

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · NASHVILLE

Turkish Consular and Apostille Matters from Nashville 2026

Your mission is in Houston and the consular district was verified in two directions. The apostille office, meanwhile, is in this city, and if you arrive before 14.00 you collect the document the same day.

SHORT ANSWER

Tennessee sits in the consular district of the **Turkish Consulate General in Houston**, and that is not an assumption: the mission's own site lists its district as **eight states** and this state appears on four separate pages; in addition **the pages of the other five Turkish consulates general in the United States were scanned in the same round and this state appears on none of them**. Two things about hours before you travel: **the only window published for general consular business is 09.00 to 12.30 in the morning**, and **visa applications are taken in a separate thirty-minute window**. **A reader living in this city also has a concrete advantage**: the state office that authenticates a U.S. document you will take to Türkiye is **in this city**, and **if you arrive before 14.00 you collect it the same day**.

The mission and its hours

ITEM	INFORMATION
Mission	Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye in Houston
Address	5333 Westheimer Road, Suite 1050, Houston, TX 77056
Switchboard	+1 346 439 65 60
Out-of-hours emergency and duty officer	+1 832 774 18 61
Consular call center, 24 hours, 7 days	+1 888 566 76 56
Working hours	Weekdays 09.00 to 12.30 . The mission publishes no afternoon counter hour for general consular business; this is the only window published
Visa application hours	14.00 to 14.30 , a separate thirty-minute window. The mission asks you to book an appointment before coming
Appointments	An advance appointment for every transaction, through the mission's own menu
Holiday calendar	The mission publishes its 2026 and 2027 holiday calendar on its own page, covering both U.S. and Turkish official days, including October 29

One comparison, because it has a practical consequence for a reader traveling from here: some consulates general publish two windows a day, morning and afternoon. **In Houston the afternoon holds only the thirty-minute visa window.** What that means is simple: **your chances of fitting two transactions into a single day are narrow. We write no distance or drive-time figure,** but we say plainly that the trip leaves the state.

The attaches are in the same building, and in the same suite

In an earlier round of this series the attaches sat in **a different building** from the consulate general and that guide sent readers to two separate addresses. **The situation is different here and we do not carry that warning into this guide:** the **Religious Services Attache**, the **Education Attache** and the **Commercial Attache** all publish the consulate general's address **and the same suite number**. So your child's credential recognition and your consular business can be done in the same building; appointments are booked separately, though, and **the general window is mornings only**.

The consular district: eight states, and a neighboring-state trap

By the mission's own list the district covers Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. The mission's pages print the list in different orders but the content is the same; that is an ordering difference, not a contradiction.

THE CONSULATE YOUR NEIGHBOR GOES TO MAY NOT BE YOUR CONSULATE

- The Chicago Consulate General lists its district as **thirteen Midwestern states**, and that list includes **the neighboring state of Kentucky**. This state is not on it.
- **This matters especially for a reader in this city**, because the state line to the north is close and an acquaintance living there may belong to a different mission.
- **Confirm which mission covers your own state before you start.**

What is handled there

- Birth notification and population registry matters · marriage registration · passport matters
- Military service matters, under four separate sub-headings in the menu
- Notarial matters: powers of attorney, revocations, consents, undertakings and contracts
- Certification matters: certification of signatures and seals on documents issued by foreign authorities, and certification of translations made by sworn translators
- Turkish citizenship matters · estate matters · visa headings, information requests and appointment matters
- **We do not write the document lists in this guide.** Each transaction has its own fee and its own document list and we could not verify item by item this round which transaction requires what; confirm the list **from the appointment menu and the call center**.

TWO TRANSACTIONS THAT CAN BE DONE BY MAIL, AND A CANCELED TRIP

- Almost every transaction in the mission's menu carries the phrase **you must apply in person after booking an appointment**.
- **But two exceptions were found.** First: **registration of a marriage performed before foreign local authorities** is marked **you may apply by mail** in the menu. Second: **an international marriage record extract** can be obtained either by appointment or by mail to your address through an online link.
- **The right step:** before booking an appointment, call the call center and ask whether **your own transaction** can be done by mail. There may be an exception the menu does not state, and **a phone call is cheaper than a trip**.

Apostille: the office is in this city and can finish the same day

ITEM	INFORMATION
Unit	Tennessee Secretary of State, authentications office of the business services division
Address	312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 6th floor, Nashville, TN 37243
Walk-in service	3rd floor customer service desk , weekdays 08.00 to 16.15
Same-day service	If you arrive before 14.00. For a reader living in this city that means the document in your hand the same day
Fee	2.00 dollars per document. Since it is a fee figure, confirm it on the office's own page before paying
Scope	The office issues an apostille or a certificate of authentication for documents executed, issued or certified by Tennessee county clerks, the state registrar and the Secretary of State

There are two routes and you should know which one you are on.

Route A: a notarized private document, county certification required

- 1 You take the document to a **Tennessee notary public** and have it notarized.
- 2 You take the notarized document to the clerk of **the county where the notary was commissioned** and have the notary's signature certified.
- 3 Then you send or bring the office's own application form, the document, **the name of the certifying county** and the fee to the Secretary of State.

The test in that step is easily misread, so we write it separately: what governs is not where the document was signed or which county you live in, but the county where the notary was commissioned. If you live in this city but signed before a notary in a neighboring county, you will get the county certification **from that notary's county**, not from Davidson. County clerk certification fees vary by county; the figures seen this round came from secondary sources and **we write no figure**.

Route B: a vital record, no county certification needed

- The office's own sentence says this: **if you already have a certified copy of your certificate and need an apostille added, you may send your request and your certificate directly to the Secretary of State**, with the required fee of 2 dollars per document.
- **That is not how it works everywhere in this series.** In some states a birth or death certificate had to be **reissued** for apostille purposes and carry a particular signature. **There is no such requirement here:** a certified copy you obtained years ago can go straight into the process.
- **If you do not have a certified copy**, you send **two separate payments** to the vital records office, one to the office for the copies and one to the Secretary of State for the apostille, and **the vital records office forwards the document, the payment and the request itself**. You do not visit two offices separately.
- **And getting a vital record is easy in this state to begin with:** birth and death certificates can be obtained from **any of the 95 county health departments**.

APOSTILLE OR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION: WE DO NOT ANSWER THAT

- The office's own distinction is this: if a document requires a **certificate of authentication**, the U.S. Department of State must also certify the state's signature; **that step is not necessary for an apostille**. So the difference is one more leg of the journey.
- **The office does not publish its own country list**, and its own instruction is explicit: if you are unsure which type of certification you need, contact **the consulate of the receiving country or the U.S. Department of State authentications office**.
- **So this guide makes no claim about which bucket Türkiye falls into.** Call the consular call center and ask which one is required for your document. **Requesting the wrong treatment means the package comes back**, so if you plan to use the same-day service, settle this before you go to the desk.
- **Only documents issued in this state qualify.** Do not bring your child's certificate from another state here.
- **Federal documents are not authenticated at the state level.** For a federal document such as a certificate of naturalization, the office to deal with is the U.S. Department of State authentications office; that is an expensive and common mistake.
- **We write no figure for mail processing time.** The office's page gives no period; **if you live in this city the simplest route is to go in person and collect it the same day**.

Do not break the order

- 1 **Obtain the document.** Any county health department for a birth or death certificate; a notary for a private document.
- 2 **For a notarized document, get the county certification**, and go to **the county where the notary was commissioned**.
- 3 **Have it translated and the translation notarized if required.** Ask the Turkish institution or the consulate which translation is required.
- 4 **Get the certification last.** A certified document cannot be altered afterward.

- 5 Do not confuse the reverse direction:** Turkish documents you will use in the United States for your immigration case are **apostilled in Türkiye** and submitted here with a **certified English translation**. No office here performs that step.

And we make no claim about sequence. For U.S. documents going to Türkiye, **consular certification and an apostille are alternative routes, not two links in the same chain. No official information note answering the question of apostille first or translation first was found this round**, so this guide imposes no order; ask the call center and ask for the answer in writing.

MILITARY SERVICE: THE ORDER IS CRITICAL, AND WE PRINT NO AMOUNTS

- **The order is this, and an application out of order is not accepted: distance learning first**, with the person required to complete the program on the Ministry of National Defense's own distance learning portal; **then an application in person**. The mission's own announcement is plain: **applications made by mail are not accepted**.
- **If you also hold U.S. citizenship there is one more step first:** for a military service transaction to proceed, **the multiple citizenship must first be registered with the Turkish population registry**. **Without that registration the military service matter does not start**, and for a reader traveling from here that can mean **two separate trips**.
- **The conditions are in the announcement:** residence in one of the eight states of the consular district; being a worker, an employer, a member of a profession or trade with a residence or work permit, or a seafarer on a foreign-flagged vessel; and having worked in the United States for a total of **at least three years**, excluding time spent in Türkiye. **There is an exception for dual citizens:** those who have actually been abroad for at least three years are not asked for the work condition.
- **The status distinction affects years of your life:** in student status, **practical training periods within the curriculum do not count**; students working on post-graduation work authorization are among the counted statuses. **Participants in exchange programs funded by a Turkish scholarship cannot benefit while they receive it**.
- **Seafarers cannot be processed in Houston.** The announcement says those applications can be made **only at two other consulates general**. **We do not name those two missions**, because their consular districts were not measured this round; confirm with the call center.
- **The announcement's own warning:** all company and personal information on the tax forms must **match** the employer letters. **Cash and personal checks are not accepted** for payment, and the instruction is: **do not pay until the consulate general determines that you meet the conditions**. After the application **no written notice is sent**; you follow it through e-Devlet.
- **Paid military service is not a consular transaction:** there is no such heading in the mission's transaction menu. **Its current conditions, the competent authority and the amount could not be verified this round and we write none of them**. On foreign-currency military service we likewise **print no amount**; the figure is set period by period and if you plan around a wrong amount you carry the loss.
- **No official sentence was found on the effect at entry and exit. We write neither that it affects them nor that it does not;** ask your own recruitment office and the consulate general before you buy a ticket.

THE TIME DIFFERENCE AND FLIGHTS

- **The state is not in a single time zone:** the federal time zone boundary runs through it, with **Eastern time east of the line** and **Central time west of it**. **This city's county lies west of the line**, so it is on Central time. Account for the difference when calling an institution in the east of the state.
 - **The difference with Türkiye: 8 hours** ahead in the daylight saving period and **9 hours** ahead in the standard time period. Clocks go back on **November 1, 2026**, so the gap grows by an hour after that week; because Türkiye does not shift its clocks you experience the change one-sidedly.
 - **The consulate is on Central time too**, so you do not need to convert its published appointment and phone hours. But the window is narrow: the only window published for general business is **09.00 to 12.30**.
 - **The window for calling Türkiye runs the other way:** when it is 17.00 in Türkiye it is 09.00 here in summer. **Two channels solve it:** [e-Devlet](#) and the **24-hour call center**.
 - **Flights: research found no nonstop scheduled flight from this city's airport to Istanbul or to any point in Türkiye.** The known international routes run toward Canada, Iceland, the United Kingdom, Mexico and the Caribbean. **We do not write a flat there is none;** confirm the routing on the carrier's own site.
 - **And a name trap:** the airport's name contains the word International, **but that does not mean there is a scheduled route to Türkiye.** When searching for tickets look at the flight list, not the airport's name.
 - **Luggage and identification:** the document you will use on an international flight is a passport.
- November 1, 2026 changes two things here at once:** the clocks go back and the tax rate on grocery food drops.

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