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United States | New Program for Certain B1/B2 Mexican Visitor Visas Reduces Appointment Wait Times

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The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City <u>launched a program</u> on March 20 allowing first-time B1/B2 visitor visa applicants to move appointments to an earlier date without additional fees.

Key Points:

- Earlier appointment slots will be open throughout 2024 at no cost for first-time Mexican visitor visa applicants with existing visitor visa appointments in 2025 or later.
- Eligible and selected applicants will receive email notifications from donotreply@usvisa-info.com with instructions on rescheduling to an earlier appointment date.
- If the <u>appointment system</u> does not show availability, applicants should check back periodically as new appointment dates will be added throughout the year.

Additional Information: The U.S. Embassy and its nine consulates throughout Mexico issued 2.3 million visas in 2023, the highest number to date. Consulate officials noted that the new program is expected to substantially reduce wait times for hundreds of thousands of applicants and facilitate travel for more Mexican nationals to the U.S., "This promising initiative demonstrates the U.S. Embassy's commitment to reducing wait times for visa interview appointments and facilitating legitimate travel to the United States, including for work, study, and leisure."

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