



## Updates on electronic visa issuance guidelines

### Impact – Low

**Context:** On 25 July 2025, the Mexican Ministry of the Interior, through the Mexico official gazette, published updates on guidelines for the issuance of electronic visas. This is the first major reform in over a decade regarding visas in Mexico, aimed at modernizing and digitizing consular processes to align immigration criteria with current regulations, increase document security, and eliminate unnecessary in-person procedures.

**What has changed?** The new process introduces an electronic visa that is processed entirely online, without a consular interview, downloading with a QR code and replacing the previous Electronic Authorization System (SAE).

**What does this change represent?** It represents a step towards the implementation of digital measures in immigration processes, along with new security measures for handling digital files, contributing to greater procedural efficiency.

### Who should consider this change?

All foreign individuals who wish to enter the country as visitors without permission to engage in remunerated activities, under a nationality that requires a visa to enter Mexico and is not eligible for any of the exemption rules. The electronic visa will be valid for 180 days and will allow only one entry during its validity. This electronic visa will apply only to individuals entering the country by air.

### Issuance criteria:

- It is granted exclusively to foreign individuals of nationalities that the Mexican State authorizes to process and obtain the visa through electronic means and records, when they intend to travel to Mexico by air to enter under the condition of a visitor without permission to engage in remunerated activities.
- The information registered in the application must be correct, complete, truthful, and match that of the applicant's passport or identity and travel document.
- The application must be fully completed so that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the necessary information to issue a decision on the procedure.
- The issuance of the electronic visa will be denied to foreign individuals who fall under any of the circumstances described in Article 43 of the law.
- This is without prejudice to the possibility of applying for a visa at a Mexican embassy or consulate, complying with the requirements and procedures established for the type of visa requested.

**When will it be implemented?** It will come into effect 15 calendar days from its publication, that is, from 9 August 2025.

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