

**THE TEMPORARY PROGRAM FOR THE REGULARIZATION OF MIGRANTS
ENTERS INTO FORCE**

On 12 January 2015, the Temporary Program for the Regularization of Migrants was published. The main objective of this program is to guarantee that the human rights of all migrants are respected and to help in the implementation of a more effective immigration policy.

The program establishes the conditions, requirements and procedures that will temporarily be applied by the National Institute for Migration in order to promote the regularization of all foreign citizens currently in national territory who intend to reside in Mexico for a period of time.

This program applies, exclusively, to those foreign citizens that entered Mexico before 9 November 2012 and that resided in the country irregularly up to 13 January 2015.

The Program will not be applicable to those persons that are under the following situations:

- I. If they have a pending immigration process;
- II. If they are subject to an assisted return or deportation process;
- III. If they gave the National Institute for Migration false information or presented authentic documents which were obtained through fraud;
- IV. If they were deported and as a result have a valid entry restriction;
- V. If they are under criminal investigation or if they were charged for a serious crime.

The Program clearly establishes documents that must be presented for consideration of immigration authorities.

Once the process is successfully completed, the person in question will be given temporary residence in Mexico for four years.

This Program serves as a further example of the commitment of the Government of Mexico to strengthen the actions taken by the National Institute for Migration to create legal, safe and orderly immigration regimes, which ensure a greater protection and promotion of the human rights of all migrants in national territory.

References:

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