



MEXICO AND CANADA ESTABLISH YOUTH MOBILITY PROGRAM

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Press Release 21-10. Ottawa, Canada, October 27, 2010.- Governments of Mexico and Canada established a program aimed at their youths between 18 and 29, students or graduates, to obtain a work permit up to 12 months, in order to favour their professional development.

Through a Memorandum of Understanding, governments of Mexico and Canada agreed on issuing each one, the first 200 visas for the same number of youths interested in obtaining temporary permits to work according three possible categories: temporary employment during academic holidays, pre-arranged work placement to fulfill part of their academic curriculum, or practical workplace experience for professional youths. The aim is to facilitate access to cultural exchanges that enable youth to gain a better understanding of their host country's language(s), culture and society, through travel, work and life experience abroad.

This program intends that, through these experiences, Mexican and Canadian youths enhance their personal and professional development, thus contributing to strengthen the quality of both nations' human capital.

Starting November 1, 2010, governments of Mexico and Canada will simultaneously start receiving applications from youths in both countries, interested in taking part in the *Youth Mobility Program*. **In the case of Canadian nationals intending to work in Mexico, they should present their individual application at the Embassy of Mexico in Canada, its Consular Section <http://bit.ly/dfDcdZ> or through any of the Mexican Consulates in Canada, listed in the following web link: <http://bit.ly/9RBuD5>**

Young Canadian or Mexican citizens interested in this program will also have the opportunity to present their individual applications to the Mexican consular office or diplomatic mission in Mexico or Canada or in the country in which they have been lawfully admitted and, in the case of Mexico, fulfil the requirements to obtain the authorization granting the migratory status of "*No Inmigrante*".

Governments of Mexico and Canada will consider the following young citizens as qualified to benefit from the program:

1. Registered students of a post-secondary education institution in their country of origin who intend to fulfil part of their academic curriculum in the host country by completing a pre-arranged work placement related to their field of study.
2. Registered students of a post-secondary education institution in their country of origin who intend to obtain temporary employment in the host country during their academic holidays.
3. Young citizens, including graduates of a post-secondary education institution in their country of origin, who intend to obtain employment experience or practical workplace experience related to their professional field in the host country through a pre-arranged contract of employment to support their career development.

The Memorandum of Understanding concerning youth mobility is part of the *Canada-Mexico Action Plan* signed by Ambassador Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Mexican Secretary of Foreign Affairs and her Canadian counterpart, Laurence Cannon, during President Felipe Calderon's official visit to Canada, from May 26 to 28, 2010.

Both countries, through Mexican Secretariat of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of the Interior, and Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, will perform an annual evaluation to adjust dimensions and operative terms in order to give clear answers to citizens from both countries facing the demand for legal, organized and secure ways for immigration flows between Mexico and Canada.

Memorandum's contents and requirements can be reviewed on its original text at: http://embamex.sre.gob.mx/canada_eng/images/pdfs/movilidadjuveniling.pdf

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