Hours of Business

Business hours vary considerably in Mexico City. The following are indicative only:

Canadian Embassy

Business Offices

Government Offices

Banks Shops 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (lunch 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.) Monday to Friday

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; offices reopen at 3:00 p.m. and close at 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. basically, Monday to Friday, although many officials work until 8:00 p.m. Meetings are sometimes scheduled in the early evening.

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday to Friday

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday

Local Time

Most of Mexico is on Central Standard Time, which is six hours behind Greenwich Mean Time. This means that Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Monterrey are all one hour behind Toronto and Montréal (Eastern Standard Time) during the winter and two hours behind during the Daylight Savings Time period in the summer months.

Electric Power

The electricity supply in Mexico is 60 cycles, 110/125 volts, which allows the use of North American appliances. However, brief power failures and surges can be experienced.

Weights and Measures

The metric system is used throughout the country.