

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Starting May 1st, 2010, access will be granted in every single entry point to Mexico to all of those foreigners (regardless of their nationality) on tourist, transmigrate or business matters that arrive to the country from a U.S.A. inbound flight and have with them a valid and not expired visa issued by the U.S.A. government.

Starting May 1st, 2010, all foreigners, regardless of their nationality, visiting Mexico as tourists, transmigrate or for business matters won't need a Mexican visa as long as they arrive to the country from the U.S.A., and their stay in Mexico will not exceed 180 days.

Foreign nationals regardless of their nationality who intend to visit Mexico through maritime ports as passengers in tourism cruises do not require a visa or previous entry permit from the consular representation.

Visa Application Form

AVISO IMPORTANTE

A partir del primero de mayo de 2010, se permitirá en todos los puntos de ingreso al territorio nacional, la internación de los extranjeros de cualquier nacionalidad, cuyo propósito de viaje a México sea como turistas, transmigrantes o visitantes personas de negocios y que cuenten con una visa vigente y válida expedida por los EUA.

A partir del primero de mayo de 2010, se exentará de visa mexicana a todos los extranjeros, sin importar su nacionalidad, que arriben a México en vuelos procedentes de los EUA, siempre y cuando su propósito de viaje en México sea como turistas, transmigrantes o visitantes personas de negocios y su permanencia en nuestro país no exceda de 180 días.

Los nacionales extranjeros, sin importar su nacionalidad, que visiten México como pasajero de un crucero no requiere visa mexicana o permiso previo expedido por la representación consular o el INAMI.

There are constant changes being made by the National Institute of Immigration, for updated information please e-mail or contact us.

Requirements for Student visa

1. The applications must be completed, either typed or clearly printed. To obtain the application go to www.sre.gob.mx/houston access the link "visa para viajar a México"

2.- Valid passport, with a photocopy of the page with the bearer's personal data, picture and signature. The passport should have at least one full unused visa page.

3.- Original letter of acceptance from the School or University. The School must be authorized by the Ministry of the Interior (Gobernación) to receive foreign students. The letter should be recent and state the semesters or academic years of study and the name of the program that the applicant is going to enroll in.

4.- Letter from the local Police Department stating that the applicant has no record. This letter must be duly notarized.

5.- Letter of financial solvency issued by a bank typed on the bank's stationery, duly notarized, stating that the applicant will receive the amount of at least \$300.00 US dollars, monthly, aside from tuition. If dependant members of his/her family are accompanying him/her, the same amount is required per person.

6.- One front view picture, regular passport size and in color with white background are required, (photo machine, digital prints or $\frac{3}{4}$ right side profile pictures, are not accepted).

- Consular fee for **Student Visa: FREE OF CONSULAR FEE**

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **VISA PROCESSING TIME IS ONE DAY**
- **DO NOT BUY YOUR TICKET BEFORE YOU GET A VISA.**
- **IF THE APPLICATION DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO PROCESS IT.**

Please note that the requirements presented in this section apply to the Consulate General of Mexico in Houston only.

- **These requirements are subject to change without warning**

Retirement (Rentista) is a 365 days multiple-entry visa for retirement (No Inmigrante-Rentista).

REQUIREMENTS

1.- Valid passport, and photocopy of the page with the bearer's personal data, picture and signature. The passport should have at least one full unused visa page.

2.- Application form, either typed or clearly printed.

3.- One(1) recent photo, front view 2x2", color with white background (instant-photo machine or digital photos are not accepted).

4.- Letter from the local Police Department stating that the applicant has no police record. **Must be notarized.**

5.- Letter from the bank or financial institution which must state the source of your monthly income, which minimum should be \$1,000.00 US dollars, plus \$500.00 US dollars for each dependent. The letter must also specify how the money is going to become available to the applicant(s) while in Mexico. Must be notarized. You may also present letter from the Social Security Office stating the financial information about your retirement or the last three bank statements duly notatized.

6.- Pay the consular fee, either with cash, money order or credit card, payable to the Consulate General of Mexico in Houston. Personal checks are not accepted.

- Consular fee for **Retirement : \$129.00 USD**
- Consular fee for **Visa: \$36.00 USD**

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Representatives of a Media Organization (PRESS)

1.- Applicant must apply in person.

2.- Application form duly completed, either typed or clearly printed.

3.- Original recommendation letter from the media organization that you represent. The letter must be typed on the company's official stationery, stating:

- A)** The purpose of your trip to Mexico in detail.
- B)** Date of travel and length of stay (including post-production work, if any).
- C)** Name, date and location of event or events that you will be covering.
- D)** Indicate who will be responsible for your expenses.

4.- Original passport, plus one copy of the page with the bearer's data, picture and signature. The passport should have at least one full unused visa page. You should submit both the original passport and the photocopy.

5.- One recent photo, front view, 2x2, color with white background (instant photo-machine or digital photos are not accepted). Please make sure that the face is not more than 50% of the photo.

- Consular fee **as part of a media organization: FREE OF CONSULAR FEE**

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **Those who will be entering with the purpose of filming, you do not qualify for this kind of visa.** This is only for those who are part of a media organization and are entering with the purpose of covering an event in the country.
- Please take into consideration **that you will require approval from the National Institute of Immigration (Instituto Nacional de Migración) and can take up to eight weeks to process this type of visa.**
- **If you are required to take equipment,** it must be listed on a separate official stationery, signed by the person in charge and stating that the equipment is going to be used while filming the event and that it will be returned to the United States once your assignment concludes.
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Technical Support Visa

Is a 180 or 365 days multiple-entry visa (depending on the period of stay in México), for people who travel to Mexico to provide either verbal or manual technical assistance, to give references, training, business audits, teaching of new techniques, installation, service or repair of equipment, installation of software and any person who undertakes a job or performs any labors relative to the company, design or initiate the operation or construction of a plant or specific investment project.

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1. All applicants must apply in person **(NO EXEPTIONS, INCLUDING NATIONALITIES PREVIOUSLY EXEMPT)**.
2. Valid passport, with a photocopy of the page with the bearer's personal data, picture and signature. The passport should have at least one full unused Visa page. You should submit **BOTH** the original passport and the photocopy.
3. One recent photo, front view, 2x2", color with WHITE background (instant photo-machine or digital photos are not accepted). Please make sure that the face is not more than 50% of the photo.
4. **Original invitation letter from the Mexican company and original recommendation letter from the company in the US, typed on the company's official stationary, stating:**
 - A)** The purpose of the trip to Mexico in detail.
 - B)** Date of travel and length of stay.
 - C)** Names and addresses of the companies that the person is going to visit in Mexico.
 - D)** That the company in the US is going to be responsible for the applicant's expenses and salary while in Mexico.
 - E)** For how long the applicant has been working in the company.
 - F)** Where is the applicant's office located.
 - G)** What is the applicant's monthly income.
 - H)** For how long the company is requesting the issuance of the visa (it can be up to one year).

NOTE: All of these details must be in the letter. All letters must have original signatures; scanned or electronic signatures are not acceptable.

5. Resident Alien Card, Permanent Resident Card or valid US multiple-entry visa I-94 or signed I-797, with one copy front and back views, if it is the case.

6. Application form duly completed, either typed or clearly printed.

7. Fees are payable by cash or credit card:

- Consular fee for **Technical Support : \$129.00 USD**
- Consular fee for **Visa: \$36.00 USD (Depending on the nationality)**

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Import of Household Goods (People with a Work or Retirement visa)

REQUIREMENTS:

- Original and six copies of Non Immigrant or Immigrant card issued by the Ministry of the Interior of Mexico or any Mexican Consulate, during previous six months.
- Original and six copies of your passport, the page with your personal data, picture and signature.
- The original list and five copies of the inventory, must be presented to this Consulate General to obtain the visa.
- All household goods must be inventoried.
- The list must be in Spanish, typed in single space on white paper, leaving a space of two inches from the top.
- Each item must be numbered progressively and on a separate line, beginning with the electrical appliances, specifying make, model and serial number (including kitchen appliances).
- Small articles packed in boxes or crates must be described and numbered in the list as one box (crate) containing clothing, kitchen utensils, etc.
- Each page of your original list must be signed in blue ink on the bottom, right-hand corner.

- Pay the consular fee of \$127.00 dollars, either with cash, money order or credit card payable to the Consulate General of Mexico in Houston. Personal checks are not accepted.
- It will take one business day to process your application.

CONSULADO GENERAL DE MEXICO

Visas Department

Business Hours : Monday to Friday, 8:00AM to 12:00PM

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