

# Visa Services News

## New Offsite Data Collection Service

### How will the new process be different from the current process?

\*New Visa Services begin on January 10, 2011

Category	Current Service	New Service
<b>Appointment Call Center</b>	Applicant pays USD 1.25 per minute to schedule appointment.	Free service
<b>Application Cost</b>	USD 140 for tourist visa, USD 150 petition-based visa	No Change
<b>Application Payment</b>	Banamex	Banamex, Scotiabank, or Credit Card
<b>DS-160 Online Application</b>	Application must be completed on-line in one session	Application progress can be saved over several on-line sessions
<b>Interview Waiver Program (IWP)</b>	Not available	Many applicants who are renewing visas will not need to come to the Embassy or Consulate for an interview with a Consular Officer  <i>*See below for qualification requirements</i>
<b>Appearing for your appointment</b>	<i>All Applicants</i> Appear at the Embassy to submit fingerprints, photo, application, and interview with a Consular Officer	<i>Interview Waiver Program Participants</i> Day 1: Appear at the ASC to submit fingerprints, photo, application  <i>Non-Interview Waiver Program Participants</i> Day 1: Appear at the ASC to submit fingerprints, photo, application Day 2: Appear at the Embassy to interview with Consular Officer
<b>Passport/Visa Delivery</b>	Pegaso with additional delivery fee	DHL with no additional delivery fee

## **\*Interview Waiver Program (IWP)**

Some applicants who are renewing their visas will not need two appointments. These applicants will only visit the ASC and will not need to visit the Embassy or Consulate.

*If you meet all of the requirements below, you may be qualified for the Interview Waiver Program:*

- You are applying with a Mexican passport;
- You are applying in the same visa category;
- Your visa is still valid or expired less than one year ago;
- You have never been arrested or convicted of a crime;
- You have never been deported from the United States, denied entry to the United States, or had any other problems or difficulties with U.S. Immigration or Customs authorities; and
- You do not have dual citizenship or your second country of citizenship is a Visa Waiver Program member (see [http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without\\_1990.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1990.html))

For IWP participants, the passport and application will be forwarded to the Embassy or Consulate for review by a consular officer.

*Please note – the Embassy or Consulate reserves the right to call in any applicant for an interview. If an applicant does require an interview, a representative from the U.S. Embassy or Consulate will contact the applicant to arrange a date and time to come to the Embassy to speak with the Consular Officer.*