

## VISA STAMPING IN CANADA OR MEXICO

### **WHAT IS A THIRD COUNTRY NATIONAL (TCN)?**

A Third Country National is a citizen of a country other than Mexico/Canada who applies for a nonimmigrant visa with their Non-Mexican/Non-Canadian passport.

*Notice:* Certain visa applicants may be subject to additional administrative processing. This administrative processing may last weeks, thus delaying visa delivery and the applicant's return to the United States.

In addition, applicants should be prepared to address why they are applying for a visa there rather than in their home country



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An applicant needs the following before scheduling an appointment:

- The valid passport number of each applicant.
- Proof that the visa application fee has been paid for each applicant (you will receive an MRV receipt number at a later step on this website). See [Fee Payment Options](#)
- Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application, DS-160 confirmation (barcode) number for each applicant. (The final step after completing the DS-160 is to print the confirmation page with the bar code that appears on the screen.)
- Additional information may be required based on the type of visa for which the applicant is applying. For example, also include the following:
  - SEVIS number from the Form I-20 for Student Visas (Fs and Ms) or Form DS-2019 for Exchange Visitors Visas (J) (The sponsoring organization will enter the principal applicant's name in the SEVIS system as well as the names of any family members who plan to travel with the principal applicant in order to generate the necessary SEVIS number on the I-20 or DS-2019 form(s). Each family member must receive their own DS-2019 with their own SEVIS numbers.)
  - Petition Number from the Form I-797 for all Temporary Work Visas (H, L, O, P, Q, R) (Individuals may only apply for a temporary worker visa after U.S. employers have submitted an I-129 petition and USCIS has approved it. USCIS will then issue a Form I-797 which shows a confirmation receipt number. That receipt number is required in order to schedule an appointment through this service.)
  - Case Number for Immigrant Visa applicants.

The detailed information regarding visa processing in Canada can be obtained from:

[http://usvisa-info.com/en-CA/selfservice/ss\\_country\\_welcome](http://usvisa-info.com/en-CA/selfservice/ss_country_welcome)



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### VISA STAMPING IN MEXICO:

The following applicants may apply at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City or the U.S. Consulates in Ciudad Juarez, Guadalajara, Hermosillo, Matamoros, Merida, Monterrey, Nogales, Nuevo Laredo, or Tijuana:

1. Mexican citizens applying with a Mexican passport may apply for their first visa or to renew a visa in any visa category.
2. Third Country Nationals\* residing in Mexico with immigration status (FM2 or FM3) may apply for their first visa or to renew a visa in any visa category.
3. Third Country Nationals\* residing in the United States may apply to renew a visa in any category except B1/B2 or H2. NOTE – The applicant must apply to renew in the same visa category and cannot apply in a different category.
4. Third Country Nationals\* who normally reside in a Visa Waiver Program (VWP) country and who have lost or had their biometric passports stolen may apply in Mexico for a tourist (B1/B2) or transit (C) visa in order to return to their home country.

Third Country Nationals\* who normally reside in a Non-Visa Waiver Program country and who have lost or had their visa stolen may apply in Mexico to renew their tourist (B1/B2) visa in order to return to their home country.

Additional information on the visa procedure can be obtained from:

<https://mexico.cms.getusinfo.com/visas/non-immigrant-visas/how-to-apply.html>.

*TCN applicants who cannot apply in Mexico:*

- The applicants who entered on a visa waiver program.
- The applicants who entered the United States on a B-1/B-2 and H-2 visas and are not residents of Mexico.
- The applicants who have violated their stay in the United States.
- The applicants who entered the U.S. on one visa category and are now seeking to enter on a new visa category.
- The applicants are nationals of Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan or Syria or the “List of 26 countries” if they were subjected to National Security Entry Exit Registration (NSEERS).



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