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U.S. Expands Interview Waiver Eligibility for Non-Immigrant Visa Applicants

Mexico City, June 29, 2012 – Following President Obama's efforts to promote travel and tourism as important contributions to job creation and economic growth, the U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce that beginning July 1, 2012, an expanded visa renewal program will allow many more Mexican citizens and residents to renew their nonimmigrant visas without a follow-on interview at the Embassy or a U.S. Consulate.

Currently, most visas that have been expired for 12 months or less may be renewed after the applicant's appointment at the Applicant Service Center (ASC), in other words, without a second appointment/interview at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Under our new program, you can apply for a renewal of your visa if your current visa has expired within 48 months or less of your renewal application.

This expanded interview waiver program will make the visa process even more convenient and improve visa processing times, strengthening ties through travel and trade between the United States and Mexico. Tens of thousands of Mexican travelers should benefit from this expanded program, saving time and money, and allowing more convenient travel to the United States for business and tourism.

Additional details and qualification requirements for the new interview waiver program can be found on the websites of the U.S. Embassy and each U.S consulate in Mexico.

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