

Fact Sheet – Work Permit Holders of Mexican Nationality

On February 29, 2024 at 11:30 pm Eastern Standard Time, the Government of Canada adjusted its travel requirements for Mexican citizens. Mexican citizens now need a visitor visa to travel to Canada, unless they meet the following requirements:

1. They have held a Canadian visitor visa (temporary resident visa) in the past 10 years **or** currently hold a valid United States nonimmigrant visa; and
2. They are using a valid Mexican passport to **fly** to Canada or to transit through a Canadian airport to another destination.

How Mexican work permit holders and work permit applicants are affected

If you already have a valid work or study permit, we have **not cancelled** your Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). You don't have to apply for a new eTA.

An eTA is for **air travel** only. All Mexican citizens (including work permit holders) need a visitor visa to travel to Canada by car, bus, train or boat.

We are prioritizing the processing of work permit applications from Mexico.

If you're outside Canada	
You already have a valid work permit	You can continue to travel to Canada by air with your existing eTA, as long as it's still valid.
You had your work permit application approved before 11:30pm EST on February 29, 2024, but have not yet travelled to Canada to have your work permit printed upon arrival at the airport	You were issued an eTA, which you can use to travel to Canada by air , where the work permit may be issued upon arrival at the airport.
You have a work permit application in progress	If we approve your work permit application, we'll automatically issue you a visa. You do not need to make a separate application for a visa. You will now need to submit your passport at a Visa Application Centre (https://visa.vfsglobal.com/mex/en/can/) so we can affix your visa counterfoil (sticker) into your passport before you travel to Canada. You can check the status of your work permit application online.
You are applying for a new work permit	You must apply for your work permit outside of Canada. You may not apply for a work permit at a Canadian port of entry. If we approve your work permit application, we'll automatically issue you a visa. You do not need to make a separate application for a visa. You will now need to submit your passport at a Visa Application Centre so we can affix your visa counterfoil (sticker) into your passport before you travel to Canada.
If you're inside Canada	
You already have a valid work permit	You can keep working in Canada based on the validity and conditions of your permit.
You are applying for a new work permit or extending your existing work permit	Rules for applying for a new work permit or extending your existing work permit in Canada have not changed.