



Additional requirements for immigration processes based on family unit

IMPACT – HIGH

Context: The Instituto Nacional de Migración (INM) has implemented new rules for processing immigration conditions based on family unity.

What has changed? The INM has decided to implement new requirements for processing immigration procedures for dependents based on family unity, the INM is also implementing hearing sessions for these immigration

processes. The processes impacted are:

- Post-arrival registration (exchange)
- Change of status to temporary resident based on family unity
- Change of status to permanent resident based on family unity
- Renewal process of temporary resident or permanent resident based on family unity

- Regularization process based on family unity

What does this change represent?

Immigration processes based on family unit will undergo greater scrutiny and requirements, as well as a more robust processing time.

What implications does this change represent?

Currently, the government processing time considered was around 1-5 business days, now it is estimated to be 20

business days depending on the process due to the implementation of the hearing session, which will be assigned after the filing of the process.

The requirements to be submitted, on the filing and on the hearing session, may be depending on the process apostilled/legalized certificates with translation by a certified translator in Mexico where applicable, passports, and the physical presence of the individuals involved.

In the event of traveling plans, the need for exit and re-entry permits to travel outside of Mexico during the processing of the immigration procedure should be analyzed due to the extension of the process.

Who should consider this change?

All foreigners coming to reside in Mexico, as well as foreigners already residing in Mexico with their families and who need to submit any of the immigration processes mentioned above.

When will it be implemented?

Starting the week of March 18, 2025, at the Mexico City office with implementation through the rest of the country in the following days/weeks.

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