

FOR TURKISH CITIZENS IN NEWTON

Turkish Consulate General in Boston: 2026 Guide from Newton

The one-seat Green Line D ride and station-by-station times, how to book, services and fees, birth and marriage registration, the apostille, military service and the time difference.

SHORT ANSWER

The Turkish Consulate General is at 31 Saint James Avenue, Suite 840, Boston MA 02116, phone +1 857 250 47 00. Newton has one of the easiest consular trips in this series: **the Green Line D branch runs from Newton straight to Arlington station with no transfer**, and Arlington is about 120 meters from the building. It is 32 minutes from Newton Centre and 28 from Chestnut Hill. Because the district covers six states, appointments still fill up. 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
Emergency (duty) line	+1 857 207 9284
Consular Call Center	+1 888 566 76 56, and around the clock +90 312 292 29 29
Office hours	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.
In-person application hours	Weekdays 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Consular district	Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Connecticut
Education Attaché	Same address, Suite 840; boston_ozel@meb.gov.tr

- 1 konsolosluk.gov.tr → Randevu Al (book an appointment)
- 2 Consular Services for Turkish Citizens → Consulate General in Boston
- 3 Pick the service. Each service needs its own appointment. Visa business for non-citizens runs through a separate pre-application system.

One train, no transfer: the Green Line D

This is where Newton stands out in the series. The D branch of the Green Line (the Riverside line) passes through seven Newton stations and runs on through Kenmore and Copley to Arlington. Arlington is about 0.07 mile from the consulate building, roughly 120 meters. So you step off the train, walk two minutes and you are at the door: no changing trains at Park Street.

FROM	TO ARLINGTON STATION	NOTE
Chestnut Hill	28 minutes	Newton's closest stop to Boston
Newton Centre	32 minutes	Crystal Lake and the village center are at this stop
Newton Highlands	35 minutes	Near Cold Spring Park
Eliot	37 minutes	
Waban	39 minutes	
Woodland	42 minutes	Overnight parking allowed in the garage
Riverside	43 minutes	End of the line, a 935-space lot

The times come from the published MBTA timetable: departures between 8 and 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, arriving at Arlington. At that hour trains run roughly every 8 minutes. Check the line alerts before you set out; planned work can turn part of the route into a bus.

- **The commuter rail alternative:** the Framingham and Worcester line runs from Newtonville, West Newton and Auburndale to Back Bay: 17 to 20 minutes from Newtonville, 20 to 24 from West Newton, 23 to 27 from Auburndale. About 12 trains a day leave those three stops on a weekday, so it is not as frequent as the subway. Back Bay is about 0.33 mile from the consulate, roughly a 10-minute walk; that last figure is our estimate. For a morning appointment the Green Line is more flexible.
- **By car:** about 9.1 miles and 18 minutes without traffic from Newton City Hall; 8.9 miles and 17 minutes from Newton Centre; 6 miles and 16 minutes from Chestnut Hill; 10.9 miles and 21 minutes from Riverside. These are map estimates. The Mass Pike and Commonwealth Avenue run far over those times morning and evening, and the consulate pages we read say nothing about parking, so the subway is the lower-risk choice.
- **An accessibility note:** all seven Green Line D stations in Newton are marked accessible in MBTA data, while the three commuter rail stations are not. With a stroller or a wheelchair, take the D branch.

Services and fees

The trip is easy but the appointments still fill up: according to the consulate's own contact page its district is six states, and one office serves all of New England, so everyone arriving from Portland, Providence and Hartford comes through the same door. Living in Newton saves you a plane ticket, a hotel night and a transfer; it does not save you a place in the queue. If your passport is expiring, or you have a dated obligation like the military service registration, do not leave the appointment to the last week.

SERVICE	HOW	FEE
Passport	In person only, by appointment	Ask for the current fee before your appointment
Turkish ID card	In person only, by appointment; not handled by mail	\$10.20 in cash; a replacement for a lost card is \$15.50
Birth registration	In person or by mail	Sending the documents to Türkiye costs \$35; the ID card is \$5 within 60 days of the birth and \$10.20 after that
Marriage registration	In person or by mail	Confirm the fee and the documents before you apply
Death registration	In person or by mail	Free
Powers of attorney and notarial acts	Only at the consulate building	Ask for the current fee

Of the amounts above, only the ID card, birth registration and death registration lines come from the consulate's own 2026 information notes. The fees for passports, powers of attorney, notarial acts and criminal record extracts are not published on those pages. Do not budget from another mission's price list; confirm on the [consulate contact page](#) or by phone.

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

Registering a Newton-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. Payment is cash or a money order; personal and company checks are not accepted.

DOCUMENT	NOTE
☐ A certified copy of the birth certificate plus one photocopy	The short "birth record" is not accepted. Because the hospital sits inside the city line, a baby born at Newton-Wellesley is a Newton record: the City Clerk at City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, 1st Floor, 617-796-1200; a certified copy is \$10 and every copy is a long form with the city seal. The Clerk also holds births elsewhere to parents who were Newton residents and home births in Newton. For a birth elsewhere in the state, the Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, 150 Mt. Vernon Street, 1st Floor, Dorchester MA 02125, (617) 740-2600
☐ Parents' identity documents	A Turkish ID card or passport. If the parents were not married at the time of the birth the record is restricted and a valid government photo ID is required; by mail, a notarized letter from someone named on the record is needed
☐ Marriage certificate	If you are married; the marriage has to be registered first
☐ Translation	If a foreign parent's birth certificate is in neither English nor Turkish
☐ Dual citizenship form	Filled in at the appointment

Order at least two certified copies: one stays with the U.S. passport application and one goes for the apostille and the consulate. An online order takes 10 to 14 days and carries a processing fee; by mail you send a check payable to the City of Newton for the exact amount. The hospital does not order the certificate for you. A child born in the United States is a U.S. citizen at birth.

Marriage registration and the Newton marriage license

Register a marriage performed in the United States with the Consulate General so that it is valid in Türkiye. In Newton the license comes from the city's own City Clerk: City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, 1st Floor, 617-796-1200, vitals@newtonma.gov. The couple has to **come in together** to fill out the marriage intention forms and, in the office's words, **no appointment is necessary**; City Hall is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. but the intention form is taken only until 4 p.m., so go in the morning. The fee is **\$35**, payable by cash, check or card; Boston and Cambridge charge \$50. After a three calendar day wait the certificate is issued, and the ceremony has to take place in Massachusetts within 60 days of the filing. Decide in advance: the date and place of the ceremony, who will officiate, and the surname each partner will use afterward. A member of the clergy, a Justice of the Peace, or someone registered with the Secretary of the Commonwealth as a One Day Solemnizer can officiate; the one-day authority comes from the Commissions Division at 1 Ashburton Place, 17th floor, Boston. The Newton page does not say which IDs it accepts and does not mention a Social Security number, only that both partners must be 18; under state practice a passport works as proof of age and, with no SSN, a written explanation is accepted, but we could not find Newton's own text, so bring both passports and call 617-796-1200 first. A certified copy is \$10 and comes only from the city that issued the license.

Apostille: how it works in Massachusetts

One office issues the apostille: Secretary of the Commonwealth, Commissions Section, One Ashburton Place, Room 1719, Boston MA 02108. The fee is **\$6 per document**, among the lowest of any state. From Newton it is about 40 minutes on the Green Line D: you get off at Park Street and walk toward Government Center, one stop apart on the same train. Only the wet 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. That list **includes the Newton City Clerk**, so a business certificate or a clerk-signed record from 1000 Commonwealth Avenue needs no extra round. Photocopied or scanned signatures are rejected, and a document issued in another state is apostilled there. In person, up to 3 documents are processed at the counter; 4 or more are collected after 3 p.m. the next business day (anything left after 4 p.m. waits another day); by mail it takes 2 to 3 weeks, with a check payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and no credit cards. There are regional offices in Fall River and Springfield. Federal documents such as an FBI record or a naturalization certificate get their apostille from the U.S. Department of State: Form DS-4194, \$20 per document. A university diploma first has to be notarized before a Massachusetts notary. Phone 617-727-2836 (confirm on the official page).

Military service (askerlik)

- **Registration (yoklama):** men born in 2007 and anyone without a deferral must register through the consulate or e-Devlet by **December 31, 2026**.

- **Paid exemption from abroad (July 1 to December 31, 2026):** the equivalent in foreign currency of 472,653.60 Turkish lira, collected in dollars at the central bank rate on the day of payment. Whether the consulate adds a transfer fee is not stated on its published pages, so ask before your appointment. The amount changes on January 1, 2027.
- **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, completing the ministry's distance training at dovizle.msb.gov.tr, and living in the consular district. Newton is inside it. Applications are in person and by appointment only.
- **Dual citizens:** people born in the United States, or who arrived as minors and naturalized, can defer until the end of age 35 once the U.S. citizenship is recorded with the Turkish civil registry; no work requirement applies, three years abroad is enough.
- **F-1 students:** deferrals go through the Education Attaché, boston_ozel@meb.gov.tr. That desk serves all of New England, so correspondence slows at the start of a term. For doctoral students and researchers the deferral rules vary with status and age; registration and deferral are two separate calendars.
- **Timing:** December appointments fill early, and a one-seat ride from Newton to Arlington does not reserve one for you.

Time difference and flights

Türkiye stays on UTC+3 all year while Newton is on Eastern Time with daylight saving. The difference is 7 hours until November 1, 2026 and 8 hours from November 1, 2026 to March 14, 2027. When it is 9 a.m. in Newton it is 4 p.m. in Istanbul now and 5 p.m. after November 1, which means office hours in Türkiye fall between 2 and 9 a.m. here. Turkish Airlines flies nonstop between Boston Logan (BOS) and Istanbul (IST) in about 11 hours; Massport and the airline publish different frequencies, so check days and times with [the airline](#). There is no direct subway line to the airport and at least one transfer is involved: either the Green Line D to Park Street, on through Government Center to the Blue Line, Airport station and the free terminal shuttle (49 minutes from Riverside to Government Center on the schedule, plus 7 minutes on the Blue Line), or the commuter rail to Back Bay, South Station and the Silver Line SL1. The SL1 is free on the way back. There is no Logan Express route from Newton; the nearest is the Framingham terminal (the Massport pilot runs to March 2027). By car Logan is about 15 miles, but Mass Pike traffic can double the time. On a trip with luggage and a transfer, one subway failure wrecks the plan, so leave early for an international flight.

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

The consulate handles Türkiye-related business. Your U.S. visa, green card or citizenship applications belong to USCIS and the U.S. Department of State. Before you travel to Türkiye with a pending green card application, check your advance parole status: leaving without it can be treated as abandoning the application, with limited exceptions such as H-1B and L-1. For green card holders, long absences can also create problems in keeping the card.



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