

THE MEXICAN CONSULAR ID CARD

SECURE AND RELIABLE IDENTIFICATION FOR MEXICANS ABROAD

An instrument to assist Mexican citizens

The Consular Identification Card —known as *Matrícula Consular*— was created as proof of Mexican nationality and foreign address. It is issued by Mexican consulates after a rigorous process to confirm the identity and residence of the bearer.

The main responsibility of consulates is to provide services, assistance, and protection to nationals abroad. This is a foreign policy priority for the Government of Mexico.

Mexican consulates implement preventive protection and communication strategies to promote the full respect of the rights of Mexican nationals. They work with local authorities and other partners to help build long lasting relationships at the local level.

Mexican consulates issue secure, reliable and tamper proof documents such as passports and Consular ID Cards.

Consular ID Cards have no bearing whatsoever on a person's immigration status.

The information contained in the IDs is centralized in a database that is useful to locate Mexican nationals in case of emergency.

Consular ID Cards Application Requirements: A Mexican birth certificate, an official Mexican ID, proof of address within the corresponding consular jurisdiction, and the corresponding fee.

A Consular ID cannot be issued if the applicant has a criminal record, is subject to prosecution, or faces a judicial or administrative process in Mexico.



A reliable and widely accepted ID

The Consular Identification Card is issued in accordance to Mexican privacy laws (Access to Information Law, 2002) and to international legal instruments subscribed by Mexico and the United States (Vienna Convention of Consular Relations, 1963).

This document is recognized as a proof of identity by numerous banks and financial institutions, and by Mexican and US authorities, at the federal, state and local levels.

Main security features of the Consular ID Card

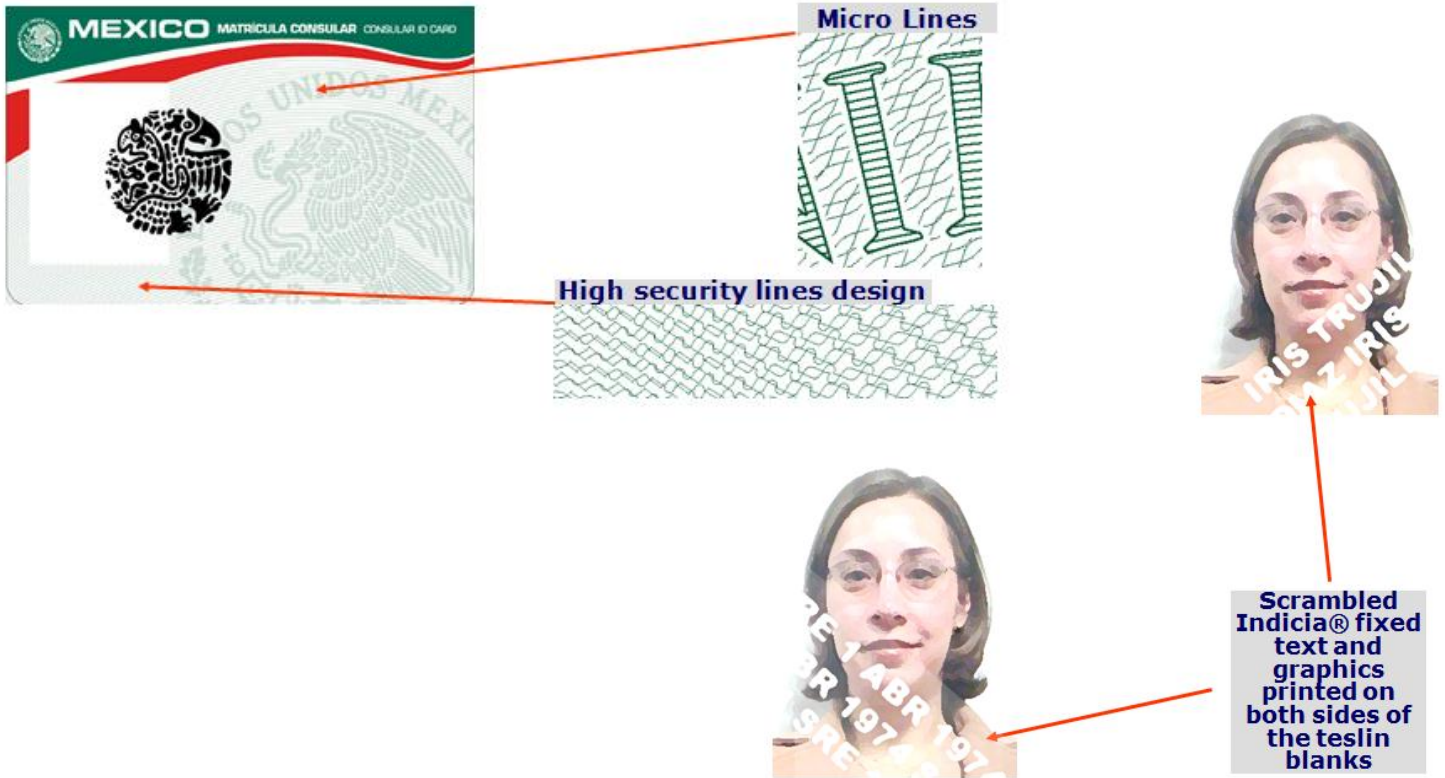
- Visual and hidden security elements.
- Supported by a centralized system to avoid duplications and confirm the authenticity of required documents and personal information.
- Validated against a Stop List Data Base.
- Robust verification procedure of nationality and identity.
- Procedures and requirements are equivalent to those of the Mexican Passport System.
- Bi-dimensional Bar Code (PDF417) and Optical Character Recognition (OCR).
- Fingerprints and signature, in addition to other biometric elements.
- Digital files are created, containing proof of citizenship and identity documents.
- The Consular ID data base is linked to the Mexican National Security data bases.

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A closer look at the Consular Identification Card



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