

Consulate General of Mexico in San Diego, California

Temporary Resident Visa Religious Activities

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 letter of invitation from a public or private organization stating that the foreign national will not be participating in lucrative activities. The letter must also include the following:
 - a) Applicant's full name and nationality;
 - b) Legal name of the organization;
 - c) Registration number of the organization;
 - d) Objective of the organization;
 - e) Full address and contact details of the organization;
 - f) Information on the project or activity in which the applicant will be involved. The project or activity must relate directly to the stated objectives of the organization;
 - g) Duration or approximate date of completion of the project or activity;
 - h) The manifestation of the organization's responsibility to cover the applicant's costs of living and transportation to and from Mexico; and
 - i) Copy of a valid official ID of an organization's representative, who is signatory of the letter of invitation. ID must include the person's full name, photo and visible signature. The name and signature in both the letter and ID must match.
6. Original letter of consent (anuencia) from Secretaria de Gobernación.
7. If the sponsoring institution do not cover the applicant's costs of living during their stay in Mexico, the applicant will have to comply with one of the following:
 - a. Copy of bank statements (savings, checking, investments) proving a minimum monthly balance of \$75,950.00 USD for the previous twelve months. Bank statements must be presented in original (**WITH OFFICIAL BANK STAMP OR OFFICIAL BANK LETTER**) full and include the applicant's full name and address (NO P.O. Box).
 - b. Copy of documents proving a monthly income of at least \$2,980.00 USD through employment or a pension, for the previous six months.
8. **Non-refundable processing fee: \$56.00 USD (cash only).**

Note: Excepting passports, if you present documents issued in countries other than Mexico or the United States of America, they must come with an apostille or legalization as applicable; and with an official translation to Spanish as well as documents issued outside of San Diego County may be sent and reviewed for further validation from Mexican authorities where the document was issued.

Procedure:

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"