

FOR TURKISH CITIZENS IN SAN DIEGO

Turkish Consulate Guide for San Diego: 2026 Services

Passports, ID cards, birth and marriage registration, military service and powers of attorney. Booking steps, contact information and travel notes from San Diego.

SHORT ANSWER

San Diego has no Turkish consulate of its own. Turkish citizens in San Diego and the rest of Southern California handle their consular business at the Turkish Consulate General, which is actually located in Beverly Hills: 8500 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, +1-424-313-8800, about 120 miles from San Diego (roughly 2 to 2.5 hours' drive, traffic-dependent). In-person services run weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and each service needs its own appointment on konsolosluk.gov.tr.

Contact and appointments

TOPIC	DETAILS
Address	In the Beverly Hills business district: 8500 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90211
Distance from San Diego	About 120 miles, roughly 2 to 2.5 hours by car (traffic-dependent, can be longer during peak Los Angeles/Orange County congestion)
Phone	+1-424-313-8800 · after-hours emergency (Sentinel) line: +1-310-779-3288
Email	consulate.losangeles@mfa.gov.tr
Consular Call Center (24/7)	+1 888 566 7656
In-person hours	Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., by appointment
General office hours	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Websites	losangeles-cg.mfa.gov.tr (English), losangeles-bk.mfa.gov.tr (Turkish)
Jurisdiction	Alaska, Arizona, California (including San Diego), Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, plus the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and American Samoa

- 1 konsolosluk.gov.tr → Randevu Al (Book an appointment)
- 2 Türk Vatandaşları İçin Konsolosluk İşlemleri → Los Angeles

3 Choose the service. Each service needs its own appointment.

PRACTICAL TIP FOR SAN DIEGO RESIDENTS

Book the earliest appointment slot of the day and set aside the full day; try to bundle more than one consular task into the same trip, or combine it with other Los Angeles-area errands.

Passports

In person and by appointment only; no mail applications. Bring your Turkish ID card, your old passport and one biometric photo. Fees are set centrally and change from time to time; check the consulate's own information page for the current 2026 fee schedule.

Turkish ID card

In person, by appointment. If you married in the U.S., the marriage must be registered before a new ID card application.

Registering a U.S.-born child (birth registration)

DOCUMENT	NOTES
☐ Application form	From the consulate information note
☐ Original birth certificate and a copy	Parents' names must match Turkish records. For a San Diego County birth in the last 2 years, order from County HHSA Vital Records (5530 Overland Ave, Suite 170); for an older San Diego County record, use County ARCC.
☐ Parents' IDs	Turkish ID card or passport
☐ Marriage certificate	If applicable
☐ Multiple citizenship form	Because the child is a U.S. citizen
☐ Translation	Translation of the birth certificate if one parent is not Turkish

Marriage registration

A marriage license comes from the San Diego County Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk (ARCC): a public license is \$129, a confidential license \$144, and a civil ceremony is \$107 (2026). You then register the U.S. marriage with the consulate by appointment. Check the consulate's information notes for the current document list and fees before you apply.

Military service

- **Registration (yoklama):** men born in 2007 and others without a deferral must register by December 31, 2026, through the consulate or e-Devlet.
- **Paid military service (dövizle askerlik), July 1 to December 31, 2026:** the foreign-currency equivalent of 472,653.60 TL, collected in U.S. dollars at the Central Bank rate of the payment day. Ask the consulate about any transfer fee and the payment method before your appointment. The amount changes on January 1, 2027.
- **Requirements:** working in the U.S. with residence or work authorization, at least 3 years (1,095 days) of work abroad excluding time in Türkiye, completing the online training at dovizle.msb.gov.tr, and living in the consulate's district. In person, by appointment.
- **Dual citizens:** those born in the U.S. or who came before age 18 can defer until the end of age 35, after registering their U.S. citizenship with the Turkish civil registry.
- **F-1 students:** deferral is handled through an education attaché; ask the consulate which one serves you.

Powers of attorney

In person, by appointment, and only at the consulate building. Bring the application form, your Turkish ID card, and the agent's name, Turkish ID number and date of birth. Some transactions require a photo. Fees vary by subject and length; ask the consulate for current amounts.

VISITING THE CONSULATE

- In-person services run in the morning only. The consulate is in an office building on Wilshire Boulevard, so leave time for building security and parking.
- If you are driving from San Diego, factor in the travel time and leave early; avoid booking on official holidays, and check the consulate's site for the current 2026 holiday calendar.

NOT THE SAME AS U.S. IMMIGRATION

The consulate handles Turkish matters. U.S. visas, green cards and naturalization are handled by USCIS and the U.S. Department of State. If a green card application is pending, check your advance parole status before traveling to Türkiye.



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