



Mexican citizens must apply for a TN visa directly at a U.S. embassy or consulate. You may not apply for a TN visa at the border. If your application is approved, you will be issued a TN visa stamp in your passport. When you enter the United States, the Customs and Border Protection officer will issue an <u>I-94</u> that demonstrates how long you can stay in the United States.

#### 1 How do I schedule a consular interview?



You will need to complete a DS-160, Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application, prior to scheduling the interview. This form can be completed at the U.S. Department of State's Consular Electronic Application Center **website**.

Once the DS-160 has been submitted, you will need to save the confirmation page to bring to your consular interview. Subsequently, you will need to pay the nonrefundable MRV visa fee of \$160 USD to schedule your appointment at the U.S. Department of State Visa Appointment service **website**.

## 2 What documents should I bring with me to the consular interview?



#### YOU SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

The complete application we have prepared
Original diploma and transcripts
O Prior passports with any prior U.S. visa stamps
O Prior I-797 approval notices, if you previously applied for a TN in the United States
Your two most recent pay stubs and/or employment verification letter if you are already working for a U.S. company on a TN visa
<ul> <li>Professional certificate, though not required, may be requested by the consular officer</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Any additional documents requested by the consulate once you submit your DS-160 application</li> </ul>

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Be prepared to discuss your job duties and how your degree relates to your responsibilities. You should also be familiar with the USMCA Occupation which qualifies you for a TN. Familiarize yourself with the letter of support, which is provided in the package you received.

#### 4 Are my spouse and children eligible for visas?



Yes. Your spouse and children under age 21 are eligible for TD visas. Please note that each person is required to submit a separate DS-160 and pay a separate MRV visa fee. If approved, your spouse and children will receive TD visas.

## 5 What documents do my dependents need to bring to the consulate?



IF YOU AND YOUR DEPENDENTS ARE GOING TO THE CONSULATE TOGETHER, EACH PERSON SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING:

Prior passports with any prior U.S. visa stamps
Children: birth certificatess
O Spouse: marriage certificate
Any additional documents requested by the consulate
IF YOUR DEPENDENTS WILL APPLY FOR VISAS AT DIFFERENT TIMES THAN YOU, THEY SHOULD BRING THE ABOVE LISTED DOCUMENTS PLUS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS:
Opy of your passport
Oppy of your I-797 notice of action, if you applied for your TN through USCIS
Opy of your visa stamp
Opy of your I-94, if you are currently in the United States
Oppies of your two most recent pay stubs if you are currently in the United States

Passport

#### 6) Are there any additional reasons I should reach out to Meltzer Hellrung LLC beforemy consular review?



YES. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH US BEFORE APPLYING IF YOU FALLUNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- ⇒ You have already initiated a green card process
- ⇒ You have a criminal record
- You have previously been denied a visa or entry into the U.S.
- The circumstances of your job offer have changed since the visa petition was originally prepared

#### How should I dress for my consular interview?



We recommend wearing business casual attire to your interview. At the interview, it is important that you appear calm and confident. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the TN category you are applying under and be prepared to discuss the job duties described in your letter of support.

#### How long will the interview last?



The interview itself will only last about 6-8 minutes. The consular officer will review the packet we prepared and ask you questions regarding the position and your qualifications.

## When will I find out whether the TN visa is approved?



The consular officer will tell you at the end of the interview whether your visa has been approved. If approved, the consulate will keep your passport in order to issue the TN visa stamp. The consulate will then return the passport via the selected visa stamp.

# What should I do if the officer issues a 221(g) in relation to my visa application?



The officer may determine that the TN is not immediately approvable and may ask the employee for additional documentation or may simply place the application through additional review. This process can take up to an additional 60 days of processing time before an approval is issued. If a 221(g) is issued, you should contact your designated Meltzer Hellrung attorney immediately and forward the documentation provided to you by the consulate. The consulate may require additional documentation to process your visa, which your Meltzer Hellrung attorney will be able to provide. These requests can also be issued for administrative processing purposes, which means additional security checks are required prior to the issuance of the visa.

### (11) What should I do if my TN application is denied?



If your application is denied, we recommend that you request documentation from the officer regarding the reason for denial. Contact your Meltzer Hellrung attorney immediately and forward any documentation that is provided to you to your Meltzer Hellrung attorney so that we may assess what next steps are required in your situation.

#### (11) What will happen once my visa is issued?



When you enter the United States, please request that a CBP officer issue your I-94 for a full 3-year period. Upon entry into the U.S., request that CBP issue an I-94 that is valid for a period of 3 years. Once you enter the U.S., be sure to retrieve your I-94 record <a href="here">here</a>, to ensure that your I-94 was issued for the requested validity period. Please forward this record to Meltzer Hellrung upon entry, along with your new visa stamp.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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Founded with the belief that immigration can be a strategic advantage, we understand the complexities of immigration and respond with innovative solutions to meet business and talent needs. Our unique solution - skilled immigration professionals delivering responsive service to clients through Voyager®, our proprietary immigration management platform, delivers the best immigration experience to companies, employees and their families.

