



APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC)

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Context: The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC) is the main Forum to facilitate economic growth, technical-economic cooperation and the facilitation of trade and investments in the Asia-Pacific region, made up of 21 economies: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Singapore; Taipei-China,

Thailand, United States of America and Vietnam.

As a result of this Forum, the member countries agreed to facilitate the business travel card (APEC) with the objective of facilitating short-term business trips within the APEC region with the aim of streamlining the entry process for nationals of the countries member, without the need to obtain a prior visa.

The card also allows its holders to expedite immigration processing at major international airports in each economy. It is important to note that Canada and the United States are transitional members of the ABTC and do not offer reciprocal entry arrangements but do provide fast-track immigration processing at major international airports.

Who does it apply to? For nationals of the 21 countries that are members of APEC and those who can demonstrate frequent business travel trips to any of those countries.

What document do you obtain? Electronic travel card for APEC Businessperson (Business Travel Card – ABTC).

Where you can obtain it? For Mexican nationals, the card is processed by the INM (National Migration Institute).

Benefits: It is a low-cost card that can be used for air, sea, or land entry to member countries, with a validity of 5 years, with multiple entries.

What is the duration that will be granted when entering any of the APEC economies? From 60 to 90 days, it will depend on the immigration regulations of that country.

When will it be implemented? In April 2021, Mexico incorporated the electronic format through the INM and as of March 2024, it can be carried out in the 32 Federal Entities of the country.

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