



# Nationals from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela will need a visa to enter Mexico under the immigration condition of Visitor without permission to carry out remunerated activities

## **Impact - High**

### **What has changed?**

The Secretary of the Governance published on January 6, 2022 the agreement by which the visa application in ordinary passports is made known to nationals from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela who intend to Mexico under the immigration condition of Visitor without permission to carry out remunerated activities.

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

Nationals from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela who intend to enter Mexico under the immigration condition of 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" prior entry.

### **Context**

Previously, there was the visa exception requirement for nationals from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. However, it is reported that a substantial increase in nationals from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela who enter to Mexico with visa waiver has been identified for a purpose other than that allowed by the condition of stay as Visitor without permission to carry

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out remunerated activities established in the Immigration Law, such as irregular transit to a third country, whose magnitude is estimated at more than a third of the total volume of Venezuelan nationals entering the country in the period from January to September of 2021, according to the analysis generated from the statistical information.

Resulting from the information of the competent instances, the growing trend of the migratory flow of nationals from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in irregular transit to a third country stands out, representing an increase of more than one thousand percent, compared to the same period in the previous five years; In addition, the increase in false declarations about their reasons for traveling, the diversification of transit routes and the identification of some crimes associated with international mobility, such as human trafficking and immigrant smuggling, are highlighted, which reflects an inappropriate use of the facilitation measure with different impacts.

### From when will it be implemented?

January 21st, 2022.

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