

First 30 Days in Mexico Checklist

Arrival and settling-in essentials

Week 1

- ☐ Complete residency canje at INM (if you entered on a residency visa)
- ☐ Get a Mexican SIM card (Telcel has the widest coverage)
- ☐ Learn your colonia: nearest supermarket, pharmacy, hospital
- ☐ Set up WhatsApp — it's how everything gets done in Mexico

Weeks 2-3

- ☐ Open a Mexican bank account (residency card usually required)
- ☐ Register your CURP and consider an RFC (tax ID)
- ☐ Set up CFE (electricity) and water accounts or transfer from landlord
- ☐ Find your local tianguis (market day) for fresh produce

Week 4 and beyond

- ☐ Explore healthcare: private insurance, IMSS, or pay-as-you-go
- ☐ Get a Mexican driver's license if staying long term
- ☐ Join local expat and neighborhood groups (Facebook/WhatsApp)
- ☐ Celebrate — you live in Mexico now!

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