

## FAQs Mexican TNs

### **Q. What is the period of admission for a Mexican TN?**

**A.** An individual granted TN status can be admitted into the U.S. for a period of up to three years.

### **Q. Why is my TN visa stamp only valid for one year?**

**A.** The length of time a visa can be valid is based on reciprocity agreements between the U.S. and your country of citizenship. The agreement between the U.S. and Mexico requires that TN visa stamps only be valid for a period of one year.

### **Q. Does my TN status expire after one year?**

**A.** Although the visa stamp in your passport is only valid for one year, you can be admitted into the U.S. for a period of up to three years.

### **Q. What evidence will I have that I am admitted into the U.S. in TN status for three years?**

**A.** Your I-94 admission record controls your status in the U.S. Your I-94 record will list your period of admission.

### **Q. What is the difference between a visa stamp and an I-94 admission record?**

**A.** The visa stamp is an entry document. Normally a visa stamp is required for admission into the U.S. The I-94 admission record controls how long a person can stay in the country. Thus, it is possible to be in the U.S. with an expired visa stamp and a valid I-94 admission record.

### **Q. How do I receive an I-94 admission record for a three year period?**

**A.** Many times the TN visa stamp in your passport will have an annotation at the bottom which states that the TN admission period should be for three years. You should point this out to the immigration inspector upon entry. In addition, the TN company support letter will also contain language about the requested period of admission. We

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recommend that you present the company support letter to the immigration inspector to further support your request for a three year period of admission.

**Q. The immigration inspector did not give me a three year admission period on my I-94 even though I have the annotation on my visa. What do I do?**

**A.** Unfortunately, errors with I-94 admissions are common with Mexican TNs. We recommend that you carefully review your I-94 admission record. If possible, bring the error to the attention of the immigration inspector at the time of admission for immediate correction. If you notice the error after the fact, notify our office. Many times, you can visit a local CBP Deferred Inspections Office to have the correction made to the I-94 admission record.

**Q. The I-94 admission record I received the first time I entered the U.S. in TN status showed a three year period of admission. The next time I traveled, I received a new I-94 admission record which only shows a one year period of admission. Is this okay?**

**A.** The most recently issued I-94 admission record controls your status in the U.S. Although you may have received a three-year admission with your first I-94, the most recent I-94 admission record now controls your status. We recommend that you examine your I-94 admission record after each entry. If you notice that the period of admission has changed, you should raise the issue with the immigration inspection at the time of entry for correction or contact our office while you are at the border or after you have entered the U.S. It may be possible to visit a local CBP Deferred Inspections Office to have the correction made to the I-94 admission record.

**Q. My TN visa stamp has expired but I need to travel to Mexico, do I need to get a new visa stamp?**

**A.** In certain situations, individuals are able to travel to Canada or Mexico for 30 days or less with an expired visa stamp and valid I-94 admission record. Please see our FAQ, *Trips to Canada or Mexico and Visa Revalidation* (<http://www.larrabee.com/immigration-law-faqs/trips-to-canada-mexico-visa-revalidation/>) for additional information.

**Q. My TN visa stamp has expired and I have decided to apply for a new visa stamp at the U.S. Consulate, what is the procedure?**

**A.** Please contact our office to discuss with an attorney. Normally, a new set of TN documents will need to be prepared for submission to the U.S. Consulate.