Consulate of Mexico

Consular ID Card
Consular ID Card for Mexicans living abroad

The Consular ID card has become an important means of identification for Mexicans living abroad.
Consular IDs are issued by the Consulate to Mexican nationals residing within the area of its circumscription.

It serves as an official ID for Mexican authorities, as well as proof of nationality.

It is issued in accordance to Mexican confidentiality laws, such as the Access to Information Law (2002) overseen by the Federal Institute for Access to Public Information (IFAI).

It may also be given to minors, with the consent of their parents or guardians.
Consular IDs do not grant the bearer any immigration status in the United States.

They are useful to locate Mexican nationals in case of emergencies (accidents, missing persons, natural disasters).

They are extremely difficult to forge, due to its highly sophisticated security measures.

They are issued according to the 1963 Vienna Convention of Consular Relations to which Mexico and the United States are parties to.
To apply for a Consular ID card, the applicant must present:

- Mexican Birth Certificate
- An Official Mexican ID
- Proof of address within the Consular District
- Fee
A Consular ID will not be issued if:
- The applicant has a criminal record.
- He or she is subject to prosecution.
- The applicant faces a judicial or administrative process.

Consular IDs are effective means to locate someone wanted by the law.
The Consular ID data base is linked to the Mexican National Security data bases.
Main characteristics of the High Security Consular ID Card (MCAS):

- Visual and hidden security.
- Supported by a centralized system to avoid duplications and confirm the authenticity of required documents and information.
- Validated against the Stop List Data Base.
- Robust verification procedure of nationality and identity.
- Procedures and requirements are homogenized to those of the Mexican High Security Passport System.
- Bi–dimensional Bar Code (PDF417) and Optical Character Recognition (OCR).
- Fingerprints and signature have been added to the current biometric elements.
- Digital Files are created containing proof of citizenship and identity documents.

* Since August, 2005
Security Provisions
(seen on the card)

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Security laminate

SRE ultraviolet logos

Matricula Consular  Consular ID

Fixed Scrambled Indicia®

Codified fixed text in the front

Foliated Supplies
More Security Measures

High security lines design

Micro Lines
Hidden Security Measures

- The system takes variable information from the document and generates a codified image that protects the identity of the person and the information.
- Protection is generated at the time the document is being printed.
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