

## Departure

As a Residente Temporal or Residente Permanente visa holder, any time you fly out of Mexico you will have to fill out a *Forma Migratoria Multiple* (FMM) form and give it to the airline carrier to be attached to your boarding pass. The shorter lower segment of the form will be collected at the *Instituto Nacional de Migration* (INM) desk prior to entering the boarding area.

## Arrival

When re-entering Mexico, airline personnel usually hand out the forms on board the incoming flight.

Residentes fill in the information boxes on the top portion of the form, make sure to put Mexico as country of residence (box #7), the number shown on the back of the INM green card (box #8), and select otro/other for purpose of trip (box #9).

It is recommended to handwrite "Residente Permanente" or "Residente Temporal" across the top of the form and detach the lower portion of form that is meant to be kept only by persons coming into the country as visitors.

Once off the plane, pay close attention as you go through the immigration filter. First of all, show the official your INM resident green card and passport and verbally state "soy residente." Then hand over only the top portion of the FMM.

Cooperate if the official on duty insists that you fill out both segments of the form, but make sure that the gray areas designated for *Uso Oficial* are filled out properly before leaving the immigration desk.

If there is a check mark in the section labeled *Estancia Maxima 180 days*, you will be registered as a visitor in the INM data base, automatically losing your resident status. In that case, stand your ground to see that the mistake is corrected and the section below, titled "*Unicamente Para Efectos Estadisticos*," is checked off in the box labeled *Tarjeta Permanente Temporal*. Resident immigrants should follow the same procedures when leaving and entering the country by land or sea.

## Processing Fees

Residente Permanente or Residente Temporal holders are not subject to pay any processing fees to airline companies or immigration checkpoints since they have already paid the requisite taxes for obtaining their visas. This fee is automatically added when you purchase your airline ticket. If you wish to be reimbursed, you will have to contact your airline as each one operates differently.

