

# Expats in Monterrey

Question	Tourist	Temporary Resident	Permanent Resident
How long can I stay in Mexico?	180 continuous days.	up to 4 years	indefinitely
Can I work in Mexico?	No. Unless you come with an invitation from a governmental authority, educational institution, sport activity or entertainment activity to be paid in Mexico.	Yes, But you must get a work permit unless you had a job offer before applying for the residence permit. As a student for as long as your studies or research last.	Yes.
Can I renew it?	No, you must exit the country after the 180 days and leave your permit in the immigration office before you exit. But you can come back and get a new tourist visa.	Yes. You can apply for up to 4 years, however, the INM will determine how long they approve it. To renew your permit you have 30 calendar days before it expires. You can do it from Mexico you don't have to leave the country. After 4 years you must apply for permanent residency.	No. Only infants under 3 years of age.
Who can apply for this?	Anyone from countries which do not need a Visitor visa. Those needing Visitor visas are listed <a href="#">here</a>	Those who have a job offer. A family link to a Mexican citizen or resident. Who would like to study in Mexico. Those who are retired and receive their pension from other country.	Those who have a family link. Who have been on Temporary residence for 4 years or 2 years if it was due to family link. You have a Mexican child. You are a refugee. Those who are retired and receive their pension from other country. One of your parents is Mexican.
Can I vote?	No	No	No
How much it cost?	If you enter on a commercial flight it's already included. If you enter by land it's 390 MXN. If you need a special Visitor visa then it's: 2,700 MXN	All in MXN- for 1 yr: 3,596 / 2 yr: 5,389 / 3 yr: 6,825 / 4 yr: 8,089	4,383 MXN
What happens if I over stay?	You can be deported and receive a fine for up to 7,400 MXN	You can be deported and receive a fine for up to 7,400 MXN	
What happens if I lose my document or card?	You ask for a replacement and pay your 390 MXN again.	You pay a replacement and pay 1,107 MXN	You pay a replacement and pay 1,107 MXN
Can I leave the country and come back on the same visa?	No, you are supposed to give it back and then get a new one.	Yes	Yes
Can I change visa status while in Mexico?	Only those with a family link or who have entered the country for humanitarian reasons can change status by paying 1,149 MXN plus the application for temporal or permanent residence. Everyone else must apply from their country of residence.		