

# GMS Flash Alert

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# Mexico - Visitor Visas to Be Required of Venezuelan Nationals from January 21

Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Relations is requesting Venezuelan nationals who intend to enter Mexico as visitors apply for the Visitor Visa, regardless of the length of the stay in the country. This visa request policy comes into effect as from January 21, 2022.<sup>1</sup>

The policy, known as an "agreement" (*acuerdo*), in respect of the temporary application of the Visitor Visa category for individuals with Venezuelan passports, was published in Mexico's official gazette (*Diario Oficial de la Federación*) on January 6, 2022.

This change in policy has happened due to the increase in Venezuelan nationals coming to Mexico for purposes other than as a visitor for business or tourism purposes. This situation was detected as a result of immigration filters that revealed Venezuelan travelers coming to Mexico whose profiles did not correspond to "visitor" or "tourist."<sup>2</sup>

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## WHY THIS MATTERS

Individuals with a Venezuelan passport who intend to come or return to Mexico as visitors must cross into Mexico in possession of the proper Visitor Visa, otherwise entry into Mexico will be denied.

Note this agreement does not apply to individuals with Venezuelan passports who:

- have a valid work permit; or
- hold permanent resident status, for immigration purposes, in Canada, USA, United Kingdom, or any of the countries that are part of the Schengen Area, as well as countries that are members of the Pacific Alliance (Colombia, Chile, and Peru).

## FOOTNOTES:

1 See "Acuerdo por el que se da a conocer la aplicación de visa en pasaportes ordinarios a los nacionales de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela en la condición de estancia de Visitante sin permiso para realizar actividades remuneradas" as published online in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* at:  
[https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota\\_detalle.php?codigo=5640345&fecha=06/01/2022](https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5640345&fecha=06/01/2022) .

2 Ibid.

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