

Consulate General of Mexico in San Diego, California

Visa To Replace Lost, Stolen or Damaged Resident Card

Applicable only if the extant resident card underwent damage or was lost or stolen outside of Mexico. If the incident occurred in Mexico the applicant must request a replacement directly at the Instituto Nacional de Migración (INM).

Requirements:

1. Completed visa application form.
2. Original valid book passport. One photocopy of the data page, last page and any pages that have seals or visas stamped on them.
3. If you are not a United States citizen, you must provide proof of legal entry to the US. The original document and a photocopy must be provided.
4. One recent photo (passport size). Forehead uncovered, front view, no glasses, white background, and must be printed on matte or glossy photo quality paper.
5. Original and photocopy of an official police report issued in the jurisdiction where the incident occurred, stating what happened to the card.
6. In the case of partial damage, the applicant must present the original resident card. In the case of loss or theft, a photo or copy will be helpful.
7. **Non-refundable processing fee: \$56.00 USD (cash only).**

Procedure:

Under no circumstances will this document be issued on a same-day basis. On the day of your appointment consular official will process your application and send your file to immigration authorities in Mexico, who will approve or deny a new visa. A decision will be reached in about ten business days.

The Consulate General may take up to ten business days to process your visa application. At the end of this period, the Consulate cannot guarantee that a visa will be issued. The Consulate's decision is final and irrevocable.

The Consulate General of Mexico in San Diego is not liable for expenses incurred by the applicant to attend their appointment.

The Consulate General of Mexico in San Diego does not recommend making any travel plans nor buying plane tickets before obtaining a visa.

If you are granted a Mexican visa you will be able to request permission to enter the country at a designated Port of Entry. In each case, a visa is subject to entry permission by an immigration official at the time of actual entry and can be revoked at any time.

All foreign nationals interested in applying for a Mexican visa **must schedule an appointment via MiConsulado (no email)**:

- MiConsulado is available online through <https://citas.sre.gob.mx> (we recommend you use a laptop or desktop, not mobile devices).
- MiConsulado is the only authorized service to schedule appointments at the Consulate General of Mexico in San Diego.
- Make sure you have an appointment for the VISAS department. Appointments cannot be exchanged between different departments.

Please be advised that there is a processing fee which will be charged before reviewing your documents regardless of whether or not your visa is approved. Do not schedule an appointment until you have all your documents and comply with the requirements.

On the day of your appointment a consular official will review your file, conduct a consular interview and capture your biometric information. In some cases, additional documents or information might be required.

In accordance with current Mexican immigration laws and regulations, the consular interview will be conducted in either English or Spanish.

"A VISA IS NOT A RIGHT BUT A PRIVILEGE GRANTED BY THE ISSUING COUNTRY"