



# Indefinite suspension of visa waiver agreement for Ecuadorians

## **Impact- High**

### **What has changed?**

The United Mexican States have determined to continue indefinite with the suspension of the Agreement that suppressed the visa requirement in ordinary passports for nationals of the Republic of Ecuador, published in the Official Diary of the Federation on November 29, 2018.

### **What does this change represent?**

Nationals of the Republic of Ecuador who intend to enter the territory of the United Mexican States, under the immigration

condition as Visitor without permission to carry out remunerated activities, must process the visa in terms of Procedures 1 and 2 of the "General Guidelines for the issuance of visas issued by the Secretaries of Governance and Foreign Affairs".

### **Context**

Previously, there was the suppression of the visa requirement for nationals of the Republic of Ecuador, this until August 20, 2021, when a temporary suspension was carried out since a substantial increase in nationals of the Republic of Ecuador was

identified to enter the national territory with a visa suppression for a purpose other than that allowed by the immigration condition as Visitor without permission to carry out remunerated activities established in the Immigration Law. This temporary suspension ends on March 4, 2022 in terms of its first transitory provision.

That articles 1 and 3 of the aforementioned Temporary Suspension Agreement published on August 20, 2021, establish, among other aspects, that the reactivation of the visa suppression may be

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re-established until joint actions are carried out with the Government of the Republic of Ecuador that enables the proper use of the migratory facilitation measure and guarantees safe, orderly and regular migratory flows.

However, as there is no substantive evidence of progress in the matter, both governments must redouble their efforts more decisively to achieve these goals, since the conditions that gave rise to the suspension of the suppression of visas in ordinary passports persist.

Likewise, some false declarations continue to be observed about the reasons for travel given by nationals of that country at the points of admission to national territory and the identification of some crimes associated with the international mobility of people, which reflects an inappropriate use of the Mexican visa.

### From when will it be implemented?

The indefinite suspension will start from February 26, 2022.

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