

Your relocation research, organised

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Illustrative example, not a customer assessment. No payment required to view.

Illustrative Mexico research plan

Research goal: retire abroad | Household: solo | Timing: year

Questions recorded for investigation

Which documents, application stages and costs should I confirm for my situation?

Your planning answers

Current residence: United States (illustrative). Application jurisdiction: not confirmed.

Additional citizenships: not supplied. Target month: not chosen; current stage: exploring.

Priorities: Application effort, Total cost.

Income evidence category: unknown; document preparation: some.

Your selected route

Mexico: Mexico temporary residence through economic solvency

San Diego 2026: savings average USD 75,950 over 12 months OR employment/pension income USD 4,510 monthly over six months. USD 56 consular processing is separate from INM card charges.

Original source check: 2026-10-29; review due 2026-11-05.

You chose these routes. This document organises public evidence and the questions still to resolve. It does not determine eligibility or include individual professional review.

Planning from the United States

Passport or nationality recorded: United States (illustrative). This does not determine eligibility.

Confirm the passport you will use, your lawful US residence and the consular office covering your US address. US residence does not establish US citizenship or visa eligibility.

Confirm the permitted activities for the route, including any work restrictions. Check each household member separately before relying on a residence permission.

Check background-record jurisdictions, document validity windows, apostilles, certified translations and each household member's documents before ordering them.

Ask a qualified adviser about US and destination-country tax filing, foreign-account reporting, healthcare and any applicable relief before committing.

IRS: US citizens and residents abroad

US citizens and resident aliens generally remain subject to US filing rules on worldwide income. Ask a qualified cross-border adviser which filing, reporting and relief rules apply to you.

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/us-citizens-and-residents-abroad-filing-requirements>

US State Department: preparing documents for use abroad

Identify which documents need authentication or an apostille and which authority issues it. Confirm the destination authority's current checklist before ordering documents.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/replace-certify-docs/authenticate-your-document.html>

Mexico: Mexico temporary residence through economic solvency

Mexico's temporary-residence economic-solvency route has a consular visa stage and a separate INM residence-card exchange after entry. This guide uses the San Diego 2026 financial checklist as a named example; other consulates can require different amounts and evidence.

Published financial conditions

San Diego 2026: savings average USD 75,950 over 12 months OR employment/pension income USD 4,510 monthly over six months. USD 56 consular processing is separate from INM card charges.

These conditions are not a total application or relocation fee quote.

Documents and requirements to check

San Diego requires the visa form, original passport and copies, lawful-US-status evidence, a recent photo and original bank-certified solvency evidence. Employment cases need a signed employer letter explicitly agreeing to residence and remote work in Mexico. Confirm the authorised consular district and financial branch before assembling the file.

Unresolved questions

Book the VISAS department through MiConsulado only after the checklist is ready. The consulate conducts document review, interview and biometrics; visa issuance and admission are not guaranteed. After entering with the residence visa, complete the INM card exchange within 30 calendar days. Local employment permission, tax, family permissions, renewal and current INM fees need separate confirmation.

Official evidence and review dates

Internally checked by WhereCanIMove systems. Checked 2026-10-29; review due 2026-11-05. Generating this pack does not renew the check.

Mexico Consulate General in San Diego

https://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/sandiego/images/visasespanol2026/5a_Temporal_-_Solvencia_economica.pdf

Mexico National Migration Institute

<https://www.gob.mx/public/tramites/detalleTramite.xhtml?homoclave=INM-03-009>

Mexico National Migration Institute

https://www.inm.gob.mx/static/Tramites/expedicion_documento_canje.pdf

Full programme record and source locators

<https://wherecanimove.com/programme/mexico-temporary-resident-visa-economic-solvency>

Mexico: consular visa to residence-card preparation

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Your document list by person

Primary applicant: Visa identity file

For the San Diego checklist, prepare the form, original passport and specified copies, lawful-US-status proof and recent photo.

Mexico Consulate General in San Diego - 2026 checklist, pages 1-2: Requisitos 1-6, economic solvency alternatives, employment letter, foreign documents; Procedimiento and MiConsulado

Primary applicant: Chosen solvency evidence

Use the applicable bank-certified savings or employment/pension-income evidence and full statement history. Do not treat the alternatives as amounts to add together.

Mexico Consulate General in San Diego - 2026 checklist, pages 1-2: Requisitos 1-6, economic solvency alternatives, employment letter, foreign documents; Procedimiento and MiConsulado

Primary applicant: Employer permission if using salary

The San Diego employment letter must state position, seniority, monthly pay and explicit agreement to live and work remotely in Mexico, with the signatory's matching ID. Confirm whether this branch fits your circumstances.

Mexico Consulate General in San Diego - 2026 checklist, pages 1-2: Requisitos 1-6, economic solvency alternatives, employment letter, foreign documents; Procedimiento and MiConsulado

Primary applicant: INM exchange file

Retain the valid passport, residence visa, entry document, basic form, printed signed estancia application and current payment evidence for the residence-card exchange.

Mexico National Migration Institute - Expedicion de Documento Migratorio por CANJE: 30-day entry exchange, required documents and 2026 fee categories/discount conditions

Mexico National Migration Institute - Expedicion de documento por canje: Requisitos 1-5 and printed signed estancia application

Before choosing

1. Confirm your competent Mexican consulate

This guide's USD thresholds and consular procedure are San Diego's 2026 example. Ask the office serving your residence for its actual checklist, amounts and household treatment before paying.

Mexico Consulate General in San Diego - 2026 checklist, pages 1-2: Requisitos 1-6, economic solvency alternatives, employment letter, foreign documents; Procedimiento and MiConsulado

Before applying

1. Book the VISAS appointment once documents are ready

Use MiConsulado, choose VISAS and retain the appointment. Complete translation/apostille formalities where the checklist requires them. The processing fee is non-refundable regardless of approval.

Mexico Consulate General in San Diego - 2026 checklist, pages 1-2: Requisitos 1-6, economic solvency alternatives, employment letter, foreign documents; Procedimiento and MiConsulado

Application

1. Attend the consular interview and document review

Take the complete original/copy file and current accepted fee. San Diego conducts biometrics and an English/Spanish interview and may request more evidence. Do not buy non-refundable travel before receiving the visa.

Mexico Consulate General in San Diego - 2026 checklist, pages 1-2: Requisitos 1-6, economic solvency alternatives, employment letter, foreign documents; Procedimiento and MiConsulado

Before moving

1. Keep the visa stage and card stage separate

Check the granted visa and entry instructions. A visa allows you to request entry but does not guarantee admission. Retain the entry documentation needed for the INM exchange.

Mexico Consulate General in San Diego - 2026 checklist, pages 1-2: Requisitos 1-6, economic solvency alternatives, employment letter, foreign documents; Procedimiento and MiConsulado

Mexico National Migration Institute - Expedicion de documento por canje: Requisitos 1-5 and printed signed estancia application

After arrival

1. Exchange the visa for your residence document

Use the INM office and current exchange checklist, keep the application/payment record and follow its biometrics/collection instructions. Confirm the correct 2026 fee and whether any statutory discount applies.

Timing: Within 30 calendar days after entry, according to INM.

Mexico National Migration Institute - Expedicion de Documento Migratorio por CANJE: 30-day entry exchange, required documents and 2026 fee categories/discount conditions

Mexico National Migration Institute - Expedicion de documento por canje: Requisitos 1-5 and printed signed estancia application

Renewals

1. Confirm the next permission before the card expires

Record the dates on the issued card. Ask INM for the current renewal, travel/re-entry and activity-permission rules for your actual card before relying on continued residence. This guide has not established a universal renewal or local-work entitlement.

Mexico National Migration Institute - Expedicion de Documento Migratorio por CANJE: 30-day entry exchange, required documents and 2026 fee categories/discount conditions

Confirm before acting

San Diego's example is not a nationwide solvency quote or confirmation that any US resident can apply there.

Temporary residence, foreign remote work, Mexican employment, family permission and tax are different questions. Confirm the activities authorised for you.

Your action checklist

Before choosing

- ☐ Confirm the authority for your current residence before using a consulate-specific checklist.
- ☐ Cost is a priority: obtain separate government, translation, insurance and professional quotes; keep qualifying income/capital outside the spending subtotal.
- ☐ Confirm your competent Mexican consulate
- ☐ Confirm the passport you will use, your lawful US residence and the consular office covering your US address. US residence does not establish US citizenship or visa eligibility.
- ☐ Confirm the permitted activities for the route, including any work restrictions. Check each household member separately before relying on a residence permission.
- ☐ Check background-record jurisdictions, document validity windows, apostilles, certified translations and each household member's documents before ordering them.
- ☐ Ask a qualified adviser about US and destination-country tax filing, foreign-account reporting, healthcare and any applicable relief before committing.

Before applying

- ☐ Order only the documents on the selected authority checklist; confirm validity windows before paying for checks.
- ☐ Primary applicant: Visa identity file
- ☐ Primary applicant: Chosen solvency evidence
- ☐ Primary applicant: Employer permission if using salary
- ☐ Primary applicant: INM exchange file
- ☐ Book the VISAS appointment once documents are ready
- ☐ Confirm which documents and permissions apply to your household.

Application

- ☐ Attend the consular interview and document review

Before moving

- ☐ Keep the visa stage and card stage separate
- ☐ Complete your budget worksheet using actual quotes. Unknown costs are not zero.
- ☐ Ask a qualified adviser about tax residence, home-country obligations and healthcare before committing.

After arrival

- ☐ Exchange the visa for your residence document

Renewals

- ☐ Confirm the next permission before the card expires

Your budget worksheet

Your own researched amounts in one currency. Income or capital qualification thresholds are separate from money spent. Unknown items remain unknown; this is not a complete cost estimate.

Application and government fees: Unknown - obtain a quote

Professional advice: Unknown - obtain a quote

Documents and translations: Unknown - obtain a quote

Travel: Unknown - obtain a quote

Moving and shipping: Unknown - obtain a quote

Housing and deposits: Unknown - obtain a quote

Insurance and healthcare: Unknown - obtain a quote

Contingency: Unknown - obtain a quote

Scope, corrections and support

An automated research guide for the route or routes you chose, personalised to your recorded planning answers. No individual professional review or eligibility decision is included.

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Financial conditions are not a total fee quote. Published information and unanswered questions need confirmation before applying.

No application preparation, visa approval, citizenship, tax outcome or agency availability is promised.

Your saved checklist and budget are reflected at download time. The original route snapshot retains its evidence dates. Report a source error at <https://wherecanimove.com/corrections>. For order or refund help: jack@wherecanimove.com.