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CONSULADO GENERAL DE  
MÉXICO EN SAN FRANCISCO

Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores  
Consulado General de México en San Francisco

## REQUIREMENTS FOR TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN MEXICO (VISA DE RESIDENTE TEMPORAL)

This status allows retirees who have a secured income to live as a temporary resident in Mexico. Under this category, applicants may NOT work in Mexico nor engage in a profitable activity.

**1 step CONSULATE** Appointment is not required for this process. Applications are received in person Monday through Friday between 9:00AM to 1:00 pm.

- 1) Fill out the Application form
- 2) Valid passport or valid travel document in original and one photocopy
- 3) Document that proves that the applicant is foreign legal resident of USA (Resident Card, I-797, I-20 advance parole, etc). *This only applies for non-U.S. citizens*
- 4) One photo passport size, face uncovers, no eyeglasses, frontal view, in color, with white background.
- 5) Application processing fee \$36.00 dollars (cash, credit or debit card – visa or master card). Non refundable if no approved.
- 6) Proof of economic solvency original and copy:
  - a) Written Letter proof of employment with the previous 6 months of pay stuff or bank statement or if you are retired (retirement letter from the social Security with a monthly income of at least \$1,500.00 US dollars after taxes for the previous 6 months.
  - b) Copy of statements from bank accounts or investments with a minimum valance of \$25,000 average for the last 12 months.

\*If you have property in Mexico (please bring a copy of the deed showing the value of the property).

\*If you are married bring your married certificate original and copy.

\*Payment of visa fee: \$36.00 US dollars (we accept cash, debit card and credit card)

\*Everyone who requires a visa, regardless of age needs to apply in person.

\*Processing time is up to 5 business days.

\*The issuance of the visa is subject to the consular interview.

\* The Consulate General of Mexico reserves its right to request further information if deemed necessary.

\*These requirements are subject to change without warning

**2 step -MEXICO** PLEASE BE ADVISED: THIS PROCESS MUST COMPLETED AT THE INM (Instituto Nacional de Migracion)

This information you'll need when you go through customs on Mexico.

Visitors with a temporary or permanent resident visa must obtain (FMM) a form from the airline or at the port of entry in Mexico and completed the form with their personal information and check the box **CANJE**. The immigration officer then stamps the FMM card and your visa upon arrival. Please keep this card in a safe place and do not lose it.

The visa alone is not enough; the purpose of the visa is approving you potential as a Resident. The visa is valid for only 6 months and one single entrance. The moment you enter in Mexico this single entrance is used, and you must to continue the process at the INM. To find the nearest immigration office to your residence in Mexico please visit [www.inm.gob.mx](http://www.inm.gob.mx).

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