

REQUIRED ACTION PRIOR TO YOUR INTERVIEW:

Starting March 1st. 2011, immigrant visa applicants are asked to complete the following steps prior to attending your consular interview appointment:

1. Complete the DS-260 form online at www.EmbassyVisas.state.gov. **If you provided a DS-260 to NVC already, go to step 3**
2. Print the DS-260 form confirmation page
3. Next, go to <http://mexico.usvisa-info.com> and follow the instructions to log in and to schedule an appointment at any of the Applicant Service Centers (ASCs) in Mexico. Each applicant is required to appear in person at the ASC prior to the consular appointment date. At the ASC your fingerprints and photographs will be collected.
4. At the same website, <http://mexico.usvisa-info.com>, select a DHL courier office location where you would like to receive your visa.
5. If you have other questions regarding the immigrant visa process, please review the information on <http://mexico.usvisa-info.com>.

REMINDERS

This process is NOT mandatory for interview appointments during the month of March 2011, but the Consulate encourages applicants to complete a DS-260 and schedule an appointment at the ASC for all applicants who will be applying for a visa (including children). If you are able to complete this process prior to your interview appointment, it will reduce the time you need to spend at the Consulate and reduce processing time.

If your visa is issued, you must travel to the United States and apply for admission as a permanent resident within the visa's validity period. Do not make any travel arrangements to move to the United States, dispose of property or give up your job until a visa has been issued to you. A consular officer can make a decision regarding your visa application only after your formal application and all documents have been reviewed and you have been personally interviewed by a consular officer.

APPOINTMENT RESCHEDULE INFORMATION

For any questions regarding rescheduling missed appointments at the ASC or the Consulate, please go to <http://mexico.usvisa-info.com>

SECURITY NOTICE TO ALL VISITORS

The U.S. Consulate General is located in Paseo de la Victoria # 3650, Col. Partido Senecu. Please note that all visitors to the U.S. Consulate General in Ciudad Juárez are screened by U.S. Consulate security prior to entry. Screening includes inspections via a walk-through metal detector, a hand-held metal detector and an x-ray machine for personal items. **Any visitor who declines to be screened by U.S. Consulate security personnel will be prohibited from entering the Consulate.**

Because personal items must be screened before entrance, bringing unnecessary articles will delay your entrance to the Consulate as these are examined. **In order to facilitate your entrance to the Consulate and reduce your waiting time at the security checkpoint, we recommend that you leave behind any unnecessary personal items.** If you leave them in your car, be sure to put them in the trunk and lock your car; do not leave any personal items in view in the passenger compartment.

NOTICE FOR YOUR PROTECTION

Since there have been frequent assaults and robberies near the Consulate General and the clinics where the medical exams are conducted, we recommend the following to prevent this happening to you:

1. Do not talk to strangers on the street.
2. The day of your appointment, do not go to the consulate before 6:00 a.m., the consulate opens at 6:30 a.m.
3. Carry the least amount of money possible in cash.
4. Do not show your documents or applications to anyone who offers to put them in order or fill them out, the Immigrant Visa Consular Section will do this for you during your interview date. Regarding any question you have in obtaining a visa, ask personnel inside the consulate general from the visa section. Applications and advice are free.
5. Report any attempted robbery or assault to the consulate general.

ATTENTION:

On the day of their consular appointment, all visa applicants first report to the "Sala de Servicios Migratorios Municipal" located in the Embassy Plaza Shopping Center on the north side of the Consulate compound. Please do not arrive at the Municipal Waiting Area more than 30 minutes before your scheduled appointment. Your place in the line will not be determined by the order you arrived. It is not necessary to arrive in the pre-dawn hours.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

The following persons may accompany a visa applicant during his or her visit to the Consulate:

- **Interpreters:** An applicant may bring **one** interpreter if he/she does not speak English or Spanish well enough to participate unassisted in the visa interview.
- **Special Needs Visitors:** Applicants may bring **one** person to help if they are elderly, disabled, or if the applicant is a minor child applying for a visa.
- **Attorney:** Attorneys will **NOT** be permitted to accompany clients into the waiting room or at their interviews.

Due to the limited size of our waiting room, the high volume of visa applicants, and the time required screening consular clients, other accompanying persons cannot and will not be admitted to the Consulate. Drivers, friends, extra relatives, and others not specifically named above cannot be permitted to enter and will be asked to wait to meet the applicant at the Sala de Servicios Migratorios Municipal, located next to the consulate to meet the applicant after the interview is completed.

AFTER THE INTERVIEW

If your visa application is approved, we will put your visa in your passport and send the completed visa packet and passport to you by DHL courier at no extra charge.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you at your appointment.