

FOR TURKISH CITIZENS IN SAN JOSE

Turkish Consulate General in Los Angeles: Guide for San Jose and Silicon Valley, 2026

There is no Turkish consulate in San Jose. Passports, ID cards, birth and marriage registration, military service and powers of attorney go through the Los Angeles Consulate General.

SHORT ANSWER

There is no Turkish consulate or honorary consulate in San Jose or elsewhere in the Bay Area. Turkish citizens in the area handle consular business at the Turkish Consulate General in Los Angeles, which is actually located in Beverly Hills: 8500 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, +1-424-313-8800. 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. Beverly Hills is about 340 miles from San Jose: a long drive or a short domestic flight. The consulate ran a mobile consulate in San Francisco on February 6-8, 2026; that event has passed, and as of September 29, 2026 no new one has been announced on the consulate's site.

Contact and appointments

TOPIC	DETAILS
Address	In the Beverly Hills business district: 8500 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90211
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 Jose), Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, plus the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and American Samoa
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- 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.

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 child born in San Jose, the birth certificate comes from the Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder (110 W. Tasman Dr., San Jose); according to the county's site you can order in person, by mail or online, so check the ordering route and the current fee at clerkrecorder.santaclaracounty.gov . Ask for an authorized copy: an informational copy does not work as ID.
☐ 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

In Santa Clara County, marriage licenses are issued by the County Clerk-Recorder (110 W. Tasman Dr., San Jose). A standard license costs \$80 and a confidential license \$83. Both people appear in person with valid photo ID (a passport is accepted); the county page says no appointment is needed, but confirm on the county's site before you go. Service runs weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and the application must be submitted by 4 p.m. There is no waiting period, the license is valid for 90 days and the ceremony can take place anywhere in California; the signed license must be returned to the county within 10 business days after the ceremony.

A judge, a member of the clergy or the Clerk-Recorder's office can perform it (see the county fee schedule for the price of the office's short ceremony). A certified copy of the marriage record costs \$19 per copy. You then register the U.S. marriage with the consulate by appointment. Before you apply, check the consulate's information notes for whether it can be done by mail, the current document list and fees.

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.
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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.

Documents for Türkiye: apostilles

Türkiye has been a party to the Hague Apostille Convention since 1985, so a California apostille needs no further consular legalization. There is no permanent apostille office in San Jose. The California Secretary of State holds one-day apostille events in the city from time to time, but the latest one took place on September 25, 2026 and no new San Jose date is published for now. The upcoming events are Santa Ana (October 21), Merced (October 28), San Bernardino (November 10), San Diego (December 2) and Richmond (December 9, 2026). Richmond, in the East Bay about 50 miles away, is the closest to San Jose. The permanent offices are in Sacramento (1500 11th Street, about 120 miles from San Jose) and Los Angeles. For most people the most realistic route is mailing the document: Notary Public Section, P.O. Box 942877, Sacramento, CA 94277-0001, \$20 per document, with no expedited mail service. Check sos.ca.gov closer to the date for the venue and hours of any event.

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.
- Coming from San Jose, plan your travel time (about 340 miles by road, or a domestic flight) and appointment time together. Avoid booking on official holidays; 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. There is no nonstop flight from San Jose airport (SJC) to Istanbul; Turkish Airlines flies nonstop from San Francisco (SFO), so check the airline's site for the current schedule.



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