



Mexican Visa Information

For Athletes & Team Officials



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1. VISA INFORMATION

1.1. Do I Need a Visa?

Nationals from the following countries holding regular passports **do require** a visa to enter Mexico as tourists or business visitors and can stay in Mexico for up to 180 days. For visa types and special cases, please consult section 1.2.

A	Afghanistan, Antigua y Barbuda, Armenia, Albania, Azerbaijan, Angola, Argelia
B	Bahrein, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burundi, Belarus, Botswana, Bhutan, Benin
C	Cape Verde, Central African Republic, China, Cambodia, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Congo, Cuba, Chad, Congo, Rep. Dem. (Zaire)
D	Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic
E	East Timor, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia
F	Fiji Islands
G	Gabon, Grenada, Gambia, Guatemala, Guyana, Georgia, Guinea, Ghana, Guinea Bissau
H	Haiti, Honduras
I	India, Iran, Indonesia, Iraq
J	Jordan
K	Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kenia, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan
L	Laos, Liberia, Lesotho, Libya, Lebanon
M	Macedonia, Morocco, Mongolia, Madagascar, Mauritius, Montenegro, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Maldives, Myanmar, Mali, Moldova
N	Namibia, Nicaragua, Nauru, Niger, Nepal, Nigeria, North Korea
O	Oman
P	Pakistan, Palestine, Papua Nueva Guinea, Philippines
Q	Qatar
R	Rwanda
S	Solomon Islands, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Serbia, South Africa, San Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles Islands, Sudan, Saint Lucia, Sierra Leone, Surinam, Syria, Swaziland
T	Thailand, Turkmenistan, Taiwan, Togo, Turkey, Tanzania, Tonga, Tuvalu, Tajikistan, Tunisia
U	Ukraine, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan
V	Vanuatu, Vietnam
Y	Yemen
Z	Zambia, Zimbabwe



Nationals from all other countries holding regular passports do not require a visa to enter Mexico as tourists or business visitors and can stay in Mexico for up to 180 days.

This includes residents of French overseas departments and territories, Danish territories and Dutch Caribbean territories, Australian territories and New Zealand territories, as well as holders of valid US visas or Green Cards.

For British nationals, holders of British citizen, British National (Overseas) and British subject passports are eligible for visa-free entry.

IMPORTANT

Effective May 2016, all those foreign nationals, regardless of their nationality, visiting Mexico for tourism, business or transit are NOT required to obtain a Mexican visa IF they hold a valid (non-expired) Visa or Permanent Residence of any of these countries: United States of America, Canada, Japan, United Kingdom or Schengen area (European Union). Nevertheless, we strongly suggest that you confirm this with your corresponding Mexican Embassy/Consulate as soon possible.

Visa holders are allowed to travel to Mexico, however, it is important to state that entry to the country is subject to the final decision of the Immigration and Health Authorities in Mexico on a case by case basis.

1.2. Visa Types

If you do require a visa, please consult below for the type of visa you will need to request.

1.2.1. Tourist Visa

This type of visa is needed for you if:

- You are traveling to Mexico for vacations, transit, business, technical activities, artistic activities, scientific activities, sport activities, correspondent or journalist, ministers of religion.
- You will be in Mexico for up to 180 days.
- You do not have a work authorization.

More information regarding the specifics of applying for this visa are in section 1.4.

1.2.2. Electronic Authorization System

The Electronic Authorization System (SAE) is an online system, which allows citizens traveling by air to obtain an electronic authorization to travel to Mexico for tourism or business purposes without a consular visa. It is valid for 30 days and a single entry and upon arrival visitors are authorized to stay in Mexico as tourists for up to 180 days. This applies for citizens from **Turkey and Ukraine**.



1.3. Recommended Dates & Deadlines (Validity)

It is recommended that those needing a visa begin the process considering the guidelines outlined in this document.

Those needing a visa should begin the process at the end of June, depending on your arrival date, since the Mexican visa must be used within 90 days of the issue date. Please consult your corresponding Embassy/Consulate for an exact date and plan your timeline accordingly.

1.4. How To Apply For A Visa

The following section provides all the information needed for applying for a visa for Mexico. However, always consult your corresponding Embassy/Consulate for the final decision.

1.4.1. LOC Assistance

The LOC will assist delegation members (Aa, Ao, NPC Pres/Sec Gen) with an invitation letter which each delegate will have to present along with the rest of the required documents when requesting a visa in their corresponding Mexican Embassy/Consulate. It is up to each delegation to contact their corresponding Embassy/Consulate and make the appropriate arrangements to ensure they process their visas in a timely manner, considering any other trips delegates may have.

If visas are required, NPCs must first contact the LOC by sending an email to visa.2017wch@gmail.com. The LOC will then send a Visa Invitation Letter Request Form. The deadline to send visa request letters is the 25th of August 2017. This letter will contain your information in the following format:

Visa Invitation Letter Request Form

Mexico City 2017 World Para Powerlifting & World Para Swimming Championships



The LOC can assist you in the process of obtaining a Mexican visa by issuing an Invitation letter. In order to do so, please follow the steps below:

- 1 Fill out all the personal information requested below (one form per delegate)
- 2 Insert a scanned copy of your passport information page in the designated area
- 3 Send document to visa.2017wch@gmail.com

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Applying Embassy/Consulate	<input type="text"/>
Name(s)	<input type="text"/>
Surname(s)	<input type="text"/>
Role/Title	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth DD/MM/YYYY	<input type="text"/>
Passport number	<input type="text"/>
Passport issue date DD/MM/YYYY	<input type="text"/>
Passport expiry date DD/MM/YYYY	<input type="text"/>
Passport country	<input type="text"/>

Please insert passport information page copy in the space below

Upon completing the form, send it to back in excel format – one per delegate – and the LOC will issue one official invitation letter per delegate. Please insert the scanned passport in the designated area in the form. Otherwise, send the image with the name of the delegate in the file name.

1.4.2. Embassies/Consulates

The link below will take you to the official website for the National Institute of Migration where you can search for more information and find the location of your corresponding consulate or embassy. We advise delegations to reach out to their corresponding consulate or embassy and verify their eligibility for entering Mexico.

Click [here](#) to consult a list of all Mexican Embassies and Consulates.

1.4.3. Mexican Visa Process

To apply for a visa, kindly request an appointment through [MEXITEL](#), the free online appointment scheduling system of the Government of Mexico. You can reach it through the following web address:

<https://mexitel.sre.gob.mx/citas.webportal/pages/public/login/login.jsf>

There, you will need to set up an account and choose the most suitable time for your appointment at the Consular Section of the Embassy (it is recommended that you use the web browser Google Chrome when booking your appointment). Once you have booked your



appointment, the system will generate a confirmation letter which you must bring with you to the Embassy on the day of your appointment. Said letter will also be emailed to the email account you provided.

We strongly recommend that you request an appointment with plenty of time in advance to avoid any inconveniences. Please take note that, if you wish to reschedule for a more convenient date or time, or if you miss your appointment, you will need to request a new one following the same procedure.

Once your appointment has been confirmed, you will need to fulfill the following requirements. Please note that all documents are subject to verification and must be presented in both in original and copy:

1. Please be informed that according with new Government regulations, as of January 1st, 2017, visa applications at the Embassy of Mexico will have a non-refundable charge of \$36.00 USD, you must consult your local Embassy or Consulate regarding payment location.
2. Present personally the visa application form fully completed and signed. It is not possible to present your documents via courier or a third party.
3. Present a valid passport, with at least 6 months left before its expiry date from the day you will be entering Mexico.
4. Bring with you one (1) passport sized color picture, with the following characteristics: front face, without glasses, and a white background.
5. Provide evidence of adequate economic solvency.
6. Take part in a consular interview.

Usually, if the aforementioned requirements are fulfilled and no force majeure impediment arises, the visa may be issued the same day it is requested.

Documents in other languages must be translated into Spanish by an official translator. Only official documents issued in Spanish and English are accepted.

According to Mexican Law, presenting modified, altered or false documents for official purposes is a crime. In such cases applicants will be registered permanently and will not be eligible to obtain a Mexican visa. The Consular Section might share information with local authorities.

Please verify with your corresponding Embassy/Consulate in case any other documents are needed.

1.5. Process For Minors

Children under 18 years of age who are traveling accompanied by an adult who is not their parent or legal guardian must present a notarized document containing the authorization of both parents or legal guardians for the minor to process and obtain a Mexican Visa or in the case of not requiring a visa, to travel to Mexico. This document must include a copy of

the identifications of the parents or legal guardians. An example letter is located on Appendix 1.

Make sure you include the following:

- Copy of the passport or travel document of the minor traveling.
- Copies of the passports of the parents or legal guardians whom give the permit.
- Copy of the birth certificate of the minor.
- Copy of the passport of the third party of legal age that will be travelling with the minor.

Note that these are the requirements of the Mexican immigration authorities. Travelers must also meet the requirements of their home country (and any other country they travel en route) for exit and return.

When departing, foreign minors who have entered Mexico with a Tourist visa and accompanied by an adult will not have to present the authorization letter from the parents to allow them to leave the country. For those minors who did not require a Mexican Visa to enter the country please present the aforementioned authorization letter on departure as well.

Once more, we urge you to contact your corresponding Embassy/Consulate as the process may vary.

1.6. At The Port Of Entry

Upon arrival by air, an FMM, or Forma Migratoria Múltiple is an "admission document" issued to all foreigners. The (FMM) may be issued for up to 180 days and is issued per person, including children.

The Mexican Visa has a duration of 180 days once a person enters Mexico.

At customs, each visitor must present:

1. Valid passport or travel document
2. Correctly filled FMM.
3. Immigration officers may request the reason for the trip which may be proven by any of the following documents:
 - a. Hotel reservation, round trip tickets or tour itinerary
 - b. Letter from a public or private institution in Mexico inviting the foreign person to participate in an unpaid activity in the national territory. This is the Invitation Letter the LOC is able to provide.

The image shows two versions of the Mexican Forma Migratoria Múltiple (FMM) form. The top form is for 'UNO OPORTUNIDAD' (One Opportunity) and the bottom form is for 'TODOS LOS DIAS' (All Days). Both forms are issued by the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SE) and contain fields for personal information, travel details, and a QR code for identification.



1.7. Leaving Mexico

Important! When you leave Mexico, you will need to hand in the FMM you were issued upon entering Mexico. If you lose your permit, you will need to re-apply for a duplicate, which carries a fee of MXN\$1,144 and time-consuming procedures. Please ensure your FMM is safe.

A lost FMM, especially if you only notice at the airport when you are ready to leave, will delay your exit and may cause you to miss your scheduled flight.

If you do lose your FMM, you will need to visit the local Immigration Office (ask for the *Oficina de INM – Instituto Nacional de Migración*) in Mexico City, or at the airport, and follow the process established by the INM to obtain a duplicate permit.



2. INFORMATION TO KEEP IN MIND

2.1. Passport Expiry Date

The passport must be valid throughout the stay in Mexico, and it is strongly recommended that it is valid for 6 months after your arrival in Mexico.

2.2. Processing Times

Visa processing times vary from 1 to 10 working days, if all documents have been presented. If not, a new appointment must be made to hand in the missing document(s).

2.3. Vaccines

There are no vaccinations required for entry to Mexico, but short-term travelers visiting any country are recommended to receive vaccination cover for Tetanus (childhood booster), Typhoid (food and water-borne) and Hepatitis A (food & water borne).



Appendix 1. Sample Letter For Minors

Here is an example of a letter of authorization for travel:

(Date)

I (parent's name), authorize my child/children, (child/children's name) to travel to (destination) on (date of travel) aboard Airline/Flight # (flight information) with (accompanying adults), returning on (date of return).

Signed by parent or parents

Address:

Telephone/Contact:

Signature/Seal of Mexican embassy or consulate

The same letter in Spanish would read:

(Date)

Yo (parent's name), autorizo a mi hijo/a (child's name) a viajar a (destination) el (date of travel) por la aerolínea (flight information) con (name of accompanying adult), regresando el (date of return).

Firmado por los padres

Dirección:

Teléfono:

(Signature / Seal of Mexican embassy) Firma y Sello de la embajada mexicana

You can copy and paste this wording, fill out the appropriate details, sign the letter and have it notarized so that your child can carry it along with his or her passport during their travels.

Although it may not be required in all cases, carrying a permission letter from the parents can help ease travel hassles and avoid delays in case immigration authorities question a child's permission to travel. So whenever possible, it is always a good idea to retain these documents for a child traveling without his or her parents.

Make sure you include the following:

- Copy of the passport or travel document of the minor traveling.
- Copies of the passports of the parents or legal guardians whom give the permit.
- Copy of the birth certificate of the minor.
- Copy of the passport of the third party of legal age that will be travelling with the minor.