

Consulate General of Mexico in San Diego, California

Temporary Student Visa (more than 180 days)

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 Acceptance letter issued on letterhead by an institution belonging to the Sistema Educativo Nacional stating clearly that the applicant will be enrolled in an education program. The letter must include the following:
 - a. Applicant's full name and nationality
 - b. Level, department and program enrolled in
 - c. Course name
 - d. Start and end date of the program
 - e. Cost of the program
 - f. Official identification and registration information for the academic institution
6. Proof of income to cover cost of living in Mexico, through one of the following:
 - a. Original documents proving a monthly income of at least \$1,460.00 USD through employment, a pension or a scholarship, for the previous three 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). Proof of employment must include the applicant's full name, nationality, job role, and monthly salary, as well as the company's official name, address, and contact information.
 - b. Original bank statements (savings or investments) proving a minimum monthly balance of \$15,180.00 USD for the previous three 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).

Economic solvency can be satisfied by the applicant, their parents, tutors or legal guardians (for students under 25 years old). It can also be proven with an original document attesting that the student has received a full scholarship or a document issued by a bank or financial institution attesting to the fact that financial aid has been approved for the applicant.
7. **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 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"