



HONORARY CONSULATE OF MEXICO Riga, Latvia

DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO TRAVEL TO MEXICO, AS TOURISTS, FOR PERMANENT RESIDENTS IN LATVIA WITH A VALID NON-CITIZEN LATVIAN PASSPORT

The General Directorate of Consular Services of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico has communicated us the new immigration legislation, effective from 09.11.2012, which establishes that:

"Will be able to travel to Mexico without a Mexican visa those persons presenting the following documents:

- Foreigners with valid visa for the United States.*
- **Foreigners who are permanent residents and who can prove it, by the corresponding documents, of the United States, Canada, Britain, Japan and Schengen Area countries.***
- Foreigners with ABTC cards issued by APEC.*

*Notwithstanding the above, **all foreigners must present invariably a valid passport.** "*

Since Alien's Latvian passports do not indicate that the bearer is a permanent resident of Latvia, non-citizens of Latvia who want to travel to Mexico must have an official notification from Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs (OCMA) to confirm it, duly translated into English or Spanish and legalised with the Apostille.

Here attached you will find a copy of a model of this OCMA's notification (Izzina), which translation to English is:

"The Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs confirms that (name, surname, personal code) is a non-citizen of the Republic of Latvia entitled to reside permanently in the Republic of Latvia without a visa or residence permit according to the legislative acts."

- All 30 regional divisions of Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs are authorized to issue these notifications (Izzinas); see link <http://www.pmlp.gov.lv/en/kontakti/>*
- OCMA staff will be instructed on notification template.*
- Notifications will be issued in Latvian.*
- Afterwards individuals have to get translation approved by sworn notary and legalize with Apostille in Consular department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.*

At the same time, it is important to inform you that Rules of the Migration Act establish the following:

"Article 60. To authorize the admission of foreigners, immigration authorities, at the checkpoints, when in doubt, should be able to verify the requirements listed below:

- I. Passport or identity and travel document that is valid under international law and, where applicable, visa or immigration document;*
- II. Information and personal data that may be required;*
- III. Purpose of the travel;*
- IV. Permanent place of residence or provenance;*
- V. Address and length of stay in Mexico;*
- VI. Where appropriate, name, corporate name and address of the person or legal entity that is employing or inviting;*
- VII. Activities performed in their country or place of origin and those to perform in the country (Mexico);*
- VIII. Means of livelihood during their stay in the country (Mexico), except in the case of foreigners who carry Mexican visa, and*
- IX. Transportation that will be used to exit the country (Mexico)."*

Sincerely yours,

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