

FOR TURKISH RESIDENTS OF RENO

Consular Matters, Vital Records and Apostilles from Reno 2026

There is no Turkish mission in Nevada and the in-person window is three and a half hours a day. The good news: the mission is in the same time zone, so you do not have to convert its published hours.

SHORT ANSWER

Nevada is in the consular district of the **Consulate General of Türkiye in Los Angeles**; the mission's own site lists its district as **12 states plus the Pacific islands** and Nevada stands eighth on the list on two separate pages. **There is no Turkish authority in this city where you can get your business done**, and none anywhere in this state. Two traps first. One: **the Consulate General is not in the city of Los Angeles, it is in Beverly Hills**. Two: **the mission's two pages conflict with each other on the email address and on working hours**, and we print both. Against that, **the Consulate General is in the Pacific time zone**, so its published hours are directly your hours. And the second half of this guide is about the document itself: **vital records here are not a city matter**, and this county's body is **not the same body** as the one in the south of the state.

Which mission, which hours

ITEM	INFORMATION
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 emergencies	+1 (310) 779-3288
Consular call center, 7 days 24 hours	+1 (888) 566-7656
Email, conflict on record	The contact page gives consulate.losangeles@mfa.gov.tr ; the about page gives consulate.losangles@mfa.gov.tr , a spelling missing one letter. Try the contact page address first , and the other if no reply comes
Working hours, conflict on record	The contact page says weekdays 08.30-12.30 and 14.00-17.00 ; the about page says 09.00-17.00 . We take no side ; confirm with the call center before you call
In-person application hours, the two pages agree	09.00-12.30

ITEM	INFORMATION
Telephone enquiry hours	14.00-17.00
Consul General	Menekşe Onuk
Consular district	12 states plus the Pacific islands; Nevada stands eighth on the list
2026 closure days	The list on the mission's own contact page includes October 12, October 29 , November 11, November 26 and December 25, 2026, and January 1, 2027. The list is annual ; check the current one before you book

TWO TRAPS, AND BOTH MEAN A WASTED TRIP

- **The building is not in Los Angeles.** The mission's own contact page prints the address as **Beverly Hills, CA 90211**. Typing Los Angeles into a map and setting off can cost you the appointment.
- **The logic of that trap works in this city too:** a place's postal address does not tell you whose jurisdiction it sits in. This city has its own municipal government, but an address just outside the city limits can belong to the county under the same ZIP code.
- **The attache offices are in another building.** The Religious Services Attache is in **the same building** as the Consulate General (+1 (424) 313-9449), but the **Education Attache** and the **Commercial Attache** are at a different address: 5455 Wilshire Blvd. Education Attache Suite 804, +1 310 342 5222, losangeles@meb.gov.tr; Commercial Attache Suite 1120, +1 323 852 1894, losangeles@ticaret.gov.tr.
- **Do not go to the Consulate General for your child's school equivalency;** book two separate appointments at two separate addresses and work out in advance whether they fit into one day.
- **We print no distance figure**, because none came from a source this round. **This city is in the northwest of the state, while the other four Nevada settlements in the series are in the south;** the trip described in those guides is not your trip.

What runs through the mission

- Birth notification and civil registry transactions; marriage notification.
- Passport transactions; Turkish citizenship transactions.
- Military service transactions; notarial transactions, powers of attorney and signature certification.
- Estate transactions; education and visa headings, information requests and appointment transactions.
- **We do not print the document lists in this guide.** Every transaction has its own fee and its own document 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;** confirm the list from the appointment menu and the call center.

- 1 Try the state e-government portal.** Civil registry, address and some document transactions can be done remotely; check here first which ones can.
- 2 Call the call center, +1 (888) 566-7656.** It is open seven days, twenty-four hours, and it is the fastest way to close the hours conflict.
- 3 Ask about the courier or postal route.** Some transactions run on documents sent in; ask which ones are accepted and do not send documents on your own initiative.

- 4 If you need an apostille, finish it before the appointment, and make sure you picked the right door.
- 5 If you are traveling in winter, check the weather and road conditions too. Mountain passes are a real variable in this region.
- 6 Finish more than one matter in a single trip. The in-person window is three and a half hours a day; book appointments on the same day or on consecutive days.

Military service: we print no figures, and we say why

- Military service transactions run through the consulate and stand as a separate item among the mission's own transaction headings.
- **We print no amount, no age limit and no deadline here:** the terms and fees for paid and foreign-currency military service change from period to period and **we could not verify the current position from an official source** this round. Planning around a wrong figure would be the worst service this guide could give you.
- **The right step:** call the call center and ask what applies to your own birth year and status. Amounts circulating on forums and private consultancy sites usually belong to earlier periods, and there are steps that cannot be undone once payment is made.
- **The call center being open twenty-four hours is especially useful for this city,** because the gap with Türkiye here is ten or eleven hours and there is practically no window where business hours overlap.
- **If you became a U.S. citizen:** for dual citizens, the U.S. citizenship having been notified to the Turkish civil registry is generally a precondition on the military service side.
- **Registration and address records:** check whether your address here and your marital status appear correctly in the civil registry; some of this can be done through the e-government portal.

Apostille: there is not one door, there are four

Both Türkiye and the United States are parties to the Hague Apostille Convention, so to use a document issued here in Türkiye you need **an apostille, not consular certification**. In the Hague Conference's own competent authority record the authority shown for Nevada is the **Nevada Secretary of State** together with the chief deputy and the deputy. **We print no fee, turnaround or address in this section** and the reason is concrete: all of the state official's sites sat behind a bot wall this round and we could not read the procedure from the agency's own page.

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)	Nevada Secretary of State , or the chief deputy or deputy
A document issued by a federal agency (such as a certificate of naturalization)	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 Bureau of Consular Affairs of the U.S. Department of State

TYPE OF DOCUMENT	WHICH AUTHORITY
A document issued by a U.S. federal court	The clerk or deputy clerk of that court. The Hague list names the relevant federal district court for Nevada

WHAT WE DO NOT PRINT, AND THE COST OF BREAKING THE ORDER

- **What we do not print:** the fee per document, the standard turnaround and any expedited option, whether you apply by mail or in person and where the counter is if in person, whether an appointment is needed, **whether there is a pre-certification chain**, and how foreign documents are handled. Ask all of them at the [state official's own site](#) and ask for the answer in writing.
- **A newcomer household's apostille package is usually mixed:** the birth certificate of a child born here goes **to the state**, while the **certificate of naturalization** put in the same envelope goes **to a federal unit, 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.
- **Do not break the order:** get the document from the right door, have it translated and the translation notarized if needed, and **take the apostille last**. A document carrying an apostille cannot be altered afterwards. **We could not read the Nevada authority's own rule on translation**, so we print no firm requirement; ask about that too before you send the envelope.
- **The reverse direction:** Turkish documents you will use in the United States for your immigration file **are apostilled in Türkiye** and submitted here **with a certified English translation**. No authority here performs that step. The state-side detail is in [the apostille section of our Nevada guide](#).

The first link of the chain: the document itself, and the door is different here

- **Vital records are not a city matter.** In this county the certificate for a child born here comes from **Northern Nevada Public Health** or from the state office of vital records; the authority's counter is at **1001 East Ninth Street, Building B, Reno**, and the state office is in the state capital. **An apostille chain that starts at the wrong door is built wrong from the beginning.**
- **And this county has a clear advantage:** the records go back to **the late 1800s**. The county authority in the south of the state issues births only from **1973** onward and an older record has to be obtained from the state office. **There is no such date limit here.** The fee is **25 dollars per copy**, and **the counter is closed over the lunch hour**.
- **Two offices having two fee schedules is not a conflict;** but do not compare a figure without seeing **which office** it belongs to.
- **Who may request one:** the applicant must have a **direct and tangible interest** in the record, defined as a blood or marriage relationship **to the second degree** with the person named, a legal relationship, or a situation the law requires. We cite the sections only as the agencies themselves cite them; **we quote no text**.
- **The single most useful sentence for a newcomer family:** a parent requesting their child's birth certificate **only proves their own identity**; no further proof of relationship is asked. Other relatives such as a grandparent, sibling or grandchild must either be named in the record or submit their own birth certificate.

- **On identification we name the source correctly:** the identification list published by **the state office of vital records** names among primary documents a **foreign passport, a consular identification card, an employment authorization card, a temporary residence card, and a visitor visa together with a valid entry record, and a Social Security number appears nowhere in that office's lists.** An applicant without a primary document is asked for two documents from the secondary list.
- **We print the warning in the same breath:** those are **the state office's** lists. **We could not read the northern county authority's own identification list this round** and we do not put the state's in its place. Before you go to the counter, call the authority and **name the document you are holding.** The detail is in [the vital records section of our Nevada guide.](#)
- **The fraud warning is the authority's own:** a **single authorized provider** is named for online orders and **other internet vendors are stated not to be authorized.** Some sites at the top of search results charge high fees for processing the document or helping with the application.
- **Marriage and divorce records are not held at the office of vital records,** they are held at county level. If you know the date and the county you apply to that county directly.

MARRIAGE: A LICENSE AND A CERTIFICATE ARE NOT THE SAME THING, AND THE IDENTIFICATION LIST HERE IS NARROW

- **The county clerk issues the license, the county recorder's office records the certificate.** The person performing the ceremony must send the certificate to the recorder **within ten days**. **What a name change needs is not the license but a certified copy of the marriage certificate**; the county writes this on its own page and says the social security administration and the license agency ask for that document. **Ask which one needs the apostille for a document going to Türkiye before you prepare the envelope.**
- **The basic rules:** the fee is **85 dollars**; **there is no waiting period and no blood test**; **both of you must be present in person**; the license can be obtained **within one year before the ceremony**; the ceremony must be performed by someone authorized in Nevada, **one witness is required by law**, and **a ceremony performed outside Nevada on a Nevada license is not valid**. There is online pre-completion, but **the license is not issued online**.
- **On the number question this county gives the clearest written answer in the series:** a Social Security number is among the information taken **under oath** on the application, but right beside it the county writes that **documentation is not required**; and it says an applicant who has no number **must state that fact**. **So the form anticipates the answer I have no number**. **We do not carry the southern county's sentence here**; that sentence ties the obligation to citizenship and this county's text is not written that way.
- **But we promise nothing either:** we found no source saying a license is refused to someone without a number, **and none saying it is granted**. Call the counter before you go.
- **The identification list here is narrow and we say so plainly.** The county's published list names: a driver license, an instruction permit, a state identification card, a **passport**, a U.S. military ID, a U.S. military dependent ID, a certificate of citizenship or naturalization, and a permanent or temporary U.S. residence card. Documents outside the list are considered **case by case with supervisor approval**.
- **A foreign government identification card does not appear on the list**, and there is no separate sentence about foreign documents on the page. The word **passport** on the list stands **unqualified**, so a Turkish passport being accepted is **very likely**. **But the county does not say so in writing and we do not write that it accepts it**. Telephone before you travel, name the document you hold and ask whether it is accepted.
- **The name goes on as it appears on the identification.** If your middle name is written out in full in your passport it goes on the document that way; if it appears as an initial, the document carries the initial. Correcting it afterwards is a separate job; **check it at the counter**.

Time difference and flights to Istanbul

PERIOD	DIFFERENCE WITH TÜRKİYE	IF IT IS 09.00 HERE, IN TÜRKİYE IT IS
During daylight saving time	Türkiye is 10 hours ahead	19.00
During standard time	Türkiye is 11 hours ahead	20.00

- **Clocks go back** on the first Sunday in November at 02.00, which for 2026 is **November 1, 2026**. Türkiye stays on the same time all year and does not observe daylight saving, so you experience the change one-

sidedly. Clocks go forward on the second Sunday in March at 02.00.

- **Almost the whole state is in one zone**, so traveling north or south within Nevada does not change your time. The only exception drawn in the regulation is a city at the eastern edge of the state and **it has nothing to do with this city. Crossing the state line to the west does not change your time either**, because the neighboring state is in the same zone.
- **The trap runs the other way**: if a bank, hospital or government office in Türkiye works weekdays 09.00-17.00, the window in which you can call from here **starts in the early hours of the night and ends toward dawn**. This series has seen gaps of seven or eight hours; **here the gap is ten and eleven hours**. There are two channels around it: the e-government portal and the twenty-four hour call center.
- **The Consulate General is in the same time zone**. Its published appointment and telephone hours are directly your hours and you do not have to convert them. In some cities in this series the reader had to convert an agency's hours; here that work does not exist.
- **We word the flight carefully**: the city has its own international airport, but the airport's own non-stop destination list carries **10 airlines** and more than twenty destinations, and **the only international destination on the list is a city in Mexico**. So **the research found no non-stop flight from here to Istanbul. Assume at least one and usually two connections** and keep the connection times generous; confirm the route on the carrier's own site.
- **A structural difference**: the large airport in the south of the state is run by the county's own aviation department, while this one is run by **a separate authority with its own name**. For a question or a complaint the contact is that authority. **A time-limited warning**: the airport announces a major construction program; leave extra time on the day of your flight and allow for the terminal layout having changed.
- **A second route, and in this state only here: a passenger train stops in this city**, one round trip a day. In a canceled flight or a winter closure it is a real alternative.
- **Winter planning, a sentence missing from the southern guides**: winter is real in this region and mountain passes can close. Count your route to the airport on the day of your flight as well.
- **The identity document for an international flight is a passport**. You cannot board an aircraft with the status-neutral driving card.

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 the business of federal agencies. If you have a pending green card application, check your advance parole position before traveling to Türkiye. If you become a citizen, remember to notify the Turkish civil registry of your U.S. citizenship; 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 reverses: those documents are apostilled in Türkiye and submitted here with a certified English translation.



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