

## **MINORS TRAVELLING TO MEXICO**

Based on the entry into force of the Mexican Migration Law, as from **January 24th, 2014** Mexican or foreign minors that are Residents in Mexico (under 18 years of age) **travelling alone or accompanied by a third party of legal age (grandparent, aunt/uncle, other)** must present, in addition to a valid passport, a document showing the consent of both parents or those with parental authority or guardianship over the minor, copy of minor's and parent's (or guardian's) passports and minor's birth certificate. If traveling with a third party, copy of his/her passport.

The consent may be given by one of the following two options:

- 1) Form for the minor's authorization of departure ("Formato de autorización de Salida de menores"): Available at the Immigration's Office web site <http://www.gob.mx/inm/articulos/en-estas-vacaciones-el-formato-sam-es-la-mejor-compania>. Be aware that after filling the format, it must be printed in three sets.
- 2) A notarized letter of consent from both parents: If the document is issued in US it must be apostille by the Secretary of State and translated into Spanish. The text of this document must contain the parents' authorization for the minor to travel alone or, if applicable, information on the adult responsible for the minor during the trip. The document must state the purpose and length of the trip, the means of transportation, and specify the dates of entry and departure, as this will be a requirement for allowing the minor to check in when travelling by air or sea and in order to leave Mexican territory.

Minors travelling with at least **one of their parents do not** require any authorization at all.