

FOR TURKISH CITIZENS IN PUYALLUP

Turkish Consulate General in Los Angeles: 2026 Services Guide (for Puyallup and Washington State)

Passport, ID card, birth and marriage registration, military service, power of attorney and apostille. The trip from Puyallup and the Pierce County record counters.

SHORT ANSWER

There is no Turkish consulate in Washington State. Every consular matter for Turkish citizens here goes through the Consulate General of Türkiye in Los Angeles, at 8500 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, phone +1 424 313-8800. By road it is about 1,107 miles from Puyallup, a 21-hour drive, so in practice you fly. Passports are issued in person by appointment only. In-person applications are taken weekdays 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., booked on konsolosluk.gov.tr.

Contact and booking

ITEM	INFORMATION
Address	8500 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90211
Phone	+1 424 313-8800
Consular Call Center (24/7)	+1 888 566 7656
After-hours emergency line	+1 310 779 3288
Email	consulate.losangeles@mfa.gov.tr
Office hours	Weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
In-person application hours	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., by appointment
District	Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and the Pacific islands
Distance from Puyallup	About 1,107 miles by road (21 hours); Sea-Tac airport is about 23 miles from Puyallup
Education attaché (students)	5455 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 804, Los Angeles CA 90036 · +1 310 342 5222

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Web	losangeles-cg.mfa.gov.tr

- 1 konsolosluk.gov.tr → Randevu Al
- 2 Türk Vatandaşları İçin Konsolosluk İşlemleri → Los Angeles Consulate General
- 3 Pick the service. Fees, document lists and the conditions for applying by mail are updated from time to time, so check the [consulate's site](#) before your appointment.

What this means if you live in Puyallup

- **Driving is not realistic:** more than 1,100 miles means two full days behind the wheel each way. In practice you fly from Sea-Tac.
- **Getting to the airport:** about 23 miles by car. On transit there is no single through route: you take Sounder to Tukwila or ST Express 578 to Federal Way and change to Link light rail. For an early morning flight Sounder may not be running yet, so plan parking or a drop-off from the start.
- **The district:** living in Pierce County or King County makes no difference; the appointment is in Los Angeles.
- **Passports are in person.** Passport and Turkish ID card applications cannot be done by mail. Applications are taken only in the morning, which makes a same-day round trip tight.
- **Start early.** Put your passport expiry date in your calendar now. A Turkish passport's validity also matters for U.S. visa renewals and your I-94.
- **Bring every document.** One missing paper means a new appointment and another flight.

SERVICE	HOW
Passport	In person only, by appointment
Turkish ID card	In person, by appointment
Birth registration	In person or by mail
Marriage registration	In person or by mail
Power of attorney	At the consulate building only

GET THE DOCUMENT FROM THE RIGHT COUNTY

This is the most critical part of consular business for Puyallup. Birth registration and marriage registration both need a certified copy, and **those copies come from Pierce County, not King County**. The address 201 S Jackson St in the Seattle, Kent and Redmond guides will not help you here.

DOCUMENT	THE RIGHT COUNTER FOR PUYALLUP	FEE
Certified birth certificate	Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Vital Records, 3629 S. D St., Tacoma WA 98418, (253) 649-1401	\$39 at the counter, \$33 by mail, \$48.50 online
Marriage license	Pierce County Auditor, 2401 S 35th St, Room 200, Tacoma WA 98409, 253-798-7435	\$172
Certified copy of the marriage certificate	The same office, after the ceremony	\$3 per copy, and you have to ask for it

The two counters are not in the same building: the marriage license is at 2401 S 35th St and birth and death certificates are at 3629 S D St. In King County those two errands finish in one building; in Pierce County they do not. The marriage counter wants an appointment; the vital records counter is walk-in.

Registering a Puyallup-born child

Birth registration uses a certified copy of the birth certificate and can be done by mail, so you do not have to fly to Los Angeles for a child's registration. You get the certified copy in Pierce County: Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Vital Records, 3629 S. D St., Tacoma WA 98418-6813, (253) 649-1401, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (last Tuesday of the month 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), walk-in; the main entrance is on the second floor at S 37th and D Street, with parking on the Pacific Ave side. Bring valid ID and proof of a qualifying relationship, and you sign for the record. **Wait at least 15 days after the birth**, or 30 days if parentage is being added. Your baby is most likely born at MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup (401 15th Ave SE), but the certificate comes from the county, not the hospital, and nobody orders it for you.

Which route, what it costs, how many copies

- **\$39 at the counter** (\$25 certificate + \$14 processing, plus a card fee): an average 20 to 30 minute wait and usually the same business day. Next-day pick-up is available at a lower fee.
- **\$48.50 online** (\$25 + \$12.50 + \$11.50): shipped within 3 business days of the order. **VitalChek is the only authorized intermediary**; other sites charging a "processing" fee are not authorized.
- **\$33 by mail** (\$25 + \$4 mail + \$4 authentication), check or money order, 1 to 2 weeks.
- A non-certified informational copy is also \$25, so it saves nothing, and consular registration and the apostille need a **certified** copy anyway. Form 5030 exists for a fee waiver.
- **Order at least two certified copies:** one stays with the U.S. passport application and one goes for the apostille. One trip to Tacoma for both is cheaper than a second journey.
- These figures came from the page of October 1, 2026 and **the department's fee schedule is revised yearly**; the department may also direct you to the state Department of Health for some records.

- The baby's SSN application is a separate errand, and here you are in luck: Puyallup has its own SSA office at 811 South Hill Park Dr, Suite A.
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Marriage registration

Because Puyallup sits in Pierce County, the license comes from the Pierce County Auditor: the Tacoma counter at 2401 S 35th St, Room 200, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., marriage line 253-798-7435. **The fee is \$172** in cash, money order, check or card; there is a three-day wait, the license is valid for 60 days, and the county hands it to you at the time of purchase, so you are waiting for the wedding date rather than for the document. If it is not used you start again and pay the \$172 a second time. Book an appointment: the office says appointments are served first and gives walk-ins a limited number of standby tickets. Both parties come in with photo identification, and the county publishes what it accepts (driver's license, state ID card, military ID, passport), so **a Turkish passport fits the passport entry on that list**, though it is worth calling 253-798-7435 to confirm so nothing goes wrong on the first trip. If one of you cannot attend, both parties sign the form in front of a notary and mail it. **Do not use the King County fee (\$169) or the Seattle counter.** The application and the ceremony are separate steps, and one warning: the license is only valid inside Washington, so it is no use for a ceremony in Türkiye. After the ceremony **the signed original marriage certificate has to get back to the Auditor** or the record is not complete, and certified copies do not arrive on their own: ask for them at \$3 each. Order more than one for the Turkish registration and your immigration file; to be valid in Türkiye you need a certified copy with an apostille. Note too that marriage applications are public record in Washington (RCW 26.04.170).

Military service

- **Registration (yoklama):** men born in 2007, and anyone without a deferral, must complete it by December 31, 2026, through the consulate or e-Devlet.
 - **Paid military service (dövizle askerlik), July to December 2026:** the foreign-currency equivalent of 472,653.60 TL, collected in U.S. dollars at the Turkish central bank rate of the payment day. Ask the mission whether a transfer fee is added. The amount changes on January 1, 2027.
 - **Conditions:** a U.S. residence or work permit, at least 3 years (1,095 days) of work abroad excluding time spent in Türkiye, the [MSB online training](#), and residence in the mission's district. Puyallup is in the Los Angeles district. Applications are in person and by appointment only.
 - **F-1 students** defer through the education attaché.
 - **Timing:** booking a flight and an appointment takes time, so do not leave it to the last week of the window.
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Power of attorney

Issued only in person and at the consulate building, so a power of attorney also means a trip to Los Angeles. Check the fee and the documents with the consulate before you apply.

Apostille on a Washington document

There is no apostille counter in Puyallup. Documents issued in Washington or notarized by a Washington notary get their apostille from the Secretary of State's apostille program. The fee is \$15 per document, not per page. An apostille goes only on a certified copy, so you first collect that copy from the Pierce County counter. Türkiye and the U.S. are both parties to the Hague Apostille Convention, so no further consular legalization is needed.

ROUTE	WHERE	TIME AND EXTRA FEE
Mail (standard)	PO Box 40228, Olympia WA 98504-0228	About 7 to 10 business days, no extra fee
Same day, in person	243 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater WA 98501 or 960 Washington St, Cheney WA 99004	Same day, extra fee applies

The apostille program's phone number is 360-725-0377. Good news for Puyallup: Tumwater is near Olympia and closer along I-5 than it is from Seattle, so a same-day round trip for an urgent apostille is realistic. Check the counter hours on the office's contact page.

PLANNING THE TRIP FROM PUYALLUP

- Book the appointment first, then the flight.
- Applications are taken only in the morning, so arriving the evening before is the safest plan.
- Sounder may not be running yet for an early morning flight, so plan how you will reach the airport in advance.

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

The consulate handles Türkiye-related business. Your U.S. visa, green card and citizenship applications are matters for USCIS and the U.S. State Department. Before traveling to Türkiye with a green card application pending, check your advance parole.



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Have a question about your immigration status?

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