



Mexico to implement significant immigration fee increases and new discount mechanism starting January 2026

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Context:

Mexico has approved a reform to the Federal Fee Law as part of the 2026 Economic Budget, introducing substantial increases in government fees for immigration processes and a new partial reduction mechanism.

What has changed?

Effective **1 January 2026**, immigration processing fees will increase significantly—over 100% in some categories—and new charges will apply for services such as exit authorizations for minors. Additionally, a 50% fee reduction will be available for certain temporary and permanent residents who meet specific conditions.

Examples of new fees:

- **Visitor without work authorization:** MXN 983 (previously MXN 860)
- **Temporary resident:**
 - 1 year: MXN 11,140.74 (previously MXN 5,328)
 - 2 years: MXN 16,693.36 (previously MXN 7,984)
 - 3 years: MXN 21,142.58 (previously MXN 10,112)
 - 4 years: MXN 25,057.82 (previously MXN 11,984)

- **Permanent resident:** MXN 13,578.96 (previously MXN 6,494)
- **Exit authorization for minors:** MXN 294.01 (previously free of charge)

What does this change represent?

A major cost adjustment for foreign nationals and employers sponsoring immigration processes, requiring immediate review of budgets and timelines.

What are the implications of this change?

Individuals and employers not eligible for the reduction should expect higher costs in 2026. Filing renewals or applications **before 31 December 2025** in those cases that it is applicable is strongly recommended to benefit from current lower fees. Operational details for the reduction mechanism are pending from the National Immigration Institute.

Who should consider this change?

- Employers managing mobility programs and relocation budgets
- Foreign nationals planning to apply for or renew temporary or permanent residence in Mexico

When will it be implemented? As from 1 January 2026.

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