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# Global Immigration alert

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## Mexico

### Security-related travel advisories disrupt business travel to parts of Mexico

#### Executive summary

Mexico issued urgent travel and shelter-in-place advisories for several states following significant cartel-related violence in February 2026. While the immigration laws don't change, these developments may directly affect business travel, employee mobility and employer duty-of-care obligations.

#### Key developments

On 22 and 23 February 2026, widespread violence erupted in several Mexican states following a major security operation targeting organized crime leadership. In response, foreign governments, including the United States and the United Kingdom, issued advisories instructing their nationals in affected regions to shelter in place and avoid non-essential travel.

These advisories included warnings of road blockades, flight disruptions and temporary closures of transportation routes in states such as Jalisco, Michoacán and parts of Nuevo León. Airports serving major business hubs experienced cancellations and delays, affecting both inbound and outbound travel.

Although Mexican immigration rules did not formally change, the situation created practical barriers to entry, exit and in-country movement for foreign workers and business travelers. Individuals may face difficulties attending immigration appointments, completing registrations or complying with permit conditions that require in-person attendance.

Local authorities have resumed immigration services in the states affected by this situation, and while the international airport in Guadalajara has reopened operations, some domestic and international flights to this location can continue to be suspended.

#### Impact on employers

Employers with personnel traveling to or residing in Mexico may face immediate disruptions to business travel, onboarding and compliance activities. They may need to reassess travel approvals, activate contingency plans and coordinate closely with mobility and security teams.

#### Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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