

**SECRETARIA DE GOBERNACION**

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**INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE MIGRACION**



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GOBERNACIÓN



# DISCLAIMER

**ALL THE INFORMATION PRESENTED IS IN  
GENERAL. THIS INFORMATION MAY VARY DEPENDING  
ON EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE**

**PLEASE VISIT YOUR LOCAL IMMIGRATION OFFICE FOR  
PERSONALIZED INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR  
PARTICULAR CASE**



**IMMIGRATION LAW  
VALID SINCE: MAY 25, 2011**

**WITH TH EXCEPTION OF CHAPTERS I AND II AND TITLE IV  
(EN RELATION TO VISAS AND NEW IMMIGRATION STATUS)**

**NEW REGULATIONS OF  
IMMIGRATION LAW  
VALID SINCE: NOVEMBER 9, 2012**



# CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION STATUS

**NON-IMMIGRANT  
 TOURIST**



**VISITOR WITHOUT WORK  
 AUTHORIZATION**

This is a Mexican Tourist Card (FMM) for a non-immigrant tourist. It includes fields for personal information, passport details, and travel dates. The form is titled 'ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS' and 'SECRETARÍA DE GOBERNACIÓN'.

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# CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION STATUS

FM3  
 or  
 FM2



NON-IMMIGRANT  
 or  
 IMMIGRANT



TEMPORARY  
 RESIDENT





# CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION STATUS

**PERMANENT  
IMMIGRANT  
“INMIGRADO”**

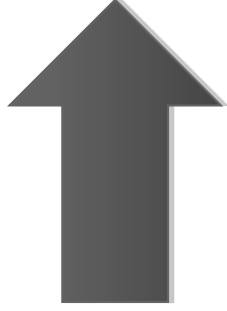


**PERMANENT  
RESIDENT**



# CHANGES IN CONDITION

**TOURISTS ON VISITOR PERMITS OR VISAS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CHANGE THEIR STAY CONDITION WITHIN MEXICO AND WILL REQUIRE TO EXIT THE COUNTRY UPON EXPIRATION OF THEIR AUTHORIZED TIME OF STAY**



**WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE WHO ARE  
KIN OF MEXICAN CITIZENS OR FOR  
HUMANITARIAN REASONS**

# NEW STAY TERMS

**VISITOR**



**UP TO 180  
 DAYS**

**TEMPORARY  
 RESIDENT**



**UP TO 4 YEARS**

**PERMANENT  
 RESIDENT**



**DOES NOT EXPIRE  
 (EXCEPT MINORS)**



## TEMPORARY RESIDENT

- CAN APPLY FOR A CARD WITH A VALIDITY OF 1, 2, 3 or 4 YEARS
- HAS THE POSSIBILITY OF A WORK PERMIT
- UNLIMITED ENTRIES AND EXITS
- RIGHT TO FAMILY UNITY (MAY PETITION FOR FAMILY MEMBERS)

### **OBLIGATED TO COMMUNICATE ANY CHANGES IN:**

- ADDRESS
- EMPLOYER
- CIVIL STATUS
- CHANGE OF CITIZENSHIP

WITHIN **NINETY DAYS** OF ANY OF THESE CHANGES



## PERMANENT RESIDENT

- UNLIMITED STAY
- WORK PERMITTED (IMPLICIT BY PERMANENT STATUS)
- UNLIMITED ENTRIES AND EXITS
- RIGHT TO FAMILY UNITY (MAY PETITION FOR FAMILY MEMBERS)

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## **WHO QUALIFIES FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE?**

- **BY NEXT-OF-KIN RIGHT TO PRESERVE FAMILY UNIT**
- **RETIREES (\$3,000 USD IN MONTHLY INCOME or \$12,000 USD IN INVESTMENTS)**
- **BY RIGHT TO PRESERVE FAMILY UNIT**
- **4 YEARS OF UNINTERRUPTED AND REGULAR STATUS AS TEMPORARY RESIDENT**
- **2 YEARS AS TEMPORARY RESIDENT AND LEGAL SPOUSE OF A PERMANENT RESIDENT OR MEXICAN CITIZEN**
- **HUMANITARIAN REASONS**



## EXCEPTIONAL APPLICATION PERIOD FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE

- WHEN YOUR CURRENT NON-IMMIGRANT OR IMMIGRANT DOCUMENT (FM3 O FM2), HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR A **3rd RENEWAL OR IS WITHIN ITS THIRD YEAR**, YOU CAN APPLY FOR A CHANGE OF CONDITION TO PERMANENT RESIDENT WITHIN 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DOCUMENT'S EXPIRATION DATE
- WHEN YOUR CURRENT NON-IMMIGRANT OR IMMIGRANT DOCUMENT (FM3 O FM2), HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR A **4TH RENEWAL PERIOD OR LAST RENEWAL YEAR**, YOU CAN APPLY FOR A CHANGE OF CONDITION TO PERMANENT RESIDENT WITHIN THE 6 MONTHS FOLLOWING ITS EXPIRATION



# VISA AUTHORIZATIONS

## VISAS OBTAINED AT MEXICAN CONSULATE OFFICES (ABROAD)

- VISITOR VISA WITH OR WITHOUT WORK PERMIT (U.S. /CAN CITIZENS EXEMPT)
- VISITOR VISA FOR ADOPTION PROCESS PURPOSES IN MEXICO
- TEMPORARY RESIDENT - STUDENT
- TEMPORARY RESIDENT
- PERMANENT RESIDENT

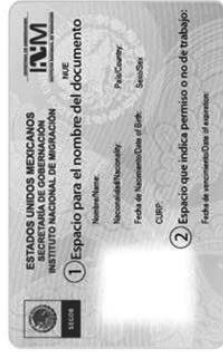
## VISAS OBTAINED AT INM OFFICES (WITHIN MEXICO)

- WORK PERMIT
- FAMILY REUNIFICATION
- HUMANITARIAN REASONS





# ONCE THE VISA HAS BEEN OBTAINED...



- 1.- ONCE THE MEXICAN CONSULATE HAS ISSUED THE REQUESTED VISA, YOU CAN ENTER THE COUNTRY TO APPLY YOUR RESIDENT CARD.
- 2.- UPON ENTRY YOU **MUST** SHOW THE VISA TO THE IMMIGRATION OFFICER. OTHERWISE YOU WILL BE GIVEN A TOURIST VISA AND YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE CANCELLED.
- 3.- THE IMMIGRATION OFFICER WILL ISSUE A “FMM” FORMAT FOR EXCHANGE WITH A VALIDITY OF **30 DAYS**
- 4.- YOU MUST APPLY FOR A RESIDENT CARD (TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT) AT YOUR LOCAL INM OFFICE. YOU WILL NEED TO SHOW COPY OF THE VISA, ORIGINAL “FMM” FORM AND PAY THE CORRESPONDING FEES, **WITHIN 30 DAYS OF YOUR ENTRY INTO MEXICO**

# APPLICATION TIMEFRAMES

- ALL DOCUMENTS CAN ONLY BE RENEWED **30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE**
- CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION CONDITION CAN BE SOLICITED AT ANY TIME AS LONG AS THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.
- THE AVERAGE RESOLUTION TIME (JUST APPROVAL) FOR AN ORDINARY APPLICATION IS **20 WORKING DAYS**
- ONCE YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED, THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE WILL REQUIRE YOUR FINGERPRINTS AND SIGNATURE; AFTER THAT, YOUR FILE WILL BE SENT TO MEXICO CITY CENTRAL OFFICES TO PROCESS YOUR RESIDENT CARD
- THE AVERAGE WAIT TIME FOR RESIDENT CARDS IS AN ADDITIONAL **2 TO 3 WEEKS**



## COST AND REPLACEMENT OF DOCUMENTS

- THE COST FOR REPLACEMENT BECAUSE OF THEFT, LOSS OR DESTRUCTION IS THE SAME AS THE INITIAL APPLICATION COST.

	Temporary Resident	Permanent Resident
1 year.....	\$ 3,130.00	\$ 3,815.00
2 years .....	\$ 4,690.00	
3 years .....	\$ 5,940.00	<b>Visitor (Tourist)</b>
4 years .....	\$ 7,040.00	\$ 295.00

- THE EXCHANGE OF AN “INMIGRADO” (PERMANENT RESIDENT BOOKLET) FOR A PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD IS OPTIONAL





# DOCUMENT EXPIRATION OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY

- IF YOUR RESIDENT CARD HAS EXPIRED WHILE YOU WERE OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY, YOU WILL HAVE 55 DAYS AFTER THE EXPIRATION DATE TO RE-ENTER MEXICO
- THE RENEWAL APPLICATION MUST BE PRESENTED AT YOUR LOCAL OFFICE WITHIN THE NEXT 5 WORKING DAYS AFTER YOU ENTERED MEXICO
- IF THESE TIME FRAMES ARE EXCEEDED YOUR DOCUMENT WILL LOSE ALL VALIDITY



# REGULARIZATION

**WHEN A FOREIGN CITIZEN IS FOUND IN AN IRREGULAR IMMIGRATION SITUATION**

**THE FOLLOWING CASES HAVE THE RIGHT TO  
REGULARIZE THEIR SITUATION:**

- **THOSE WHOSE DOCUMENT IS EXPIRED NO MORE THAN 60 DAYS**
- **THOSE WHO ARE KIN WITH A MEXICAN CITIZEN OR MEXICAN RESIDENT**
- **FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS**

## EXIT AND RETURN PERMIT

**IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WHILE YOU APPLICATION IS IN PROCESS, YOU MUST SOLICIT FOR AN EXIT AND RETURN PERMIT AT THE SAME OFFICE WHERE YOUR PROCESS IS PENDING**

**•THIS PERMIT DOES NOT APPLY TO THOSE UNDERGOING AN IMMIGRATION REGULARIZATION PROCESS**

**•VALID FOR 60 DAYS ONLY**

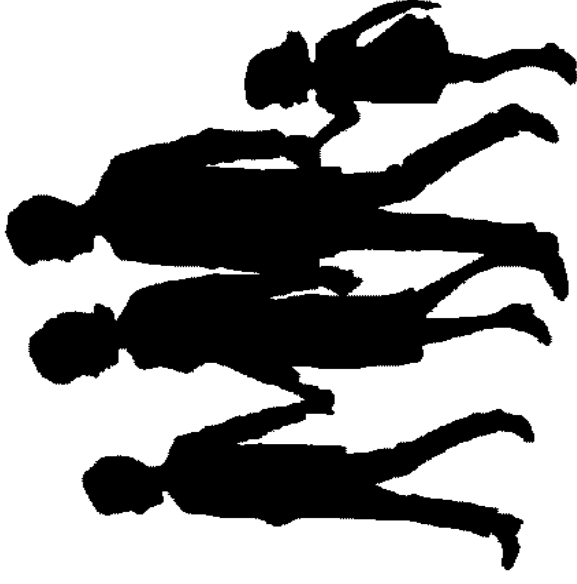
**•YOU MUST PRESENT THIS DOCUMENT TO THE IMMIGRATION OFFICER BOTH AT DEPARTURE AND RETURN. THE OFFICER WILL VERIFY THE DOCUMENT AND PUT A STAMP ON IT. YOUR LOCAL OFFICE WILL VERIFY BOTH EXIT AND ENTRY STAMPS.**

**•YOU MUST PRESENT THIS DOCUMENT WITHIN THE NEXT 10 CALENDAR DAYS OF YOUR AFTER YOUR RETURN TO MEXICO TO THE SAME OFFICE THAT ISSUED IT.**



## RIGHT TO PRESERVE FAMILY UNIT

- CHILDREN, ESPOUSE'S CHILDREN, CHILDREN OF PARTNERS LIVING IN COHABITATION (MINORS)
- ESPOUSE OR COHABITATION PARTNER (CONCUBINA)
- FATHER OR MOTHER
- SIBLINGS (ONLY MINORS)
- MOTHER OR FATHER OF A PERMANENT RESIDENT





# INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

[www.inami.gob.mx](http://www.inami.gob.mx)

•Toll free number: 01 800 004 6264

## NUEVO VALLARTA

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HOURS: MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
FROM 09:00am TO 1:00pm

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ZONA HOTELERA NORTE

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