

# Mexico's Residency Visa Options

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# Visiting Mexico...

Mexico is one of the countries with more international treaties in the world.

As such, there are very few citizenships that require a visa to come visit Mexico.

Particularly, Americans and Canadians do not require a formal visa to gain entry into the country.

For countries that do require visa, the process is performed at the airport upon arrival and the cost is approximately \$15 USD.

# Visa Options

- I. Visitor's Visa
- II. Visitor's Visa with the ability to work
- III. Visitor's Visa for Adoption Purposes
- IV. Temporary Residency Visa
- V. Student's Temporary Residency Visa
- VI. Permanent Residency Visa

A visa proves the foreigner has met the requirements to enter Mexico and it authorizes such person to request entry under such status.

We will be discussing the most important aspects of the following visas:

Visitor's Visa

Temporary Residency Visa

Permanent Residency Visa

# Visitor's Visa

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**REGISTRO DE ENTRADA/ENTRY REGISTRATION**

**Datos como aparecen en el pasaporte/Personal information as it appears on passport**

1. Nombre/First name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Apellido (s)/Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Nacionalidad/Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Fecha de Nacimiento/Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Sexo/Sex:  Mujer/Female  Hombre/Male 6. No. Pasaporte/Passport No.: \_\_\_\_\_

7. País de Residencia/Country of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ 8. No. de Tarjeta e Forma Migratoria/Immigration Form or Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Tipo de Viaje/Purpose of trip:  Turismo/Tourism  Negocios/Business  Expedición/Drive  Asilo/Asylum  Migración/Migration  Otro/Other 10. Vía de Ingresación/Entering By:  Abasco/Air  Marítima/Sea  Terrestre/Land

11. Nombre de la Aerolínea o embarcación/Airline or vessel name: \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Vuelo o matrícula de la aeronave o embarcación/Flight No. or vessel registration: \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Estado y Ciudad de destino en México/State and City of destination in Mexico: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Domicilio en México (Nombre del Hotel, Calle y número)/Address in Mexico (Hotel name, street and number): \_\_\_\_\_

Declaro bajo protesta de decir verdad que toda la información que aquí he proporcionado es correcta y completa, consciente de las consecuencias legales de declarar con falsedad ante la autoridad. / I declare under penalty of perjury that all information I have provided here is correct and complete, and I am aware of the consequences of making false declarations to the said authority.

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ESTANCIA MÁXIMA HASTA 180 DÍAS

Migrante Atemporal NO Remotivado  Migrante Atemporal Remotivado  Migrante Atemporal Remotivado

ESTANCIA MÁXIMA 30 DÍAS

CANJE  REPOSICIÓN

ÚNICAMENTE PARA EFECTOS ESTADÍSTICOS

Tarjeta de Estadística  Tarjeta de Estadística Temporal o FMM o FMM

Tarjeta de Residente Extranjero FMM o FMM de Inmigrado  Tarjeta de Visitante Extranjero Inmigrante o Con FMM de Adopción

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**REGISTRO DE SALIDA/DEPARTURE REGISTRATION**

**Datos como aparecen en el pasaporte/Personal information as it appears on the passport**

1. Nombre/First name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Apellido (s)/Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Nacionalidad/Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Fecha de Nacimiento/Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Sexo/Sex:  Mujer/Female  Hombre/Male 6. No. Pasaporte/Passport No.: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Tipo de Viaje/Purpose of trip:  Turismo/Tourism  Negocios/Business  Expedición/Drive  Asilo/Asylum  Migración/Migration  Otro/Other 8. Vía de Ingresación/Entering By:  Abasco/Air  Marítima/Sea  Terrestre/Land

9. Nombre de la Aerolínea o embarcación/Airline or vessel name: \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Vuelo o matrícula de la aeronave o embarcación/Flight No. or vessel registration: \_\_\_\_\_

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Temporabilidad:  sí/si  no/no

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An “FMM” (*forma migratoria multiple* – multiple immigration form) is issued at an entry point upon presentation of a valid passport.

It is valid for a stay up to 180 days.



# Visitor's Visa (also known as Tourist Visa)

- ✓ Allows you to stay in Mexico for up to 180 days (with the option to extend this for an additional 30, 60, 90 or 180 days at a time).
- ✓ Allows you to purchase real estate property (under the conditions established for such).
- ✓ Allows you to travel freely through Mexico.
- ✓ Allows you to rent or lease vehicles.



# Temporary Residency Visa

A temporary residency visa is granted to any foreigner that applies for it and meets the eligibility criteria.

This visa is intended for people that wish to stay in Mexico for more than 180 days but not more than 4 years.

The residency process is initiated by setting up an appointment at the nearest Mexican Consulate to where you live abroad.

You need to attend the meeting in person and deliver the requirements they will outline for you.

Immigration law being a federal law, the requirements should be the same however please note each Consulate has the ability to request less or more paperwork.

# Temporary Residency Visa

As a general guideline, they will ask for:

- Original passport (and photocopy of the page containing the photo and personal data)
- Visa application form (printed on one page, double sided)
- One photograph measuring 3.9 cm x 3.1. cm, face uncovered, no eyeglasses, frontal view, in color, and with white background.
- Payment of fees in cash \$36 USD (however please note fees are updated monthly).



# Temporary Residency Visa

- Original and photocopy of investment receipts or bank account statements showing an average of monthly balance equivalent to \$3,000 USD or;
- Original and photocopy of tax-free monthly income from pensions for roughly \$3,000 USD.

The process can take up to 10 days in which they will hold your passport.

Once you obtain the visa, you must travel to Mexico within the next 6 months to finalize the residency process.



# Temporary Residency Visa

Once in Mexico, you will need to file the following at the local Immigration office:

- Proof of address from Mexico (utility bill)
- Photos "infantil" size, face uncovered, no eyeglasses, frontal view, right view, in color, and with white background.
- Original passport
- Original FMM (the papervisa you obtain at the airport)
- Original application form (different from the Consulate form)

The process takes approximately 8 weeks. Please note that during those weeks you cannot leave Mexico without an exit permit so please plan your travels accordingly.

# Temporary Residency Visa

The fees and expenses vary depending on which visa you apply for.

For the Temporary Residency, the fees and expenses for 2020 are \$8,271.00 pesos (roughly \$375.00 USD or \$590.00 CAD).

The first year, your residency will be valid for one year - after the one year initial period you can reapply for 2 or 3 years.

It is important to note you must be in Mexico for each renewal.

# Temporary Residency Card



The issuance of this residency card that makes your residency legal, not the possession of the visa.

# Permanent Residency Visa

A permanent residency visa is granted to any foreigner that applies for it and meets the eligibility criteria.

This visa is intended for people that wish to stay in Mexico indefinitely or permanently relocate to Mexico and have income from abroad.

The residency process is initiated by setting up an appointment at the nearest Mexican Consulate to where you live abroad.

You need to attend the meeting in person and deliver the requirements they will outline for you.

# Permanent Residency Visa

A Permanent Resident Card gives the holder similar rights to an actual Mexico citizen, excluding the right to vote. As such, with a Mexican Permanent Resident Card:

- ✓ You are allowed to work without having to get a work permit
- ✓ You may apply for free health insurance
- ✓ You only have to apply once – since it is indefinite, there is no need to renew it every one to two years
- ✓ You can enter and leave Mexico as many times as you want



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- Payment of fees in cash \$36 USD (however please note fees are updated monthly).

# Permanent Residency Visa

Original and photocopy of investment receipts or bank account statements showing an average of monthly balance equivalent to \$100,000 USD or;

Original and photocopy of tax-free monthly income from pensions for roughly \$100,000 USD.

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# Permanent Residency Visa

For the Permanent Residency, the fees and expenses for 2020 are \$13,206.00 pesos (roughly \$600.00 USD or \$950.00 CAD).

As the name implies, there are no renewals for this type of visa/residency. It is permanent.

# Permanent Residency Visa



The issuance of this residency card that makes your residency legal, not the possession of the visa.

# Why would one apply for a Mexican residency?

If on a “tourist visa” one can stay in Mexico for 180 days at a time (at least), purchase real estate property, travel freely through Mexico and rent or lease vehicles... Why would I become a resident?

There are several reasons for becoming a resident of Mexico such as:

- Deciding to relocate temporarily or even permanently. Mexico has a large ex-pat community, particularly areas like Puerto Vallarta.

- Tax benefits

- Insurance benefits (cheaper medical insurance, car insurance)



# Why would one apply for a Mexican residency?

- You retain your citizenship but receive the benefits of residency.
- Possibility of accessing some free health benefits.

Particularly, on the temporary residency you are allowed to:

- Import used household goods without duties or taxes (once –for recolation purposes)
- Temporarily import a foreign vehicle for your private use while in Mexico.
- Purchase and register a Mexican-plated car
- Open a bank account
- Have unrestricted/unlimited entry and exit at borders

# Why would one apply for a Mexican residency?

Most importantly, when selling property:

- Being a temporary or permanent resident is one of the requirements to become eligible for a better tax rate for the calculation of capital gains and,
- Being a temporary or permanent resident is one of the requirements to become eligible for a partial or total capital gains exemption once every 3 years.

For more information or to begin your immigration process contact us!

The information as relied today is current. However, please note immigration law and regulations are subject to change without notice.

Sources:

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