

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · NEVADA

Turkish Consular and Apostille Matters from Nevada 2026

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SHORT ANSWER

Nevada falls within the jurisdiction of the **Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye in Los Angeles**, and we verified that from a list rather than by assumption: the mission's own site names **12 states plus the Pacific Islands**. **There is no Turkish mission inside Nevada**. Two traps are worth stating before you travel. First: **the building is not in the City of Los Angeles but in Beverly Hills**, an address that works exactly like this state's own postal trap, and **the attaché offices are in a different building**. Second: **two pages of the mission's own site disagree on the e-mail address and on the working hours**, and we print both. For a document to be used in Türkiye you need an **apostille**, and **there are four separate counters**; sending a document to the wrong one means the package comes back.

Which mission, which hours

ITEM	DETAIL
Mission	Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye in Los Angeles, operating since 1968
Address	8500 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 900, Beverly Hills , CA 90211. The mission has been at this address since June 2020
Switchboard	+1 (424) 313-8800
Duty officer, out of hours	+1 (310) 779-3288
Consular call center, 24/7	+1 (888) 566-7656
E-mail, conflict recorded	The contact page prints consulate.losangeles@mfa.gov.tr ; the about page prints a spelling missing a letter, consulate.losangles@mfa.gov.tr . Try the contact page address first , then the other if there is no reply
Working hours, conflict recorded	The contact page says weekdays 08:30 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 17:00 ; the about page says 09:00 to 17:00 . We take no side ; confirm with the call center before you go
In-person application hours, the two pages agree	09:00 to 12:30

ITEM	DETAIL
Telephone inquiry hours	14:00 to 17:00
Consul General	Menekşe Onuk

TWO TRAPS, AND BOTH MEAN A WASTED JOURNEY

- **The building is not in Los Angeles.** The mission's own contact page prints the address as **Beverly Hills, CA 90211**. Typing another city into a map and setting off can cost you the appointment. **This is another instance of this state's own postal trap:** a place's postal address does not tell you which city it sits inside.
- **The attaché offices are in a different building.** The office for religious services is in the **same building** as the Consulate General, +1 (424) 313-9449; but the **education** and **commercial** attaché offices are at a different address: 5455 Wilshire Blvd. The education office is Suite 804, +1 310 342 5222, losangeles@meh.gov.tr; the commercial office is Suite 1120, +1 323 852 1894, losangeles@ticaret.gov.tr.
- **Do not go to the Consulate General for your child's school equivalence paperwork;** book two appointments at two addresses, and work out in advance whether they fit into one day.
- **The in-person window is three and a half hours a day.** If you want to finish more than one matter in one trip you may need two separate appointments; ask the call center about that too.
- **And one sentence about distance:** for everyone living in Nevada the nearest Turkish mission is **in another state. We publish no distance figure**, because none came from a source this round; but the journey from the south and the journey from the north are not the same journey, so plan from your own city.

By the mission's own list the jurisdiction covers Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, plus the Pacific Islands. What is handled there is set out on [the mission's own contact page](#): birth notification and civil registry matters, marriage notification, passport matters, military service matters, notarial acts including powers of attorney and signature certification, Turkish citizenship matters, estate matters, and education and visa headings. The booking menu is split in two: **consular transactions for Turkish citizens** and **visa pre-applications for foreign nationals. We do not print a document list in this guide:** every transaction has its own fee and its own list and we could not verify them one by one this round. **Traveling to another state with the wrong document would be the most expensive advice this guide could give you.** On military service we deliberately publish no figure either; conditions and amounts change from period to period, we could not verify the current position from an official source this round, and **there are steps that cannot be undone once payment is made.** The call center being open around the clock helps particularly in this state, because the difference with Türkiye is **ten or eleven hours** and in practice there is no window where office hours overlap.

- 1 **Call the call center first, +1 (888) 566-7656.** It is open around the clock, so there is no time difference problem here, and **it is the fastest way to settle the hours conflict.**
- 2 **Check the Turkish e-government portal for civil registry, address and some document matters,** turkiye.gov.tr; find out from there first what can be done remotely.
- 3 **Ask about the courier or postal route.** Some transactions run by sending documents; ask the call center which ones are accepted and do not send documents on your own initiative.

- 4 If you must attend in person, **book the appointment first and plan the journey second**, and take the **09:00 to 12:30 window** into account.
- 5 If a document will be used in Türkiye, **deal with the apostille first**, because nothing can be changed on an apostilled document afterwards and we could not read the procedure in this state, so put that step **early** in the plan.
- 6 Check the **2026 closure days**. The list on the mission's own contact page publishes the remaining days this year, and it is annual, republished each year.
- 7 Try to finish more than one matter in a single trip, booking appointments on the same day or on consecutive days.

Apostille: four separate counters, and we publish no fee or timing

Both Türkiye and the United States are parties to the Hague Apostille Convention, so a document issued in Nevada and used in Türkiye needs **an apostille, not consular certification**. We publish no fee, timing or address in this section and the reason is concrete: all of the state authority's sites were behind a bot wall this round and we could not read the procedure from the agency's own page. What we can state with certainty is the thing that actually costs money and time: **there is more than one counter**.

TYPE OF DOCUMENT	WHICH AUTHORITY
A document issued by the State of Nevada or a Nevada county (birth, death, marriage, a court order, a notarized document)	The Nevada Secretary of State, or its chief deputy or deputy
A document issued by a federal agency (a naturalization certificate, for example)	The authentications office of the U.S. Department of State. It does not go to the state
A consular report of birth, death or marriage for a U.S. citizen child born abroad	The vital records unit of the same department's bureau of consular affairs
A document issued by a U.S. federal court	The clerk or a deputy clerk of that court

- **The value of this table is this:** a newly arrived household's apostille package is usually **mixed**. The birth certificate of a child born in Nevada goes to the state, but **a naturalization certificate placed in the same envelope goes to a federal office, not the state**. Putting everything in one envelope and sending it to one authority means the package comes back a month later exactly as it left. You can confirm the list of competent authorities in [the Hague Conference's own record](#).
- **What we are not writing and why:** we could not read the fee per document, the normal processing time and whether expedited service exists, whether applications are made by post or in person, and whether an appointment is required. **We do not write about a pre-certification chain either:** in some states in this series a document first needed certification by a county clerk; **whether Nevada has such a preliminary step we could not verify** and we write nothing in either direction. **We could not read the authority's own rule on translations either.**
- **Do not break the order:** obtain the document, have it translated and the translation notarized if needed, and **get the apostille last**. Nothing can be changed on an apostilled document afterwards.
- **The other 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 authority in Nevada performs that step.

Vital records: three offices, and the strongest identification list for someone without a number

OFFICE	WHAT IT HOLDS	FEE
The state vital records office	The statewide register; corrections and amendments are handled here	\$45 through the online channel, \$25 in person at the office; expedited shipping costs extra
The southern county health district	County births from 1973 and deaths from 1988	\$38 for the first copy, \$25 for each additional; where no record is found the \$10 search fee is not refunded
The northern county health district	County births and deaths from the late 1800s	\$25 per copy ; a \$10 search fee per name, whether or not a record is found

- **The differing figures are not a conflict:** three separate offices have three separate fee schedules. When you see a price, **check which office it belongs to.**
- **The sharpest difference between the counties:** in the south someone **born before 1973 cannot obtain** the certificate from the county at all and is sent to the state office; in the north someone born in those years can obtain it **from the county.**
- **The single most useful sentence for a Turkish family:** a **parent requesting a child's birth certificate must only prove their own identity**, and no additional document showing the relationship is required.
- **And here is the strongest door for someone without a number:** the **primary** section of the identification list the state office publishes, meaning documents sufficient on their own, names **a foreign passport, a consular identification card, an employment authorization card, a permanent resident card and a temporary resident card, and a particular U.S. visa with a valid entry record. And nowhere in those lists does a Social Security number appear.** We write that as an observation: **the lists the state office publishes contain no number**, which does not mean that no Nevada form asks for one.
- **An important limit:** these are the **state office's** lists. **We could not read the two county districts' own identification lists** and we do not copy this list across to them; **telephone before you go to a county office.**
- **Payment and timing traps:** **personal checks are not accepted**; postal and drop-box orders require a money order or a business check; the southern district says **two to four weeks** for online and postal orders and states that there is **no same-day service**; **the search fee is not refunded**; and to complete an order you must know **your parents' full names. Ask older relatives in Türkiye in advance.**
- **The scam warning is the agency's own sentence:** the southern district writes that it receives an increasing number of calls about third-party vendors selling certificates and that those companies **charge high fees under the guise of processing or assisting. Type the agency's own address yourself.**
- **Marriage and divorce records are not held here:** they are kept **at county level.** And one directional distinction: the certificate of a child born in Türkiye is not obtained at this counter; that document comes from Türkiye and, if it will be used in the United States, **is apostilled on the Turkish side.**

MARRIAGE LICENSE: THE TWO COUNTIES DO NOT ACCEPT THE SAME IDENTIFICATION

- **No waiting period, no blood test**, and the southern county's bureau is open **seven days a week until midnight**. The fee is **\$102** in the south, where **checks are not accepted**, and **\$85** in the north. There is an online pre-application, but **the license is not issued online** and **both of you must appear in person**.
- **Being in the same county does not mean going to the same counter**. The southern county's government center writes on its own page that **you cannot obtain a marriage license at that location**; in the second southern city the county clerk has **its own branch**, but with narrower days, a closed lunch hour and **no cash accepted**.
- **The two counties part company on identification**. The southern county lists foreign documents **in writing**: a passport, a **consular identification card**, and an **official foreign government identification card or license showing the date of birth**. It adds three conditions: documents must be **originals**, must carry a **photograph**, and a **foreign birth certificate must be translated into English and the translation notarized**.
- **The northern county's published list is narrower**: a license, a learner permit, a state identification card, a **passport**, a military identification, a citizenship document, and a permanent or temporary resident card. **Foreign government identification is not on the list** and **passport appears without qualification**; anything else is **case by case on managerial approval**. **We do not write that the northern county accepts a foreign passport**; telephone before you go and ask by naming your document.
- **The two counties also use different wording on the number**. The southern county ties the obligation to **being a U.S. citizen and having been issued a number** and says nothing about anyone else; the northern county takes the number **under oath, asks for no documentation**, and writes that someone without one **must state that fact**.
- **And we refrain from writing two things**: no Nevada source says a license **is refused** for lack of a number, and none says it **is granted** either. **We promise no outcome**.
- **Two more critical lines: the license is issued in exactly the name on your identification**, so if your middle name is spelled out in your passport it is spelled out on the license; and **the document needed for a name change is not the license but the certified marriage certificate**. The **county clerk** issues the license, the **county recorder** records the certificate after the ceremony and that is where you get certified copies. **Get several**.
- **A license is not a marriage**: the ceremony must be performed by someone authorized in Nevada, **a witness is required by statute**, and **a ceremony performed outside the state on a Nevada license is not valid**. The minimum age is eighteen; a seventeen-year-old needs parental consent plus a certified court order.

Time difference and flights to Istanbul

PERIOD	DIFFERENCE WITH TÜRKİYE	WHEN IT IS 9 A.M. HERE
During daylight saving time	Türkiye is 10 hours ahead	7 p.m.
During standard time	Türkiye is 11 hours ahead	8 p.m.

- **Clocks go back** on the first Sunday in November; for 2026 that is **1 November 2026**. Because Türkiye does not shift its clocks you experience the change one-sidedly, so **write 1 November 2026 in your calendar**; it is very easy to be an hour out when working out a connection while booking a ticket.
- **The whole state is in one zone and that is a convenience.** In this series we saw a state split across two zones where converting agency hours was real work. **One exception was verified:** the federal regulation's own text, describing the zone boundary, runs around the limits of **a single city** at the eastern edge of the state, and that city stays in the other zone.
- **The Consulate General is in the same time zone.** So **its published appointment and telephone hours are directly your hours**, with nothing to convert. That is the one advantage on the consular side.
- **The trap runs the other way:** if a bank, hospital or government office in Türkiye works weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the window in which you can call from here **starts in the first hours of the night and ends before dawn. Two channels solve it:** the e-government portal and the call center open around the clock; both remove the time difference.
- **Flights to Istanbul:** the Turkish flag carrier **does not appear** on the list of airlines published by **Harry Reid International Airport** in the south; the non-stop list published by **Reno-Tahoe International Airport** in the north shows **a single international destination, a city in Mexico. The research found no direct flight to Istanbul from either airport. We do not write flatly that none exists**, because we could not open the southern airport's destination-by-destination route list. The practical result is the same: the journey starts with **at least one connection**, so leave a wide connection time.
- **A jurisdiction distinction, and this state's trap works here too:** the southern airport **is inside no city boundary**, it sits on the county's unincorporated land and the **Clark County Department of Aviation** operates it, while the northern airport is run by the **Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority**. The postal address still carries the big city's name. **A statistical boundary is not a jurisdiction.**
- **A time-limited warning:** the southern airport announced on its own site that lane closures in the connector tunnels run **until December 2026** and asked travelers to allow extra time; a major construction program is under way at the northern airport too. **Leave extra time on the day of your flight.**
- **And the short version of this section:** the identity document you use on an international flight is a passport, and **you cannot board an aircraft with a driver authorization card.**

How to set the order

For documents going to Türkiye the order is: **obtain the document, translate it and have the translation notarized if needed, get the apostille, then use it.** If you skip a step and send the document to Türkiye, going back and starting again costs weeks, and **nothing can be changed on an apostilled document afterwards.** In Nevada the critical part is **choosing the right counter:** a state document goes to the state, a federal document to a federal office, and a federal court document to that court's clerk. If your child was born in Nevada or you married here, you will need **the apostilled original** for the Turkish civil registry; finish that step **before the consular appointment.** If you have naturalized, reporting your U.S. citizenship to the Turkish civil registry also runs through the same mission and is usually a precondition for military service matters for dual citizens. One last detail: **an apostille certifies the original document, it does not translate the content;** ask the authority in Türkiye that will receive it whether they also require a sworn translation.



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