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Official Offices in South Carolina: USCIS, Courts and Passports 2026

The state has no immigration court and unsolicited faxes are destroyed. In exchange there is a federal passport facility in the area and appointments are free.

SHORT ANSWER

This guide deliberately leaves out some addresses and we say why: **USCIS pages were closed to automated access during this research** and we do not publish a federal office address from an old archive. The only correct sentence is this: **the address you go to is the address on your appointment notice**, and in the agency's own words **field offices accept no walk-in visitors**. For the same reason this guide contains **no ICE, CBP or Social Security street address**. The court side is clear: **South Carolina has no immigration court**, the two nearest are in **Charlotte** and **Atlanta**, and the most expensive mistake is this: **the court does not accept faxes and electronic filings it did not request, and destroys them**. The good news is on the passport side: **there is a federal passport facility in the area**, which most states in this series do not have at all.

WHICH FEDERAL ADDRESSES THIS GUIDE HAS, AND WHICH IT DOES NOT

- **No USCIS field office or biometrics center address.** The agency's pages and office locator endpoints were closed during this research, and the single archive record we had generated the address block inside an application, meaning there was no address to read there in the first place. Do not confuse two sentences: **"we do not publish an address"** and **"there is no office"** are not the same thing.
- **No Social Security address.** We could not verify any South Carolina office address from a current official source and we do not print federal addresses from an archive. Learn which office serves you by entering your ZIP code in the agency's locator: ssa.gov/locator. The national line is **1-800-772-1213**; **ask for a Turkish interpreter** and say so at the start of the call.
- **No ICE or CBP address either.** The relevant agency pages were closed. If you have a reporting obligation, **the address on your appointment document governs**; talk to your attorney before you go.
- **There are other things we could not establish**, and these are not a finding of absence but an incomplete search: the asylum office that serves the state, which ZIP codes the field office covers, and any rule on which facility people detained here are taken to. Charleston is a port and international airport city, so the border agency has a presence in the area; but we could not read which port office is open to the public at which hours and **we write no address or hours**.
- **Going to the wrong building in this work means losing an appointment cycle**, so we write no guesses.

USCIS: two separate offices, two separate jobs

- The **biometrics center** is for the fingerprint and photo appointment; **green card and citizenship interviews** happen at a field office. Your **I-797C** notice tells you which one you were called to, and the notice is requested at the entrance.
- **No walk-in service.** Appointments are made through uscis.gov/contactcenter or the online appointment system; rescheduling a biometrics appointment goes through the same channels. **Appointments are free; intermediary sites charging for one are a scam.**
- **One filing must be handed in:** form I-131 for an emergency advance parole is submitted in person. In the agency's account the applicant calls the contact center for an appointment and then **physically goes to a field office to submit the application and make the required payment.**
- **Your file can be moved to another office.** USCIS itself writes that it has transferred some application work to other field offices to speed processing, so you may receive a letter from an office that has never handled your case. The same notice adds that this **does not change where you go for biometrics.**
- **If you look the address up yourself,** open uscis.gov/about-us/find-a-uscis-office in the week you travel, not the day this guide was written. Federal offices move, and a day wasted on an old address circulating online is one of the most common mistakes we have seen in this series.
- **Fraud:** a person who is not an attorney must be **accredited by the Department of Justice** to provide immigration services. Ask any office that offers to prepare your file as a consultant or notary for its accreditation; a title resembling a Turkish notary confers no authority to represent you here.
- **Processing times:** at egov.uscis.gov/processing-times select the form, the category and the office holding your case; times update monthly. **A source note:** the quotations above come from the April 18, 2025 archive record of the field office page; the policies are stable but the record is old, so confirm the procedure on the agency's current page.

Immigration court: none in the state, the nearest is in another state

South Carolina has no immigration court. The Department of Justice's immigration court listing is, in its own words, sorted alphabetically state by state, and South Carolina does not appear in that order. The two geographically nearest courts are in **Charlotte** and **Atlanta**. There is one thing we could not verify and we are not hiding it: **we could not establish which court has administrative control over South Carolina cases,** because the department's administrative control court listing does not respond and the Charlotte court's own page publishes no geographic jurisdiction. So the only sentence is this: **only your hearing notice tells you the place and time of your hearing.**

ITEM	INFORMATION
Nearest court	Charlotte Immigration Court
Address	5701 Executive Center Drive, Suite 400, Charlotte, NC 28212
Public hours	Weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. , closed on federal holidays
Phone	704-817-6140
Email	Charlotte.Immigration.Court@usdoj.gov

ITEM	INFORMATION
Parking	Free around the building
Identification	Photo identification is requested only at the building security checkpoint
Asylum clock questions	Asylum.Clock.Charlotte@usdoj.gov

FOUR RULES THAT APPLY AT EVERY COURT

- **Faxes and electronic filings are not accepted** unless specifically requested. In the court's own words, unauthorized filings do not enter the record and are **destroyed without notice to the sender**, with the document never considered. So **faxing a time-sensitive filing produces the same result as never filing it**.
- **There is a security screening at every visit and cameras and recording devices are prohibited in the courtrooms.** Photographing or recording a hearing is strictly prohibited by federal regulation.
- **Internet hearings:** the department publishes connection addresses and telephone access codes per judge; all telephonic hearings are joined by dialing **1-415-527-5035** and entering the relevant access code.
- **A person without a registered attorney always falls to an in-person hearing.** So if you have no representative you have no remote option; **plan to travel**, and for Charlotte budget roughly a three-hour drive plus the time to find parking.
- **Missing a hearing can lead to an in absentia removal order.** Read the time on your notice again the day before, and because a court can close unexpectedly, call that morning to confirm. Case status: with your A number at acis.eoir.justice.gov or on **1-800-898-7180**; the official information is still the hearing notice.

The link state law creates is more useful than an address

Instead of an ICE address, what actually helps a reader is this: **the link state law creates is verified**. The statute provides for the state law enforcement division to **negotiate a 287(g) memorandum of agreement** with ICE, and after a lawful stop state and local officers perform status verification through at least one of these channels: the **illegal immigration enforcement unit** within the state department of public safety, an **alien query** through the justice and public safety network, ICE's **Law Enforcement Support Center**, or ICE's **local field office**. On the jail side there is a duty too: a person charged with a criminal offense and held in a jail for any length of time is subject to reasonable effort to determine whether they are unlawfully present, and if the person is an alien the verification is done **within seventy-two hours** through the federal support center. We also write the limits in the same sections, because the two directions must be read together: **no state official may attempt to make an independent judgment about an alien's immigration status**, verification must be done with the federal authority; a stop may last only **a reasonable period of time allowed by law**; and an officer applying these sections **may not consider race, color or national origin**, except to the extent permitted by the constitutions. **We could not verify for any county, during this round, whether a 287(g) agreement exists**; we imply no answer, so ask the sheriff's office where you are moving and **request the answer in writing**.

If there is an error on your I-94

You can download the I-94 for your most recent entry free of charge at i94.cbp.dhs.gov; cases arise where the passport stamp and the record's date do not match, so download and keep it. Errors made at entry, meaning the wrong visa class, the wrong name or the wrong period of admission, are corrected by deferred inspection offices. **We could not verify the address and hours of such an office in South Carolina during this round**, so we write no address here; read the current list at cbp.gov/about/contact/ports/deferred-inspection-sites and **call before you go**. These offices correct **only errors made at the moment of entry**; they are not a general help desk. **Why it is urgent**: the validity of your work permit, the validity of your license and your eligibility in some filings depend on the information in the I-94; in this state the duration of the license issued to a person on temporary status is also set by reference to that record, and a REAL ID application asks you for an I-94 or I-797A along with a valid passport and visa. So an error in the record flows straight onto your card.

U.S. passport: there is a federal facility in the area

This guide's good news is here. Most states in this series have no federal passport office at all; **South Carolina has a federal passport facility in the area** and it **accepts in-person appointments** for urgent travel. The facility is the Charleston Passport Center at **2000 Bainbridge Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405**, inside the visitor building of a federal law enforcement training center. Appointment hours are **weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**, by appointment only; passport pickup hours are **weekdays 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**; closed on federal holidays. Who may book: people with international travel within **14 calendar days**, and if a foreign visa is needed the appointment must be within **28 calendar days** of travel. For a child application **both parents or guardians and the child** must come together. **Making an appointment is free**, and we reproduce the department's own fraud warning here: **if you are asked to pay for an appointment you should treat the request as a scam**, and the department is not affiliated with any third-party appointment site. The appointment system requires codes sent by email and text, and **an unconfirmed appointment is released after fifteen minutes**, so do not close the screen before the code arrives. **The mailing address differs from the building** and documents go there; do not send documents to the visiting address. **A source note, and take it seriously**: because we could not reach the department's site directly, we read this facility's hours and appointment criteria from a **January 16, 2026 archive record**; confirm them on the department's own page before you travel.

ACCEPTANCE FACILITY	ADDRESS	PHONE	ACCEPTANCE HOURS
Mount Pleasant main post office	1050 Johnnie Dodds Blvd, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464	843- 884- 8221	Tuesday to Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Isle of Palms post office	1000 Palm Blvd, Isle of Palms, SC 29451	843- 886- 6536	Weekdays 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
East Bay branch	557 E Bay St, Charleston, SC 29403	843-727- 1129	Weekdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE FACILITY	ADDRESS	PHONE	ACCEPTANCE HOURS
North Charleston post office	7075 Cross County Rd, North Charleston, SC 29418	843-760-5331	Weekdays 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Goose Creek post office	307 N Goose Creek Blvd, Goose Creek, SC 29445	843-553-0321	Weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. to noon
University facility	89 St Philip St, Charleston, SC 29424	843-953-5534	Weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Medical campus facility	122 Bee St, Ste 104, Charleston, SC 29425	843-792-6441	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (closed noon to 1:00 p.m.); Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- **The schedule at the facility inside the town differs from the others** and we flag it specifically: its published acceptance hours run **Tuesday through Saturday**, not Monday through Friday as elsewhere. So for someone who cannot take a weekday off, the facility inside the town is open **on Saturday**; the second place nearby with a Saturday window is Goose Creek.
- **Which transactions are in person:** first-time adult applicants, children under 16, people whose passport was lost, stolen or damaged, and anyone whose passport was issued before age 16 or is more than 15 years old. **Renewal is done by mail**, with no acceptance facility needed.
- **We do not print fees here.** The department's fee page was closed to us during this round and we invent no figure. We can say this: you make **two separate payments**, the passport fee to the department and the acceptance fee to the facility you visit. Call ahead to ask which payment methods are accepted, because **some counters do not take cards**.
- **One distinction:** this section is about the **U.S.** passport. A Turkish passport is not renewed at a post office; that work runs through the Consulate General in Miami, where in-person applications are taken only in the morning window.
- To search for an acceptance facility use iafdb.travel.state.gov, and for a post office appointment usps.com/scheduler. The list above comes from the department's own machine-readable facility file, read on **October 8, 2026**.

JURY AND VOTER REGISTRATION: HERE THE POOL IS FILTERED AT THE SOURCE

- **The voter registration rule is clear:** registration and voting belong to U.S. citizens only, and **permanent resident card holders cannot register**. The statute says so in its opening sentence, and a separate section says no one may vote in any election unless registered. **The registration books close thirty days before every election.**
- **The immigration consequence is serious.** Registering or voting while not a citizen is a federal offense and a direct problem before the officer assessing your eligibility and good moral character; a citizenship or green card application failing for this reason is not a theoretical risk. The [USCIS policy manual](#) treats the subject in a chapter of its own.
- **Read the form at the counter.** If a license, ID card or public service application has a voter registration section, the signature on that section counts in most states as **a sworn statement that you are a citizen**. Do not sign a section you do not understand, and **do not fill in voter registration forms handed to you door to door or at events**, even if a campaign worker says it will not be a problem.
- **On the jury side South Carolina is a welcome exception in this series.** The statute spells out step by step how the list is built and every step filters for citizenship: **each September** the transportation agency gives the state election commission a file of people holding a valid South Carolina license or ID card who are **United States citizens over eighteen**; **each October** the commission merges that file with the county's **registered voters**, and in the statute's words **only card holders eligible to register to vote** may enter the list; the commission must also remove duplicate entries and the names of people disqualified from registering or voting.
- **So a person who is not a citizen should not appear in that pool**, and the "a jury summons can come out of the license pool" trap found in some states is **structurally absent** here. A reader may have heard the opposite, so we write what the statute says.
- **If a summons arrives anyway, do not ignore it and do not throw it away.** A data error or a name match can produce one; call the **clerk of court** named on the letter as soon as possible and report that you are not a U.S. citizen. **A summons is not an accusation**, but the statute says a person who believes they do not meet the jury qualifications **must say so when asked** and that failing to do so is **punished as contempt of court**. A juror must also be given **at least fifteen days** notice.
- If you were registered to vote somewhere by mistake, talk to an immigration attorney before answering a citizenship question on any official form. It is a short and inexpensive question, but the price of the wrong answer is high.



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