

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · TENNESSEE

Turkish Consulate and Apostille Matters from Tennessee 2026

Your mission is in Houston and the district was verified two ways. There is a single published window for general business and it is mornings only; visa applications are separate and thirty minutes.

SHORT ANSWER

Tennessee falls in the consular district of the **Turkish Consulate General in Houston**. We write that from a **two-way verification** rather than an assumption: the consulate's own site lists its district as **eight states** and Tennessee appears on four of its pages; in addition, **the pages of the other five Turkish consulates general in the United States were scanned in the same round and Tennessee appears on none of them**. Two things are worth knowing before you travel, and both are about hours: **there is a single published window for general consular business, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, and **visa applications are taken in a separate thirty-minute window**. The good news: **all three attaché offices share the consulate's building and suite**.

The mission and the hours

ITEM	DETAILS
Mission	Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye in Houston
Address	5333 Westheimer Road, Suite 1050, Houston, TX 77056
Switchboard	+1 346 439 65 60
After-hours emergency and duty officer	+1 832 774 18 61
Consular call center, 24 hours a day	+1 888 566 76 56
Opening hours	Weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The mission publishes no afternoon counter hours for general consular business; this is the only published window
Visa application hours	2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. , a separate thirty-minute window . The mission asks you to book before coming
Appointments	Every transaction needs an appointment booked in advance through the mission's own system
Holiday calendar	The mission publishes its 2026 and 2027 holiday calendar on its own page, covering both U.S. and Turkish public holidays, including October 29

One comparison, because it has a practical consequence for a reader traveling from Tennessee: some consulates general publish two windows a day, morning and afternoon. **In Houston the afternoon holds only the thirty-minute visa window.** What that means is this: **your chances of fitting two transactions into one day are narrow.**

The attaché offices are in the same building, in fact the same suite

In one round of this series the attaché offices were in a **different building** from the consulate general, and that guide sent the reader to two separate addresses. **Here the situation is different and we are not carrying that warning over:** the **Office of the Attaché for Religious Services**, the **Office of the Educational Attaché** and the **Office of the Commercial Attaché** all publish the consulate's address **and the same suite number.** So you can handle your child's credential recognition and your consular business in the same building. But the appointments are booked separately; work out in advance whether they fit into one day, because **the general window is mornings only.**

THE DISTRICT AND THE NEIGHBORING-STATE TRAP

- According to the consulate's own list the district covers Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. The mission's pages print the list in different orders but the content is the same; **that is an ordering difference, not a conflict.**
- **Geographic intuition misleads here:** the Consulate General in Chicago lists its district as **thirteen Midwestern states**, and **neighboring Kentucky is on that list.** Tennessee is not.
- **The consulate your neighbor goes to may not be yours;** confirm which mission covers your own state before you start.
- **For everyone living in Tennessee the nearest Turkish authority is in another state. We publish no distance or drive time figure,** because none was measured from a source this round. This much we can say: Houston lies to the **southwest** of the state and the trip leaves the state from all five places.

What runs through this office

- Birth notification and civil registry transactions · marriage registration · passport matters
- Military service matters, **under four separate sub-headings in the menu**
- Notarial acts: powers of attorney, revocations, consents, undertakings and contracts
- Certification: attestation of signatures and seals on documents issued by foreign authorities, and attestation of translations made by sworn translators
- Turkish citizenship matters · estate matters · visa headings, information requests and appointment transactions
- **We do not list the required documents in this guide.** Each transaction has its own fee and its own document list, and we could not verify them one by one this round. **Confirm the list from the appointment menu and the call center.**

TWO TRANSACTIONS THAT CAN BE DONE BY MAIL: THIS CAN CANCEL A TRIP

- Almost every transaction in the mission's menu carries the line that you must apply in person after booking an appointment.
- **Registration of a marriage performed before foreign local authorities** is marked in the menu as something you **may apply for by mail**.
- **An international marriage record extract** can be obtained either by appointment or through an online link with delivery to your address.
- **The right step:** before booking, call the call center and ask whether your own transaction can be done by mail. **There may be an exception the menu does not list, and a phone call is cheaper than a trip.**

TURKISH MILITARY SERVICE: WE PUBLISH NO FIGURES

- **We publish no amounts.** The conditions and amounts change from period to period and the current version could not be verified from an official source this round. **If you plan around a wrong amount, you carry the loss.**
- **The order matters and the mission states it:** the distance learning program is completed **first**, and the application is then made **in person** by appointment. **Applications by mail are not accepted.**
- **If you are also a U.S. citizen,** the multiple citizenship must first be **registered with the Turkish civil registry**; without that registration the military service transaction does not start, and from Tennessee that can mean **two separate trips**.
- **Seafarers cannot be processed in Houston;** the announcement says those applications are handled at **two other consulates general only**. Confirm this before booking.
- **Paid military service is not a consular transaction:** there is no such heading in the mission's menu, and it is a separate regime from the foreign-currency route. **Its current conditions, authority and amount could not be verified this round and none are published here.**
- **Does it affect entry to and exit from Türkiye: no official sentence answering that directly was found this round** and we invent no answer. Ask your own conscription office and the consulate, and get the answer **before you buy a ticket**.

Apostille: the office, the cutoff and the test that sends packages back

ITEM	DETAILS
Unit	Tennessee Secretary of State, authentications office in the business services division
Address	312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 6th floor, Nashville, TN 37243
In person	Customer service desk, 3rd floor , weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Same-day service	If you arrive before 2:00 p.m. This creates a real difference among the five places
Fee	2.00 dollars per document. Since this is a fee figure, confirm it on the office's own page before paying

ITEM	DETAILS
Scope	The office issues an apostille or an authentication for documents executed, issued or certified by county clerks, the state registrar and the Secretary of State

Route A, a notarized private document: you have the document notarized by a **Tennessee notary public**, then take it to **the county clerk of the county where the notary was commissioned** to have the notary's signature certified, then send the office's application form, the document, **the name of the certifying county** and the fee to the Secretary of State. **The test is easy to misread:** what controls is not where the document was signed or which county you live in, but **the county where the notary was commissioned**. The county clerk's certification fee varies by county; the figures seen this round came from secondary sources, so **we publish no amount**.

Route B, a vital record: here no county certification is needed and there is a convenience. The office's own sentence says that **if you already have a certified copy and need an apostille added, you may send your request and your certificate directly to the Secretary of State**. **That is not the case everywhere in this series:** in some states the document had to be **reissued** for an apostille. If you hold no certified copy, you send **two separate payments** to the vital records unit and **the unit forwards the document, the payment and the request to the Secretary of State itself**; you do not visit two offices.

APOSTILLE OR AUTHENTICATION: WE DO NOT ANSWER THAT FOR YOU

- The office's own distinction: if a document needs an **authentication**, the U.S. Department of State must also certify the state's signature; **that step is not necessary for an apostille**. The difference between the two is **one more leg of travel**.
- **The office does not publish its own country list** and its own direction is plain: if you are unsure which type of certification you need, contact **the consulate of the receiving country or the U.S. Department of State office of authentications**.
- **That is why this guide makes no claim about which category Türkiye falls into**. Call the consulate general's call center and ask which one is required for your document. **Requesting the wrong process means the package comes back**.
- **Only documents issued in Tennessee qualify**. Do not send the certificate of a child born in another state to Nashville.
- **Federal documents are not authenticated at the state level**. For a federal document such as a certificate of naturalization, the office to contact is the U.S. Department of State office of authentications. **This is an expensive and very common mistake**.
- **We publish no figure for mail processing time**. The office's page gives none and the estimates seen this round were not official. **Do not leave this to the last week**.

- 1 Get the document.** Any county health department for a birth or death certificate; a notary for a private document.
- 2 For a notarized document, get the county certification**, and go to **the county where the notary was commissioned**.
- 3 Have it translated and the translation notarized if required.** Ask the Turkish institution that will receive the document, or the consulate, which translation is needed.
- 4 Take the certification last.** A certified document cannot be altered afterwards.

- 5 **Do not reverse the other 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 office in Tennessee performs that step.
- 6 **And we make no claim about sequence:** consular certification and an apostille are **alternative routes, not two links in the same chain**. No official guidance note answering apostille first or translation first was found this round; ask the call center and get the answer in writing.

TIME DIFFERENCE AND ISTANBUL FLIGHTS

- **Tennessee is not in a single time zone:** the federal time zone boundary runs through the state and the eastern part is in another zone. **But all five places in this guide are on Central time.** Account for the difference when you call an institution in the east of the state.
- **The difference with Türkiye: 8 hours** ahead during daylight saving time and **9 hours** ahead outside it. Clocks go back on **November 1, 2026**, so after that week the gap grows by an hour; because Türkiye does not shift its clocks you experience the change **one-sidedly**.
- **The consulate is in the same time zone**, so you do not have to convert the published appointment and telephone hours.
- **The window for calling Türkiye is narrow and reversed:** when it is 5:00 p.m. in Türkiye in summer it is 9:00 a.m. here. **Two channels solve it:** e-Devlet and the call center open 24 hours a day.
- **Flights:** research found **no nonstop scheduled flight** from Tennessee airports to Istanbul or anywhere in Türkiye. Our basis is the airports' published destination lists and a flight tracking record; **we do not write flatly that there is none**. Allow a generous connection time.
- **A name trap:** both airports carry International in their names, **but that does not mean there is scheduled international passenger service**. When searching for a ticket, look at the flight list, not the airport's name.

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