

FOR TURKISH RESIDENTS OF PLYMOUTH

Turkish Consular Matters and Apostilles from Plymouth 2026

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SHORT ANSWER

All of Minnesota, Plymouth included, falls within the jurisdiction of the **Consulate General of Türkiye in Chicago**; the mission's own page lists its area of responsibility as **13 Midwest states** and Minnesota is on that list. **There is no Turkish mission anywhere in Minnesota**, and the Midwest honorary consul general is in Detroit. From the metro the distance is about **650 kilometers**, and the detail that governs your planning is this: **in-person visits by appointment run only between 9:30 a.m. and noon**, two and a half hours a day. Seen from a suburb one more thing is added: **getting to the airport is a leg in itself**, because the light rail line that serves both airport terminals **does not come to this city**. The apostille side follows the same logic: the desk is at **the eastern end of the metro**, the fee is **\$5 per apostille**, and **appointments open only 14 days ahead**.

Which mission, which hours

ITEM	DETAIL
Mission	Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye in Chicago
Address	455 N. Cityfront Plaza Dr. (NBC Tower), Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60611, 29th floor
Switchboard	+1 312 263 0644
Out-of-hours emergency line	+1 773 386 3213
Email	consulate.chicago@mfa.gov.tr
Consular call center, 24/7	+90 312 292 29 29
Working hours	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
In-person visits by appointment	9:30 a.m. to noon only
Telephone applications	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Jurisdiction	13 Midwest states; Minnesota is on the list

Getting there from Plymouth: what this guide is really about

- **The time zone works in your favor:** Chicago and here are both on Central Time, so there is no conversion to do on your appointment time. That is not always the case in this series.
- **The in-person window is two and a half hours a day.** You have to build your departure around it: the first flight of the morning if you fly, or leaving the day before if you drive. **A plan that arrives in the afternoon wastes the day.**
- **Do not skip the first leg, because in a suburb that leg is real.** The airport sits on the light rail line, **but that line does not come to this city.** A car-free plan looks like this: the on-demand shuttle or an express route to a transfer point, then light rail to the airport. Driving and parking at the airport is also an option and on some winter mornings it is the more predictable one.
- **Finish more than one errand per trip.** Book appointments on the same day or on consecutive days; because the window is narrow you may need two separate appointments for two separate errands, so ask the call center.
- **Cancel the moment you know you cannot go.** One mission covers the whole Midwest and at this distance a place in the queue is genuinely valuable.

What runs through the mission

- Birth registration and civil registry matters; marriage registration and death registration.
- Passport renewal and first passports; Turkish citizenship matters, **including reporting U.S. citizenship to the civil registry.**
- Military service procedures; notarial acts, powers of attorney and signature certification.
- Judicial matters, criminal record certificates and service of documents; e-Devlet password; Turkish driving licence renewal.
- Employment and social security documents.
- **Almost all of them are seen by appointment, and we do not print the document lists here.** Each procedure has its own fee and its own document list and we could not verify them one by one this round. **Driving 650 kilometers with the wrong document would be the most expensive advice this guide could give you;** confirm the list from the appointment menu and the call center.

- 1 **Try e-Devlet.** Civil registry, address and some document matters can be handled remotely; check first which ones can. From here that is the difference of a plane ticket.
- 2 **Call the call center, +90 312 292 29 29.** It is open around the clock and it is the fastest way to learn which documents you need; being able to call at night because of the time difference is an advantage here.
- 3 **Ask about the courier or mail route.** Some procedures run by sending documents in; ask the call center or the mission which ones are accepted and do not send documents on your own initiative.
- 4 **If you need an apostille, finish it before the Chicago appointment.** The desk is at the far end of the metro, appointments open 14 days ahead, and mailing time may be needed.
- 5 **Book the appointment for the morning.** In-person visits run from 9:30 a.m. to noon and that window is not negotiable.

THE ATTACHÉ OFFICES IN THE SAME BUILDING

- **Education attaché:** same address, +1 312 263 0644 ext. 811, chicago@meb.gov.tr. School registration and equivalence matters for Türkiye do not require a trip to another city and can be added to the same appointment day. A family here may have children in any of four districts; the equivalence errand runs independently of the district, but you need to know which one you are in when you request the document from the school.
- **Commercial attaché:** same address, ext. 888 and 812, chicago@trade.gov.tr.
- **Press attaché:** same address, ext. 835, chicago@iletisim.gov.tr.

Military service: no figures, and we write out why

- Military service procedures run through the mission and are a separate heading in its own procedure menu.
- **We print no amount, no age limit and no period here:** the conditions and the fees for the paid and overseas-residency routes change from period to period and we **could not verify** the current position from an official source this round. Planning against a wrong figure would be the worst service this guide could do you.
- **The right step:** call the call center and ask what applies to your own year of birth and status. Amounts circulating on forums and private advisory sites generally belong to earlier periods, and some steps cannot be undone once a payment is made.
- **If you have naturalized:** for dual citizens, reporting U.S. citizenship to the Turkish civil registry is generally a precondition on the military service side.
- **Records and address:** check whether your address here and your marital status appear correctly in the civil registry; some of that can be done through e-Devlet. **If you moved here from a neighboring suburb that is an address change**, because they are two separate municipalities.
- **If your documents originate here, the order is:** apostille first, then the consular appointment. If you are planning to fly to Türkiye over the end-of-year holiday, confirm your own position with the call center before you buy the ticket.

Apostille: five dollars, and five reasons for rejection

ITEM	DETAIL
Who issues it	The Minnesota Secretary of State's authentication desk, which certifies the signature of a state public official or a Minnesota notary public on a document to be used outside the United States
Fee	\$5 per apostille , and an apostille is issued per document presented , so two documents cost \$10
Mailing address	First National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite N201, Saint Paul, MN 55101 · at the eastern end of the metro
Telephone	(651) 296-2803 or 1-877-551-6767, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ITEM	DETAIL
Email	apostille.oss@state.mn.us
In person	By appointment , and appointments open 14 days ahead
Return route	The document is mailed to the address on the form; if the form has no address, to the address on the payment. For tracking you can enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope or a prepaid courier label

- **From a suburb this is close to a full day rather than half of one.** The office is at the eastern end of the metro and you are at the western end; crossing that corridor at the morning peak takes time, and missing your appointment means **waiting for one 14 days out**. Without a car the journey is a series of transfers. **That is why mailing is the more sensible option for most readers here.**
- **But the appointment window is narrow:** because appointments open only 14 days ahead, do not plan on going tomorrow to pick it up. Open the calendar, book the appointment, then prepare the documents.
- **We give no processing time figure, and that is deliberate.** The office states that documents are processed **in the order received** and that overnight mailing for the return does not expedite processing. There is no published turnaround and we are not inventing one; a "six to eight weeks" figure that circulates on the site relates to **notary commission renewals**, not apostilles.
- **There is a conflict in the payment route and we print it as it stands:** the office's **mail-in form** asks for a check or money order, while the same office's mobile-service page says **only credit or debit cards are accepted and that cash, checks and money orders are not**. The two may describe different channels, but the difference is enough to make you send an envelope for nothing or come away from the counter empty-handed. **Confirm which payment method applies to the channel you will use, in writing or by phone.**
- **There is a second counter in the same building:** the business filing counter is here too, so if you are forming a company or registering an assumed name you go to the same address, also **by appointment**. If you register an assumed name, it must be published for two consecutive issues in **the county of your principal place of business**; the detail is in [the business section of the state guide](#).

FIVE REASONS FOR REJECTION: READ THEM AS A CHECKLIST

- **Improper notarization:** no notarial certificate at all, an invalid notary commission, or a stamp that does not match the signature.
- **A private document that has not been notarized.**
- **An insufficient fee, or no fee enclosed.**
- **A document issued outside Minnesota. This is the reason that wastes the most time:** most of the documents a newcomer here is holding come from another state or from a federal agency, and that office cannot apostille them. A federal document such as a certificate of naturalization or a U.S. passport goes to the **U.S. Department of State's authentications office**; another state's document goes to that state's own office. **Do not write to the state capital about a document you brought with you when you moved.**
- **No original signature on the document.**
- **Do not break the order:** you obtain the document first, have it notarized if required, and **the apostille comes last**. Nothing can be changed on a document after it has been apostilled. And **translation is a separate job**: an apostille certifies the original document, it does not translate the content; ask the authority in Türkiye whether they require a sworn translation.

The document itself: the first link is easy here, but appointments are constrained

The first link in the apostille chain is the document itself, and in this state that link is easier than you would expect: in the Minnesota Department of Health's own words, **all 87 counties work from the same statewide system and serve you regardless of where you live**, so you do not have to travel to the county where the birth took place and the nearest **Hennepin County** counter does the job. There is an official route on the ID side too: **a statement of identification form is published for a person without an accepted photo ID**, and that route is open to an applicant whose identity documents are missing; fill it in at home and take it with you, because learning about it at the counter costs a visit. But there is a constraint in this city and we write it out: the errand runs through the **county's service center network**, and that model allows **one service per appointment** and **no booking more than four weeks ahead**. So do not plan to collect a birth certificate and a marriage license in the same visit. **We print no birth certificate fee in this guide**, because no approved fee schedule for the county could be confirmed and we have recorded more than one conflict on fees in this state; ask the fee and the accepted payment methods by phone.

Time difference and Istanbul flights

PERIOD	TIME ZONE	DIFFERENCE WITH TÜRKİYE
October 9, 2026 to October 31, 2026	Central Daylight Time	Türkiye is 8 hours ahead
After November 1, 2026	Central Standard Time	Türkiye is 9 hours ahead

- Türkiye stays on the same clock all year and does not observe daylight saving, so the gap shifts twice a year on its own. **Put November 1, 2026 in your calendar**, because it is very easy to be an hour out when working out a connection while booking.

- **The practical window:** 9 a.m. here is currently 5 p.m. in Türkiye, and 6 p.m. after November. So the easiest time to reach family or a government office in Türkiye is **your morning**. The trap in the other direction: if an agency in Türkiye works 9 to 5 on weekdays, the window from here opens after midnight and closes at 8 a.m., which is why handling those errands through e-Devlet and the call center also solves the time difference.
- **The honest answer on flights:** the metro's international airport publishes its nonstop routes on its own page and **Istanbul is not on that list. Amsterdam** appears as the European gateway and Cancún as the Mexican one, and no Middle East or Türkiye destination is listed. We read this from the airport's own route list rather than an airline page. Because the page's interactive map did not fully render, **we say it is not listed, not that it is definitively absent**.
- **The realistic routing is one stop:** through a European hub, or by connecting at a U.S. gateway the Turkish flag carrier serves. **We do not name that U.S. gateway**, because we did not verify it from the airline's own route list and naming the wrong city makes the ticket more expensive.
- **The airport's size is good news:** in the operating authority's own announcement, more than 36 million passengers and **35 nonstop international destinations** were reported for 2025, eight of them in Europe. Connecting options are plentiful and the first leg leaves from your own metro; what is missing is the Istanbul route. **We do not list the other European routes announced in past years**, because we could not verify which are operating this season; **seasonal routes are a real issue**.
- **Getting to the airport, and here this city has its own situation:** the light rail line stops at **both terminals** and **travel between the two terminals is free, but the line does not come to this city**. There are three realistic options: drive and park at the airport, have someone drop you off, or take the on-demand shuttle or an express route to a transfer point and switch to light rail. **With luggage the third option is awkward**; do not make it your first choice for a morning flight.
- **Winter morning planning:** if your flight day falls on a snowfall, both the roads and where you left the car become issues. Here **overnight street parking is banned year-round** and two inches of snow is enough for an emergency declaration; **leaving the car on the street for a week and boarding a plane is not a plan that works here**.
- **On rail the disadvantage is yours:** the metro stop for the interstate train is **Union Depot in the center of the state capital**, the far end of the metro. For someone living there the station can be within walking distance; for you it means a separate leg inside the metro first. You cannot reach Türkiye by train, but there are trains toward Chicago; if you want an alternative to flying for a consular appointment, check the schedule on the carrier's own page. On intercity buses, **we could not verify the stop addresses and schedules**.
- **The identity document you use on an international flight is a passport.** The state's standard driver's license is not an accepted document for flying.

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

The consulate handles matters relating to Türkiye. Your U.S. visa, green card or citizenship applications are matters for federal agencies. If you have a pending green card application, check your advance parole position before traveling to Türkiye. If you naturalize, remember to report your U.S. citizenship to the Turkish civil registry; for dual citizens that is also a precondition on the military service side. And for Turkish documents you will use in the United States for your immigration file the direction is reversed: those are apostilled in Türkiye and submitted here with a certified English translation.



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