



Types of Visas in Mexico

This gives an overview of the Mexican immigration system and outlines the principal Visas and options open to persons seeking to visit Mexico for leisure, business, retirement, living and working, as well as those seeking permanent residence or Mexican Citizenship.



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Mexico is one of the easiest countries to get a Residency Visa. The process is straightforward and inexpensive. You simply have to prove you have enough funds to cover your cost of living and pass a simple immigration interview done at your nearest Mexican Consulate.





THREE MAIN TYPES OF VISA

VISITANTE – Visitors Visa

RESIDENTE TEMPORAL –
Temporary Visa

RESIDENTE PERMANENTE –
Permanent Visa.

VISITANTE – VISITORS VISA

This Visa is intended for visitors who plan on being in Mexico 6 months a year. Don't lose it! Whether you are there for the weekend or 6 months, you'll need to present it upon exiting Mexico. This Visa works well for people who own 2nd homes in Mexico and visit a few months a year.

RESIDENTE TEMPORAL - TEMPORARY VISA

This is a Temporary Visa for people who want to reside in Mexico more than 6 months but less than 4 years. This Visa is renewed annually and after the 4th year you can apply for Permanent Residency.

RESIDENTE PERMANENTE – PERMANENT VISA

This is the Permanent Visa for foreigners who plan to live in Mexico permanently. If your goal is to become a Mexican Citizen, start with this Visa.

Qualifying for Legal Residence in Mexico 2024

- The monthly income required to qualify for Temporary Residence when you apply at a Mexican Consulate is now around \$4,350 a month in US Dollars. If your monthly income does not meet the criteria, you can qualify with \$75,000 in savings/investments – that may include a combination of cash/401k (or equivalent), trust funds or any other investment funds. This remains a viable route to qualify for many people.
- After holding Temporary Residence for 4 consecutive years, you can exchange Temporary for Permanent at an immigration office in Mexico without having to reprove income/savings.

Qualifying for Legal Residence in Mexico 2024

- The monthly income required to qualify for Permanent Residence is now around \$7,300 a month or nearly \$300,000 in savings/investments – and consulates only issue this visas to people who are “retired”.
- Other alternatives are if you are married or getting married to a Mexican national, common-law partners or “*concubinos*”, family roots and if your baby was born in Mexico.
- Mexican government recognizes same sex marriages.





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