



## Starting April 20, 2024, Peruvian people will need a visa to enter Mexico for tourism and business purposes

### **IMPACT - HIGH**

**What has changed?** Mexico has determined the temporary application of the visa in ordinary passports to nationals of the Republic of Peru who intend to enter the national territory under the condition of visitor without permission to carry out remunerated activities.

### **What does this change represent?**

Nationals of Peru who intend to enter the territory of the United States of Mexico, in the condition of staying as a Visitor without permission to carry out remunerated activities, must process the visa in terms of Procedures 1 and 2 of the "General Guidelines for the issuance of visas issued by the Secretary of Governance and the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs".

**Context:** During recent years, Mexico has faced an exponential increase in irregular migratory flows that transit through the country towards the north of the continent, which generates a situation of social emergency.

The greatest concern regarding immigrations who enter Mexico irregularly and transit through national territory is that they can expose their lives, health and human rights to serious risks, as well as restrictive measures of detention, containment and repatriation upon arrival to their final destinations.

In this scenario, Mexico has assumed the commitment to coordinate with the countries of the region actions to achieve humanitarian management of irregular immigration flows as one of the components of the comprehensive strategy, through the Mexican model of human mobility.

Recently, there has been a substantial increase in the entry of Peruvian nationals to Mexico by taking advantage of the unilateral decision taken on November 9, 2012 that eliminated the visa requirement. However, a large number of people enter with the intention of carrying out activities other than those categorized as visitors without

permission to carry out paid activities, as stipulated in section I of article 52 of the Immigration Law.

For this reason, and with the objective of protecting the safety and well-being of those who are in a situation of human mobility, as well as to collaborate in the fight against human trafficking networks, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE), in coordination with the The Secretary of Governance (SEGOB) has chosen to temporarily reintroduce the visa requirement for citizens with ordinary passports of the Republic of Peru who wish to travel to Mexico.

The visa requirement will come into force in 15 calendar days from the publication of the aforementioned suspension in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF), so the visa will be requested upon entry into Mexico from April 20 of this year.

It is important to highlight the immigration accommodations that Mexico has implemented for

all nationalities that hold a valid and current visa from Canada, the United States of America, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or any of the States that make up the Schengen area; as well as documents that prove permanent residence in those countries, in addition to Chile and Colombia.

Mexico maintains the commitment to promote coordinated actions between nations to mitigate external factors and structural causes that hinder regional development and contribute to irregular human mobility.

Likewise, it is committed to implementing cooperation programs and establishing safe and regular routes for human migration, with special emphasis on labor mobility, with the aim of eliminating the need for a visa in the future.

**From when will it be implemented?** April 20th, 2024

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