

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Mexico

Electronic Multiple Immigration Forms pilot program available at select airports in Mexico

Executive summary

The Mexican government recently introduced a pilot program which allows certain individuals to enter Mexico using an electronic Multiple Immigration Form (FMM) without having to obtain a physical one.

Key issues

Previously, foreign nationals who do not require a visa to enter Mexico (i.e., visa-exempt nationals) and who traveled to Mexico for short-term visits (e.g., business or tourism), as well as work visa holders, were required to obtain an FMM from the Mexican immigration authorities prior to entering Mexico. The FMM documents its holders' legally permitted duration of stay in Mexico for up to a maximum of 180 days per visit.

The new pilot program enables the following categories of eligible travelers to enter Mexico without obtaining an FMM from a Mexican Embassy or Consulate prior to travel:

- ▶ Business visitors and tourists who travel to Mexico via the international airports in Cancun, Guadalajara and Mexico City
- ▶ Foreign nationals who hold valid Mexican work visas

The border authorities will enter these travelers' details in the Mexican immigration database upon their arrival in Mexico, stamp their entry date and purpose of their trip (e.g., tourism, business) in their passport, and provide a link from where the travelers can download their electronic FMM.

Impact on employers

The new pilot program will expedite the immigration process for impacted individuals who travel to Mexico for business and reduce the time required for them to obtain authorization for entry into the country.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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