

APPLY FOR A U.S. BUSINESS/TOURIST VISA (B1/B2) IN MEXICO

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Application

The first requirement is to fill out the DS-160 application, which is available on the Embassy's website. To fill out the application you need your valid passport and proof of address (include your exact address), among other documents. In your application, they will ask you for general information (such as date of birth and place of residence), employment, the reasons for your trip (address of the hotel or house where you will stay), and criminal records.

Fill out the application carefully, verifying all your data, consider that this process takes about 1 hr.

When starting your DS-160 application, a folio number is automatically generated. It is important to save it to follow up on your request, should you need a copy or to clarify information.

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Your account

You must create an account on the website of the Official Visa Information and Appointment System to generate an appointment. Before you can schedule an appointment, you must make your payment. The Applicants Service Center is the place where they take your fingerprints and photograph. Also, this is where you deliver the documents required for your visa: passport, DS-160 application, and proof of payment.

Keep in mind that to create your account you will need to provide an email address.

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Your payment

Payment must be made in cash, at CitiBanamex or Scotiabank banks. You will need to take the payment sheet with you, download this sheet from the same website where you created an account in the previous step.

Currently, the cost of this visa is 160 dollars (3 thousand 27 pesos, approximately).

4 Your appointment request

As soon as your payment is registered (it can take a day) the website allows you to schedule your appointment at the CAS. To generate your appointment you must provide the folio number of your DS-160 application, (the folio number you saved when you started the application). Also, you must choose a DHL office close to you to receive your documents, if your visa is approved.

In Mexico there are 10 certified places where you can request it.

5 Your appointment

At the CAS they take your fingerprints, your photograph and receive your documents. You must be punctual (if possible, 15 minutes before). It is forbidden to enter with your cell phone or any other electronic device on.

Remember to have your Mexican passport valid to be able to travel to the United States.

6 Your interview

On the same website where you have done most of the paperwork, you can schedule an interview with a consul at the Embassy. At this appointment, it is decided whether your visa is approved or not. You can bring other documents that serve as proof of the trip to show the consul, such as flight and hotel reservations, account statements, or proof of employment.

The documents described are not mandatory, but they may be of help to you.

7 Your visa

If approved, your visa will be delivered in a few weeks to the DHL office you previously selected. You may check the status of your application on the same page where you generated your form DS-160.

The entire process, from when you fill out your form until you receive the visa, can take 3 to 4 weeks in total.

Applying for an B1/B 2 visa means that you will be in the country for a short period, not that you intend to stay.

If you have family in the US and they want to make a petition for you, you need to do a different procedure and

we can help you with that!. If your family does not have legal status, we can also help them,

and then you can use your visa to visit them without problems.

Contact us if you need any further information 623-742-5400