

Visa Appointments at a US Embassy in Mexico

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Before deciding to apply at a consular section in Mexico, third country nationals (TCNs) should keep in mind that traveling to the country may require a Mexican visa from a Mexico's embassy/consulate before making the trip. Potential applicants should be sure they have a visa, if necessary, and are prepared to wait several days in Mexico while their visa is being processed.

Who Can Apply for a visa in Mexico:

Any individual seeking to **renew** their C1/D, D, F, H, I, J, L, M, O, P and R visas, if the initial visa in the passport was issued in the applicant's home country.

Notice: Certain visa applicants may be subject to additional administrative processing. This administrative processing may last weeks, thus delaying visa delivery and the applicant's return to the United States. Every effort will be made to expedite these procedures; however, it is not possible to guarantee completion of this process by a particular date.

Who Cannot Apply for a visa in Mexico:

- Applicants for B1/2 visas, including renewals are not accepted from third country nationals who are not resident in Mexico.
- Applicants who entered the U.S. with a visa issued in their home country and changed status with Department of Homeland Security in the U.S. who seek a new visa in the new visa category
- Applicants who entered the United States in one visa category and are seeking to re-enter the U.S. in a different visa category.
- Applicants who have been out of status in the U.S. having violated the terms of their visas or having overstayed the validity indicated on their I-94s.
- Applicants who entered the U.S. under the auspices of the Visa Waiver Program.
- Applicants who obtained their current visa in a country other than that of their legal residence.

PLEASE NOTE: If you were informed when you obtained the original visa in your home country that you are subject to National Security Entry Exit Registrations (NSEERs), are a national of North Korea, Cuba, Syria, Sudan or Iran, you are not eligible to renew your visa in Mexico.

Forms or Documents Required for the F-1 Visa:

A **passport** valid for at least 6 months **after your interview**. Passports should have **at least one blank page (without stamps)** available to attach a visa. If your passport is still valid but has no available pages, you should obtain a new passport.

DS-156 Nonimmigrant Visa Application

DS-157: Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application (usually for males 16-45 years old)

DS-158: Contact Information and Work History for Nonimmigrant Visa Applicant (usually for student visas)

Proof of **payment** of the application fee

SEVIS I-20

SEVIS fee payment receipt (www.fmjfee.com)

Proof of funding (amount indicated on current I-20)

Proof of full time enrollment at USC (official transcripts)

Proof of ties to home country. These documents should demonstrate that you have motives and intention to return to your country at the end of your visit.

Making an Appointment:

TCNs residing in the United States who wish to apply for a visa in Mexico may make their interview appointment at any of the ten posts comprising Mission Mexico on-line at <http://www.usvisa-mexico.com/> or by phone at **1-900-476-1212**.

Safety while Traveling: OIS would like to advise students of the recent risks of travel to Tijuana, Mexico. Please make sure to take all safety precautions when traveling and to be in contact with an individual in the US, in case of emergencies.

Information taken from the US Embassy in Mexico website: http://mexico.usembassy.gov/eng/evisas_student.html