

- proof of Canadian registration;
- an affidavit from any lien holders authorizing temporary importation;
- a valid Canadian driver's licence; and
- proof of citizenship.

If the vehicle is rented, a rental contract in the name of the person bringing the car into Mexico, and a description of the car, will be required. If the car is company-owned, you must present proof that you are employed by the company that owns the car.

Temporary vehicle importation permits are not required in certain designated border areas, such as those immediately south of California, where there is a lot of local tourist traffic. But be sure you know exactly where you are going before relying on this alternative.

For tourists, the temporary vehicle importation permit is valid for a maximum of six months. The permit costs US\$15, plus local tax, and must be paid for with an international credit card at the Banjército (Bank of the Armed Forces) located near the Customs office. The credit card must be issued by a major Canadian or U.S. financial institution in the name of

the vehicle owner. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are all accepted, but cash is not. If the visitor does not have a credit card, a bond must be purchased and a US\$15 processing fee must be paid. You must display proof of payment on the vehicle windshield. The permit constitutes a promise to take the car out of the country within a specified period, and the car may be confiscated if you overstay. When you leave the country, be sure to return your temporary importation permit to Banjército in order to obtain a certificate stating that the vehicle was removed from Mexico. Recreational vehicles and large trucks require additional permits.

Please note that any person may drive the vehicle as long as the permit holder is in the car. But assuming they are foreign residents, only the permit holder's immediate family — spouse, father, mother, children or siblings — may drive the vehicle if the permit holder is not in the car.

It is illegal to import used vehicles permanently into Mexico except in designated northern border areas. Your vehicle can be confiscated if it is not properly imported or if your permit expires. It is illegal to sell a car brought in on a temporary permit, even to another non-resident.