

# Visas.

Mexico's Immigration Law sets out the rights and obligations of foreigners, as well as the different statuses associated with foreign immigration. The Instituto Nacional de Migración (INM) is the office in charge of the enforcement of these regulations.

## Types of Mexican Visas.

- ✓ **Visitor Permit (Visitante):** is intended for visitors — usually tourists and business trips — to Mexico on short-term visits of six months or less. For trips of longer than six months, a Resident Visa should be considered.

These are issued when you arrive in Mexico (by air, or travel inland by road beyond the 'free border zone') by completing a **Forma Migratoria Multiple (FMM)**; these forms are issued by airlines, and are also available at ports of entry. The Visitor Permit is valid for up to 180 days and cannot be renewed. Upon its expiry you will need to leave the country.

Some nationalities are required to apply for a **Visitor Visa** (Valid for six months and multiple entries) prior to their travel to Mexico (check complete list on <https://goo.gl/BrRwWo>. US and Canada citizens willing to enter for touristic purposes are exempt of this requirement. International travelers holding a valid Resident Card or Multiple Entry Visa from the US, Canada, Japan, UK or Schengen Area countries are also eligible for visa waiver program.

- ✓ **Resident Visas (Residente):** are for people who wish to gain long term residence in Mexico. Mexico offers a **Temporary Resident Visa (TRV)** and a **Permanent Resident Visa (PRV)**.

**TRV** are intended for people who wish to live in Mexico for more than 6 months and not longer than 4 years. There are various categories under which the **TRV** are granted, and these relate to the activities you intend to undertake while in Mexico, being the most common economic solvency, family reunification, temporary work placements in Mexico and college or university enrollment (undergraduate and graduate students).

**PRV** are intended for pensioners and retirees who want to acquire permanent residency but DO NOT want to work in Mexico. **PRV**

applicants must have a regular source of income from abroad (e.g. investments, savings, pension, etc.)

## Application Process.

- **Visitor Visas:** 1-time process. Valid for six months and multiple entries and are normally issued on the same day upon submission of the complete supporting documentation.
- Residency in Mexico is a two-step process:

### 1. Apply for Mexican Visa.

Visas (sticker) are placed on your passport and cannot be issued in Mexico; you must apply for it at a Mexican Consulate or Embassy outside of Mexico.



**Resident Visas** have a validity of 6 months but only **ONE** entrance, allowing you enough time to complete step 2.

### 2. Obtain your Resident Card.

When you arrive in Mexico you have to attend your local **INM** immigration office within 30 days of arrival, and undertake a procedure to exchange your resident visa for a Resident Card (a plastic card).

**IMPORTANT:** it will take up to four weeks for your visa/details to be registered, during which time you will need to stay in Mexico. If needed, a special exit/entry permit can be requested to leave Mexico with a pending process.



Temporary Resident Card is issued for one year, and can be renewed for a further 1, 2, or 3 years; this card can optionally give work permissions (issued in Mexico), and allows unlimited entries to, and exits from, Mexico. If you end up staying longer you can apply to exchange the temporary card for a permanent card after 4 consecutive years of residency in Mexico.

Permanent Resident Cards have no expiration date.

Resident Cards **renewals and replacements** can only be undertaken in Mexico at the INM office.

## Visa Requirements.

### General Requirements:

1. **Passport** (must be valid for at least 6 months and have at least one blank page to affix the visa sticker)
2. **Passport photocopy** (only personal information page)
3. **ID** (Driver License, Identification Card, etc.)
4. One (1) passport size **photo** (2 in x 2 in)
5. Application form (dully signed and completed).
6. Letter of intentio, addressed to the Consulate requesting residency. The letter must state your address in Mexico, your intended stay duration, and that you are aware that as a holder of this kind of visa you are not allowed to work in Mexico.
7. Printed appointment confirmation
8. Fee \$54.00 USD in cash

Minors: all under age (-18) applicants must present an original birth certificate along with valid ID of both parents, and one phocopy of each.

All supporting documentation must be submitted in original and one photocopy, and each applicant must submit it separately, in person on the date of the appointment.

### Specific requirements:

#### ❖ **Visitor Visa and Temporary Resident Visa:**

- ✓ Valid document proving legal status in the US and Employer letter confirming position and salary (only if the applicant is not a US citizen).
- ✓ Documents proving economic solvency through either:
  - Investments or savings of 12 months bank statements, printed month by month. Minimum balance per month: **\$72,000.00 USD**
- ✓ In addition, **international students** must submit a college acceptance letter from a Mexican institution.
- ✓ **Work Visas:** your employer will have to submit an application before INM in Mexico. If approved you will receive an official letter with a pre-authorization number (**NUT**). Provide us your NUT number to: **docextranjerosden@sre.gob.mx** to verify its validity into our system. Once you have received the confirmation, please set up your appointment online.

#### ❖ **Permanent Resident Visa:**

- ✓ Original and one photocopy of a valid document proving legal status (if the applicant is not a US citizen).
- ✓ Documents proving economic solvency through either:
  - Investments or savings for the last 12 months bank statements, month by month, just the first page with the minimum balance amount **\$ 285,000 USD**.

NOTE: If the source of your monthly income is a Social Security pension you must provide also a document from the Social Security Office stating the exact amount you receive.

**Appointments are personal (all applications are processed separately).** Minors under 18 years of age are not required to set up a separate appointment. Applying Guardians/Parents accompanying minors can carry the supporting documents. Limited to one single minor per applicant.

**All visas approval will be subject also to the interview and final decision is under Consul in charge. We could also require more documents than the one listed in the requirements list if the Consul in charge considerate it for your file and application.**

**\*We don't guarantee the approval of a visa\*.**

All applicants for a Mexican visa must pay a non-refundable application fee. It cannot be returned if you fail to establish that you qualify for the visa.

Set up an appointment

<https://tinyurl.com/VisaDenver2025>

For more information visit:

**<https://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/denver/index.php/non-mexicans/visas>**

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