S. citizenship has to be registered in the Turkish civil registry first. Multiple citizens do not have to meet the work condition; 3 years abroad is enough.
- **F-1 students:** deferment goes through the Chicago Education Attache at chicago@meb.gov.tr. The attache is in the same building as the consulate, so one train ride can cover both errands.

Apostilles: an Illinois document for use in Türkiye

- 1 Get the original first.** A birth certificate from the clerk of the county where the baby was born or from the state health department (IDPH), a marriage certificate from the clerk of the county where the ceremony was held, and a divorce decree from the relevant circuit clerk, all as certified copies.
- 2 If notarization is needed** (private documents such as a power of attorney, an undertaking or a declaration), have it notarized by an Illinois notary. A notary from another state cannot be authenticated in Illinois. Do not take a document signed by a court clerk or a judge to a notary; those are already official.
- 3 The apostille:** Illinois Secretary of State, Index Department, 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 100, Chicago, IL 60601, 312-814-8218, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (the last half hour is document review only). The fee is **\$2 per document**, and each document needs its own apostille. Pay with a single check or money order made out to the Illinois Secretary of State; ask the office about cash and cards.

ROUTE	HOW	TIME
By mail (the most practical from Naperville)	The Application for Authentication form, the original documents and a stamped self-addressed envelope, to the Index Department	7 to 14 business days
In person, Aurora (closest counter)	970 N. Lake St, Suite B, Aurora	While you wait
In person, Index Department	160 N. LaSalle St., Suite 100	While you wait, first come first served
In person, Chicago Flagship	125 W. Monroe St., 312-814-5896	While you wait
Other counters	Melrose Park (1903 N. Mannheim Rd), Lake Zurich (951 S. Rand Rd), Champaign, Springfield	While you wait

BEFORE YOU GO TO THE CONSULATE

- If you are not in a hurry, the mail route is the sensible one from Naperville and saves the trip downtown. For something urgent, the Aurora counter is in the city's western neighbor, a short drive from the Route 59 area; call first to confirm they are doing apostilles that day.
- Because it is only \$2 per document, it makes sense to apostille several certified copies of a birth certificate, a marriage certificate and a diploma in one go.
- If you plan both errands on one day, put the consulate appointment in the morning and the apostille in the afternoon; the Index Department and the consulate are not within walking distance of each other, but both are downtown.
- The consulate is closed on both U.S. federal holidays and Turkish public holidays. The announcement list on its site is not kept current, so if a relative is traveling in from out of town, have them confirm with the call center.
- Federal documents such as an FBI criminal record check or a certificate of naturalization are apostilled not by Illinois but by the U.S. Department of State Office of Authentications: Form DS-4194, \$20 per document. An apostille does not translate the document; a sworn translation may still be needed in Türkiye.

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

The consulate handles matters relating to Türkiye. Your U.S. visa, green card or citizenship applications are matters for USCIS and the U.S. Department of State. Türkiye has been a party to the Hague Apostille Convention since 1985, so an apostilled Illinois document does not need separate consular certification. A marriage license on its own gives no immigration status and no work permission. If a green card application is pending, check your advance parole position before you travel to Türkiye. And if you naturalize, remember to report your U.S. citizenship to the Turkish civil registry; for dual citizens that is a precondition for a military service deferment.

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Have a question about your immigration status?



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