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Official Offices in Tennessee: Immigration, Court and Passports 2026

We publish no street address for any federal administrative office and give you the agencies' own locators instead. The court is different: the state has one immigration court and we publish it because a court address is publishable.

SHORT ANSWER

This guide deliberately omits some addresses, and we say why: in this series **no street address is published for any immigration agency, immigration enforcement division, customs agency or Social Security Administration office**, and this round the customs agency's site did not open even with a full browser header set. **The only correct sentence is this: the address you go to is the address on your appointment notice.** On the court side this state gives a clear answer: **Tennessee has an immigration court and it is the only one in the state, in Memphis** according to the federal agency's own operational status list, and open. **There is no immigration court in Nashville. We publish no distance or drive time figure**, but plan from the start that a hearing means travel, lodging and time off work.

Why there are no addresses, and what there is instead

We do not publish addresses is not the same as there is no office. The address is on **your appointment notice** and in the agencies' own locators. The table below shows which job runs through which door.

TASK	WHERE TO LOOK
Green card and citizenship interview	Field office list and the agency's office locator . No walk-ins
Fingerprint and photo appointment	Application support center list . You do not pick the center ; it is named in your I-797C notice
Asylum interview	The agency's own office list . We could not verify that there is a separate asylum office in Tennessee. Form I-589 is not handed in
Case status and appointment requests	Case status page ; Contact Center 1-800-375-5283 , appointments are free . Sites that charge for one are a scam
Processing times	Processing times page ; select the form, the category and the office holding your file
Check-in requirement	The agency's own office page . If you hold an appointment notice, the address on it controls
Locating a person in custody	The agency's search page

TASK	WHERE TO LOOK
I-94 record	The customs agency's lookup page ; questions through its information center
Correcting an entry error	The agency's own list page . The location and hours of the Tennessee office could not be verified , so we do not publish them
Social Security matters	The agency's office locator , with your ZIP code. General line 1-800-772-1213

DO NOT CONFUSE THE THREE AGENCIES, AND HERE THE DISTINCTION COVERS A FOURTH

- The immigration services agency and the enforcement agency are part of the **department of homeland security**, while the immigration courts belong to the **department of justice** and are a separate institution. **The agency does not answer what you asked the court, and the court does not answer what you asked the agency.**
- **In Tennessee there is a fourth institution and it is not federal: a centralized immigration enforcement division** created in 2025 inside the state's own safety department. It is not a branch of a federal agency; it is a state unit that coordinates cooperation between the state, local governments and federal authorities.
- **It appears in front of the reader in three places:** in a public benefit application, in contact with a county jail or local law enforcement, and through grants distributed to local law enforcement.
- **And one verified detail:** its reporting form is **closed to the public** and, in its own page's words, is not available for public download; only authorized agencies may request access. So it is not a form members of the public fill in, it is a form agencies fill in. **We write this because the opposite reading circulates online.**
- **What a support center does not do:** it gives no information about your case and provides no service other than collecting biometrics. Ask case questions at the Contact Center.

The immigration court: the state has one

- The **Memphis Immigration Court** appears as **open** on the federal agency's own list: **Brinkley Plaza, 80 Monroe Avenue, Suite 501, Memphis, TN 38103. We publish it because it is a court address;** this guide does not publish administrative agency addresses, but it does publish court addresses.
- The same list shows **one** court for Tennessee in its state count. **There is no immigration court in Nashville** and no entry under that name appears on the list.
- **The same court also has a hearing location outside the state** and it appears as a separate row on the federal list; the court does not serve Tennessee alone.
- **Internet-based hearing links** are published on the agency's own page, with two separate blocks under the Tennessee heading. **But remote participation is a possibility and the judge decides;** this guide does not promise it. Make the request through your attorney.
- **The name trap scan came back clean this round:** there is no immigration court in another state carrying the names Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Franklin, Brentwood, Hendersonville or Murfreesboro. **We are not carrying that earlier warning over;** even so, write the state code next to any federal facility name you note down.

If you are going to court: the agency's own rules

- **Faxes and unauthorized electronic filings are not accepted.** Unless staff or the judge specifically asks for them, documents sent that way are **not entered into the record** and, in the agency's own words, are **discarded without review and without notice to the sender**. That is a real way to lose a case.
- **Security screening at every visit:** metal detector and bag search; **you may be asked to remove your shoes**; food and drink are not allowed except where the judge permits; **cameras and recording devices are prohibited**.
- **Hearings are open to the public** and, in the agency's own words, no advance notice is needed for your visit.
- **Anyone representing you must be registered in the agency's registry system.** Check that when you hire an attorney or accredited representative.
- **Plan the trip from the start.** There is one court in the state and it sits at one end of it; treat the hearing day as a journey, not an errand. **Winter and severe weather are a real cause of closures**; the transportation department's January 2026 statement describes icing as statewide.
- **Case status:** your A number is enough for the [case information system](#); the phone line is 1-800-898-7180. **The official information is still the hearing notice**; the system can show new dates late.
- **Check closures on the morning of your hearing:** the [operational status page](#). The same page shows whether the court is open and how many courts the state has.
- **Report an address change to the court separately**, within 5 days, on Form EOIR-33. The court address changes only through that form.

THE 100-MILE ZONE: NO PART OF THE STATE IS INSIDE IT, BUT THIS DOES NOT FOLLOW

- **The regulation's test is geographic:** an external boundary means the **land boundaries and the territorial sea** of the United States, and reasonable distance is defined as **100 air miles** from such an external boundary. **That is a regulatory parameter, not a distance between any of the places in this guide.**
- **Tennessee has neither an international land border nor a coast**, so no part of the state is inside that zone.
- **First warning:** a paragraph of the same section says that in unusual circumstances a distance **greater than 100 miles** may be deemed reasonable, so the number is not an absolute ceiling.
- **Second and more important:** the zone relates **only to a particular search and stop authority**. Other immigration enforcement powers apply nationwide. **So do not conclude that because the state is outside the zone there is no immigration enforcement here**; a federal case in this state concerns traffic stops inside the state.

STATE LAW AND THE COUNTY LIST: READ THE THREE CAVEATS TOGETHER

- The state's own immigration enforcement division lists, one by one, the counties participating in the federal cooperation program. **As read on October 12, 2026 the list contains 93 of the 95 counties; Shelby, Sumner, Williamson and Rutherford are on it, Davidson is not. The list is undated** and should not be quoted without that reading date.
- **First, a county's absence from the list is not a protection.** These programs concern a local sheriff being vested with federal authority; **federal immigration enforcement applies everywhere in the state.**
- **Second, today's picture is not permanent.** A 2026 law requires **every county sheriff to enter a program by January 1, 2027** and allows state money to be withheld from those who do not.
- **Third, the decision is not made by a local council.** The text of the law expressly says the agreement **is not subject to approval by the local government the sheriff serves. The decision belongs to the sheriff.**
- **Do not base a decision about where to move on this list,** and which county has which model of agreement was not verified this round; **we do not say there is none or that it is one way or the other.**

I-94 and entry errors

- You can download the I-94 for your last entry from [the customs agency's site](#).
- Errors made at entry, meaning the wrong visa class, the wrong name or the wrong period of stay, are corrected by the offices known as deferred inspection. **We could not verify the location and hours of that office in Tennessee**, so we publish no address or day; read the list on [the agency's own page](#).
- **Write first, travel second.** Some of these offices are open only a few hours a week, and they correct **only errors made at the moment of entry**; they are not a general help desk.
- **Why it matters:** the term of your work authorization and some filing eligibilities depend on what the I-94 says. In this state **the license regime attaches to it directly**: the length of your lawful stay sets the validity of your card.

Passport acceptance facilities: search by ZIP code, not by city name

A first U.S. passport is obtained in person on Form DS-11: you take the original of your citizenship document to an **acceptance facility**. **Acceptance facilities in Tennessee were not counted this round**, so we publish **no count, no name and no address**. **An acceptance facility and a passport agency are two different things**: an acceptance facility can be a post office, a clerk's counter at a county courthouse, a library or a university window; **a passport agency is a separate network for urgent travel, by appointment only**. **We publish no agency name, city or distance.**

RULE	WHY
Search by ZIP code	Measured in this series: the city in a facility's mailing address and the city it actually sits in can differ . Someone searching by city name can miss the facility in their own city
Get the hours from the facility itself	The federal data file gives hours as a code and can understate the facility's own rule; in the examples measured, the facility's own page was more restrictive

RULE	WHY
We publish no fee figures	Both the federal fee and the local execution fee change. And the payment trap is real: you may make two separate payments at the same counter and the accepted forms may not be the same
Take the form unsigned	DS-11 is completed but not signed ; you sign in front of the official. Bring the original citizenship document, plus the original and a photocopy of your photo identification
A child's application	Both parents must attend, or you need the consent document the agency requires

Pick the facility from [the agency's acceptance facility locator](#) and confirm the hours on that facility's own page.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND JURY DUTY: ONE IS CLEAR, THE OTHER OPEN-ENDED

- **Voter registration and voting belong to U.S. citizens only**, green card holders included. Registering or voting without being a citizen can have serious consequences for your immigration case and is also a crime.
- **The face of your card says something here:** the temporary license and identification issued since January 1, 2026 is, in the law's own words, **not valid identification for rights and benefits reserved to U.S. citizens, including voting**.
- **Read the box on the form.** If a driver license, identification card or public service application contains a voter registration section, signing that section counts in most states as **a sworn statement that you are a citizen. How a Tennessee license application connects to voter registration could not be verified from an official source this round**; read every section and do not sign one you do not understand.
- **That warning carries extra weight in this state:** a law effective in 2026 requires agencies to put a **citizenship or lawful presence declaration signed under penalty of perjury** on public benefit application forms. **The declaration placed in front of you is not always a voter form; read which one you are signing.**
- **Do not fill in voter registration forms** handed to you by volunteers door to door or at events.
- **On juries we say what we do not know:** we could not verify which public records Tennessee builds its jury master list from, and we did not read the state's text on jury qualifications this round. **We write neither that you are qualified nor that you are not.**
- **If a summons arrives:** do not ignore it and do not throw it away. Call the jury office of the court named on the letter or respond online as the letter instructs, and state that you do not meet the qualifications. The process varies by county, so use **the number on your letter**, not a general one.

- 1 Read your appointment notice.** The address you go to is on it; this guide does not publish federal administrative addresses.
- 2 Do not confuse a field office with an application support center;** they are different places and confusing them costs an appointment day.
- 3 Keep your hearing notice.** Only it tells you where and when; the court is the only one in the state and sits at one end of it.
- 4 Do not fax the court** and report address changes separately on Form EOIR-33.

- 5 Search for a passport facility by ZIP code** and confirm the hours on the facility's own page.
- 6 Read every declaration placed in front of you;** do not answer yes to a citizenship question if you are not a citizen.
- 7 If you are detained,** ask to speak with an attorney before discussing your status, and if you are a Turkish citizen ask that the consulate be notified.



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