



Temporary Resident Visa

General Information

You need to apply for a Temporary Resident Visa if you want to stay in Mexico for **more than 180 days and less than 4 years**.

The visa is valid for six months and includes one entry. Once you arrive in Mexico, you must present your Temporary Resident Visa at the National Migration Institute (INM) within the **first 30 days of arrival**, in order to receive a Temporary Resident Card which will allow you to live in the country for up to four years (including multiple entries).

A **temporary resident visa does NOT allow the visa holder to work in Mexico** (receive payment of compensation from any Mexican person, company or entity in exchange for their services), unless a working permit has been previously authorized by the INM.

However, under normal circumstances it is possible to obtain a Temporary Resident Visa and apply for a working permit once in Mexico, but be advised, **no work is possible until Mexican immigration authorities have granted the working permit, regardless of the visa held by the applicant**.

All visas are processed at the Mexican Embassy (14 Perth Avenue, Yarralumla, ACT 2600). The physical presence of the applicant at the Embassy is an absolute requirement.

Requirements

1. **Visa application form**, which can be downloaded through this [link](#).
2. Current **passport** with a minimum validity left of six months.
3. One passport size **photograph** with white background and visible facial traits (i.e. hair not covering the face).
4. For non-Australian citizens, copy of **valid Australian visa**, either stamped or electronic, as proof that you are legally residing in Australia. NOTE: All applicants must be legally in Australia at the moment of applying for a Mexican visa.
5. For applicants *under* 18 years of age, **birth certificate and official IDs of the parents or legal guardians**.

ONE of the following **supporting documents** (sections A to F):

A) Proof of financial solvency.

Either:



- I. Bank or financial statements showing an average monthly balance of 5,000 minimum daily wages in Mexico City (totalling \$708,500.00 MXN, equivalent to approximately \$47,800.00) in savings or investments for each and every single month over the past twelve months, counting backwards from the application lodgement date. The statements **must be stamped by the issuing bank/financial institution** and show the monthly balance **of each and every month**. Only statements issued under the applicant's name will be accepted. Bank statements issued by an institution outside of Australia will not be accepted.

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- II. Proof or regular, steady income **for each and every single one of the past six months**, counting backwards from the application lodgement date, of 300 minimum daily wages in Mexico City (totalling \$42,510.00 MXN, approximately \$2,900.00 AUD). Income has to be substantiated by presenting payment slips and bank statements that match the amounts indicated. The bank statements must be stamped by the issuing bank. The payslips and bank statements must be issued by an institution in Australia. The supporting documents must clearly state the origin of your income and show that it has been steady and constant. Centrelink payments, transfers between your accounts or bank deposits will not be considered.

B) Familiar Unity. Proof of family bonds to a Mexican citizen or a temporary/permanent/student temporary resident of Mexico (holding a Mexican resident visa or card).

- I. Original and copy of the official ID of the Mexican citizen or temporary/permanent/student temporary resident of Mexico (Mexican passport for Mexicans, Mexican resident card/visa for residents of Mexico). The Mexican citizen or resident of Mexico must also be physically present at the embassy on the day of the appointment. If the Mexican citizen or resident of Mexico is in Mexico, they can request the visa at the National Migration Institute (more information here: <https://bit.ly/1mQwuMH> and here <https://bit.ly/29jn87W>).

- II. ONE of the following (depending on your situation):

- i. For spouses: original and a photocopy of the **legal marriage certificate, common-law certificate or equivalent**, issued by the appropriate Mexican or Australian authority. If the marriage took place in a different country, it must be apostilled or legalized by the correspondent authority in that country and have a certified translation into Spanish or English.
- ii. For parents: If the applicant is the parent of the Mexican citizen or temporary/permanent/student temporary resident of Mexico, **original and copy of the birth certificate** of the Mexican citizen or resident of Mexico. If the document was not issued in Mexico or Australia, it must be apostilled or legalized by the corresponding authority and have a certified translation into Spanish or English. **For parents of Mexican citizens, only the Mexican birth certificate will be accepted.**



- iii. For underage children: If the applicant is a *minor* and the son/daughter of the Mexican citizen or resident of Mexico: **original and copy of the birth certificate** of the applicant. If the document was not issued in Australia, it must be apostilled or legalized by the corresponding authority and have a certified translation into Spanish or English. Only children under 18 years of age can be included as your dependants.
 - iv. For underage children of spouses: If the applicant is the underage son/daughter of *the spouse* of the Mexican citizen or permanent resident/temporary resident/temporary student resident and is under his legal guardianship: **birth certificate of the applicant and marriage certificate** of the spouse of the Mexican permanent resident. If the marriage certificate and/or birth certificate was not issued in Australia or in Mexico, they must be apostilled or legalized by the corresponding authority and have a certified translation into Spanish or English. Only children under 18 years of age can be included as your dependants.
- III. Proof of financial solvency to cover the expenses of each and every family member:
Either:
- i. **Financial investments**. Statements issued by a bank and/or financial institution showing an *average monthly* balance of at least 100 minimum daily wages in Mexico City (totalling \$14,170.00 MXN, equivalent to approximately \$960.00 AUD) per family member **for each and every single one of the past twelve months**. The bank statements must be issued by an institution in Australia.
- AND / OR
- ii. **Income**. Proof of regular, steady income **for each and every single one of the past six months**, counting backwards from the date of the application, of at least 100 minimum daily wages in Mexico City (totalling \$14,170.00 MXN, equivalent to approximately \$960.00 AUD) per family member. The payslips and bank statements must be issued by an institution in Australia.

C) Scientific investigation in Mexican waters.

If you will be applying for a Temporary Resident Visa to conduct scientific research in Mexican waters, you will need to provide the following:

- I. Copy of the written letter by which the diplomatic representation in Mexico of the national or resident country, confirms that the Mexican Secretary of Foreign Affairs (*Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores* - SRE) has received the authorisation by the national authorities for the scientific/research activities in Mexican waters. The written letter **must contain the following information**:
 - i. Full name and nationality of the applicant.
 - ii. Name of the organization or public institution inviting the applicant.
 - iii. Information about the activities or projects in which the applicant will participate.
 - iv. Estimated length or approximate end date of the activity.

D) Invitation of an organization or a public or private institution.



If you will be applying for a Temporary Resident Visa by invitation of an organization or public or private institution, you will need to provide the following:

- I. Original of the invitation letter of an organization or of a public or private institution to participate in an unpaid activity in Mexico. The letter must contain the following information:
 - i. Full name and nationality of the applicant.
 - ii. Name of the organization or public institution inviting the applicant.
 - iii. Full address, contact information, official registration number (if applicable), and purpose or corporate name of the organization or institution.
 - iv. Information about the activities or projects in which the applicant will participate.
 - v. Estimated duration or approximate date of completion of the activities in which the applicant will participate.
 - vi. The binding responsibility of the inviting institution to cover the living expenses of the applicant during his/her stay in Mexico and ensuring that the applicant will return to his/her country of origin or residence upon completion of the activity.
 - vii. Copy of the official photo ID (which must include the signature) of the person who signs the responsive letter.
- II. Original documents providing proof that the applicant has the experience, capacity, skills or knowledge necessary to carry out the activity for which he/she is invited.
- III. If the inviting organisation will cover the applicant's living expenses, proof of financial solvency from the inviting organization or institution. Original and copy of bank statements from the inviting organization/institution showing a monthly average amount of at least 10, 000 minimum daily wages in Mexico City (totalling \$1,417,000.00 MXN, equivalent to approximately \$96,000.00 AUD), on each and every month of the last twelve months. **NOTE: Public and private institutions belonging to the National Education System (for example, universities) do not need to show proof of financial solvency.**
- IV. If the inviting institution will not cover the applicant's living expenses, proof of financial solvency from the applicant, either by:
 - i. Original and photocopy of proof of investments or bank statements of the applicant with monthly average balance of at least 5,000 minimum daily wages in Mexico City (totalling \$708,500.00 MXN, equivalent to approximately \$48,000.00 AUD) **for each and every one of the last twelve months.**

AND / OR

- ii. Original and photocopy of documents that demonstrate that the visa applicant has employment or pension with monthly income (after taxes) greater than 200 minimum daily wages in Mexico City (totalling \$28,340.00 MXN, approximately \$1,906.00 AUD) **for each and every single one of the past six months.**

E) Ownership of real estate in Mexico.



- I. Original and copy of Public Deed granted before a Notary Public that proves that the applicant is the owner of a real estate in Mexico. **The value of the real estate must be greater than the equivalent of 40,000 days of minimum daily wages in Mexico City** (totalling \$5,668,000.00 MXN equivalent to approximately \$381,500.00 AUD).

F) Investor

ONE of the following:

- I. Proof of participation in the capital stock of a Mexican legal entity. Official document (Deed or policy) of the Mexican legal entity (company), granted before a Notary Public, or document duly certified by the administrative body or competent Mexican institution, stating that:
 - i. The applicant participates in the capital stock of that Mexican legal entity (company), **AND**;
 - ii. That the investment effectively disbursed by the applicant for his/her participation in the Mexican legal entity exceeds the equivalent of 20,000 minimum daily wages in Mexico City (totalling \$2,834,000.00 MXN equivalent to approximately \$191,000.00 AUD). This statement must be accredited by presenting the contract for the sale of shares or social parties, contract of transfer of assets or rights in favour of the Mexican legal entity or document issued by this entity that proves the amount contributed by way of the participation in the capital stock, in original and copy;
- II. Proof of the ownership of personal property or fixed assets in Mexico in favour of the foreign legal entity, used for financial or commercial purposes, with a value that exceeds 20,000 minimum daily wages in Mexico City (totalling \$2,834,000.00 MXN equivalent to approximately \$191,000.00 AUD) in original and copy;
- III. Proof of the development of financial or commercial activities in Mexico. The supporting documents may include contracts, service orders, invoices, receipts, business plans, licenses or permits, or proof issued by the Mexican Institute of Social Security that proves that the legal entity (company) in Mexico is an employer of at least three workers, in original and copy.

***IMPORTANT:** Documents that are not in Spanish or English need to be accompanied by a certified translation into Spanish. Furthermore, any official documents that are not issued by Australian or Mexican authorities need to be **legalized/apostilled by the authorities of the issuing country**. Please check with the consular authorities of the issuing country to learn how to obtain the legalisation/apostille.

How to apply

1. Choose a date and time for an appointment via the MiConsulado (MyConsulate) booking system: <https://citas.sre.gob.mx/>. *NOTE: you can change the language of MiConsulado by clicking on the language option on the upper right corner.* If more than one person will apply



for the visa, each applicant must have their own appointment. However, if you are applying as a family unit, you can use a single booking for up to one adult and one child.

2. On the day of the appointment, you will be required to appear before the Embassy of Mexico with your passport, completed visa application form (with the passport sized photo affixed to it) and all supporting documents (original and copy) for a consular interview. **There is no visa processing done online or through post.** If the applicant is a minor, the parents will need to appear as well, showing the minor's birth certificate and their official IDs.

NOTE: The original passport, completed visa application form, photograph and all other supporting documents must be brought to the embassy on the day of the appointment

3. On the day of the appointment, the biometric data (photograph and fingerprints) will be taken, the visa fee will be paid and the consular interview will be held. After the Consular interview, the applicant will leave all documentation at the embassy, including their passport, for processing.

4. Within five days of the consular interview, you will be notified by phone or email if the visa will be granted. After the notification, the passports will be ready for collection at the embassy. If you cannot collect the passport in person, you can either give someone else a simple authorisation letter (signed by you and them and with a copy of their ID) or leave a self-addressed prepaid Registered Post envelope with a "person to person" label at the embassy, which will be used to send your passport back, under strict responsibility of the applicant. These envelopes can be purchased at any Australia Post office.

Costs

- **Consular fees are updated every month** and you are required to check the updated fee before your appointment on the following [link](#).
- Visa fees, regardless of whether the visa is issued or denied, must be paid on the day of the appointment.
- Visa fees will have to be paid either by electronic transfer or in exact cash/denominations, on the day of the appointment. **Card payments are not accepted.**

Validity

- Temporary Resident Visas have a validity of six months from **the day they are issued**.
- Upon arrival in Mexico, the Temporary Resident Visas must be exchanged within the **first 30 days** at the National Migration Institute (INM) for a Temporary Resident Card. More information here (in Spanish): <https://www.gob.mx/tramites/ficha/expedicion-de-documento-migratorio-por-canje/INM811>.

Additional information to take into consideration

- The requirements shown above are the minimum requirements to apply for a visa. It is strongly advised that if you have further evidence to support your visa application, you carry it with you on the day of your appointment.



- Presenting the minimum requirements of the visa application does not mean that the visa will be approved. Further information might be requested by the Consular agent in charge of processing your application
- If you are applying on the basis of income, please **highlight** the income on your bank statements to facilitate the reviewing process of your documents.
- All of your supporting documents must be printed. **Documents only available on your phone, laptop or tablet will not be accepted.**
- Due to high demand, we advise that you start your visa application **at least ONE month ahead of your planned travel date.**
- We strongly advise **NOT to make any travel arrangements until a decision on your visa has been made.** The embassy will not take any responsibility for any plane tickets purchased before your visa has been approved.
- If you are considering your household items (furniture, clothing, other articles for personal use) and you are granted a temporary resident visa, you will be eligible to apply for a certificate for the exemption of taxes to the household goods (*menaje de casa*). More information here: <https://embamex.sre.gob.mx/australia/index.php/consular/menajeing>.

Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

Do I need an appointment to apply for a visa?

Yes. It is essential that you make an appointment for all visa applications. However, if you are applying as a family unit, you can use a single booking for up to one adult and one child. Please, book the number of appointments accordingly to your situation.

I don't live in Canberra. Can I apply for a visa at a different office / can I apply remotely?

No. All Mexican visas are issued and processed at the Embassy of Mexico in Australia, located in Canberra. The physical presence of the applicant is a necessary requisite. It is not possible to process visas remotely or at another location in Australia.

My family and I want to apply for temporary resident visas. Can we all apply by providing proof of financial solvency just under my name?

Yes. You will need to apply as the main applicant and comply with the financial solvency requirements (section A). Your family might apply as your dependants, by providing proof of their relationship to you. You must also bring all necessary documents to provide enough proof of financial solvency to cover their expenses (section B). Each applicant needs to have their individual appointment, including children. However, if you are applying as a family unit, you can use a single booking for up to one adult and one child. Please, book the number of appointments according to your situation.

Can I provide proof of financial solvency for someone else if I am not applying for a visa myself?

No. The financial solvency must be provided by either the applicant or someone who already has a Mexican temporary/permanent/student temporary resident visa or card.



I currently receive an income that meets the minimum financial solvency requirements to apply for the temporary resident visa, but during some of the previous months, I did not meet the requirements. Can I still apply for a temporary resident visa?

No. If you are supporting your application by presenting proof of financial solvency, you must meet the minimum requirements for each and every single month without exception. Your application will not be considered even if you have an average income/savings above the minimum threshold, but you do not meet the minimum threshold on each and every single one of the necessary months.

I own a house in Australia. Can I use it as proof of investments?

No. Only savings or financial investments, clearly showing the monetary value of the investment, can be taken into consideration. You need to have these investments for at least the last twelve months.

Is cryptocurrency accepted as proof of investments/savings?

No. Due to its high volatility and anonymity, at this moment cryptocurrency is not accepted as proof of financial solvency.

Can I use my Superannuation as proof of financial solvency?

You can only use your Superannuation as proof of income or investments if you already have access to it. If you are not entitled to access the funds on your superannuation yet, it will not be considered as proof of income or investments.

I own a company and am the sole director. Can I use bank statements under my company name to apply for a visa?

The bank statements/payslips must clearly show that the income/savings/investments belong to you and that you can dispose of them at your will. Bank statements under a business name/legal entity usually are not considered as suitable supporting documents, even if you are the sole director/owner of the company, as they show the financial resources of an organisation and not an individual.

I have rental income/investments outside of Australia. Can I use them to apply for the visa?

Due to the complications to verify the authenticity of private documents issued overseas (bank statements, payslips, rental income, etc.), all supporting documents must be issued in Australia. If you receive income from a different country, which would be essential to your application, you must provide a letter from the issuing institution with contact details and other relevant information necessary to verify the authenticity of the documents. If your income or investments are based mostly in a different country, it is suggested that you enquire with the Embassy of Mexico in that country about the visa application process with them.

I have more than one bank account/source of income, but I believe that I meet the requirements with just one of them. Do I need to bring the bank statements/payslips of the other?

The requirements shown above are the bare minimum to apply for a visa. Depending on your circumstances, the consular officials might ask you to provide additional documents (for example, proof of how you will pay for your expenses while you are in Mexico). Therefore, it



is strongly suggested that you bring with you additional supporting documents that could provide proof of your financial solvency/income/plans in Mexico/ etc. Only the printed documents that you bring with you on the day of the appointment will be considered for the visa application. If you have additional relevant documents to support your application, but you don't have them with you (printed), they will not be taken into account, even if they could potentially provide proof of your suitability to apply for the visa.

I am married to a Mexican citizen. Can I apply for a permanent resident visa?

No. Spouses of Mexican citizens can only apply for a temporary resident visa. However, if you have Mexican children, you are eligible to apply for a permanent resident visa if they already have their Mexican birth certificates.

How can I apply for a work visa?

Temporary Resident Visas with work permit are requested by the employer in Mexico from the National Migration Institute (INM). More information here (in Spanish): <https://www.gob.mx/tramites/ficha/visa-por-oferta-de-empleo/INM73>.

Temporary residents can also apply for a work permit while in Mexico. More information here (in Spanish): <https://www.gob.mx/tramites/ficha/obtencion-de-permiso-de-trabajo-para-extranjeros-residentes-temporales-en-mexico/INM795>.

I have a temporary resident card but it is expired. Can I renew it at the embassy?

No. Temporary/permanent resident cards can only be renewed at the National Migration Institute in Mexico.

I'm married to a Mexican citizen (or temporary/permanent/student temporary resident of Mexico) but he/she is in Mexico and can't come with me to the embassy. How can I apply for the visa?

If your family member (Mexican national or permanent/temporary/student temporary resident of Mexico) is in Mexico, he/she can request your visa at the National Migration Institute (more information here: <https://bit.ly/1mQwuMH> and here <https://bit.ly/29jn87W>). Once it is accepted, you will be able to attend to the consular interview at the embassy without them (contact the consular section of the embassy prior to making an appointment to verify if your details are correct).

Alternatively, if you are an Australian passport holder, you can enter Mexico as a tourist without a Visitor Visa for up to 180 days. Once you are in Mexico, you can request your change of status from "Visitor" to "Temporary Resident" at the National Migration Institute (more information here: <https://www.gob.mx/tramites/ficha/cambio-a-residente-temporal-por-vinculo-familiar/INM828>).

For applicants from other nationalities, you can verify if you need a Visitor Visa to enter Mexico here: <https://embamex.sre.gob.mx/australia/index.php/visitorvisa>.

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