

If you are afraid of returning to your country because your life, security or liberties are at risk, you have the right to apply for protection as a refugee in Mexico.

How to Apply for Refugee Status in Mexico



First steps



Form

Fill out the form explaining why you left your country and why you cannot return.

This information is confidential.



Interviews

COMAR will interview you at least twice. Once to get to know you and help you access procedures and services, and again to learn why you fled your country.



Certificate

COMAR will give you a certificate which proves that you have started the application and cannot be returned to your country.

You may be authorized to continue the application process as a free person.

Your certificate will only be valid in the state (federal entity) where you started the application. If you leave the state, your application will be considered abandoned.



Positive Decision

You are a refugee or have received complementary protection!



Negative Decision

If you do not agree with the decision of COMAR, you can ask them to review your case again.



Appear to sign

You must appear at the INM office to sign on the days you are instructed to do so. If you do not appear to sign, your application will be considered abandoned.



Temporary CURP

COMAR will process your temporary CURP, a code that gives you access to other public procedures and services.



Decision

COMAR will review your case and inform you of their decision.

It may take up to 45 business days for COMAR to reach a decision, plus 10 business days to notify you, through the INM, of the result.

Business days are Monday through Friday, not including weekends or holidays.

IMPORTANT

- The entire process is **FREE**.
- Evidence is **not required**, but you may show COMAR any evidence you have.
- You have the right to a lawyer, free of charge, through out the process.
- You can request a translator or an interpreter.
- You have the right to education and public healthcare.

Approach an immigration agent and tell him or her you want to apply for refugee status.

The National Institute of Immigration (INM) staff will notify the Mexican Refugee Commission (COMAR).

COMAR is the agency responsible for reviewing and deciding on refugee status applications in Mexico.

The process is **FREE** and you are not obligated to **PROVIDE EVIDENCE**.



Mexican Refugee Commission (COMAR): **55 5209 8800 ext. 30147 y 30208**.

The National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) protects your rights: : **800 715 2000**

The Federal Public Defender's Office (IFDP) provides free legal assistance: **800 224 24 26**

The UN Refugee Agency (ACNUR) provides information and support: **800 226 8769**



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