

NYC IMMIGRANT FINANCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK

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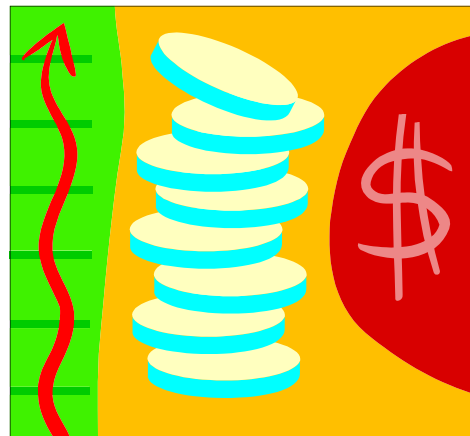
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CONSULAR IDs & BANK ACCOUNTS FOR IMMIGRANTS



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CONSULAR IDs: A TOOL FOR IMMIGRANTS IN THE BANKING SYSTEM

Many governments issue identification cards to their citizens living abroad, through their consulate offices. In NYC, at least a dozen foreign consulates issue consular IDs, citizen IDs and other forms of identification. This brochure provides information about certain consulate-issued identification, including requirements and fees.*

Consular IDs can help immigrants gain access to financial services. A growing number of banks and credit unions, for example, accept consular IDs (such as Mexico's *matricula consular*) as a valid form of identification to open accounts, wire money or access other services. Banks are not prohibited from accepting foreign-issued ID, including consular IDs, by the Patriot Act or any other banking laws.

Consular IDs typically include the individual's photo, U.S. address, date and place of birth, and a unique identification number. Consular IDs do not imply or affect an individual's immigration status in the U.S.

Some consular IDs, such as those issued by Mexico and Guatemala, have sophisticated security features and are relatively well-known. In addition to financial institutions, consular IDs may be accepted by a range of other public and private entities. Several consulates are in the process of improving their consular ID programs to secure wider acceptance of their cards.

Consular IDs are but one tool to promote immigrants' access to sound financial services and credit. Some immigrants have reported problems obtaining IDs and other services from their consulates. For information on other ways to address immigrants' identification issues and banking needs, please contact the Immigrant Financial Justice Network, c/o NEDAP: (212) 680-5100.

**Information provided here is in no way intended as legal advice. All information about consular identification requirements and fees was obtained from the consulates, by phone or in writing, in 2005; portions updated in 2007. Please contact the consulates directly for more information.*

To download this brochure and other materials on immigrant financial justice, please visit our website: www.nedap.org/programs/ifjp.html

BRAZIL

Consulate General of Brazil
1185 Ave of the Americas @ 47th St, NY, NY 10036
Tel: (917) 777-7777 / www.brazilny.org
Hours: M-F 10 am - 1 pm / no appointment needed.

Requirements to obtain matrícula consular:

- Notarized copy of first 2 pages of valid Brazilian passport
- 2 photos: 1.5in. x 1.5in.
- Self-addressed stamped envelope
- Cost: free; available in one week
- Apply in person or by mail; forms available online.

COLOMBIA

Consulate General of Colombia
10 E. 46th St, between 5th & Madison Ave
NY, NY 10017 / Tel: (212) 798-9047
www.consuladodecolombiaennewyork.com
Hours: M-F 8:15 am - 1:45 pm / Second Sat. of each month 9-1:45; appointment needed

Requirements for cedula ciudadanía (citizen ID):

- Original Colombian ID (expired or unexpired) or original birth certificate
- Document showing blood type
- 3 passport-sized photos
- Cost: Free / Apply in person
- Temporary ID in 30 minutes, actual ID in one year
- Does not include person's U.S. address

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Consulate of the Dominican Republic
1501 B'way between 43rd & 44th St, NY, NY 10036
Tel: (212) 768-2480 / www.consuladord-ny.org
Hours: M-F 9:00 am - 3:30pm; Sat. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm / no appointment needed

Requirements to obtain localizador archivo:

- Unexpired passport or national ID (cédula);
- Cost: \$12; Ready same day

ECUADOR

Consulate General of Ecuador
800 2nd Ave between 42nd & 43rd St, NY, NY 10017
Hours: M-F 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tel: (212) 808-0170 / www.consulecuadornewyork.com

Requirements to obtain consular ID:

- Ecuadorian passport or national ID (cédula)
- Proof of U.S. address
- Cost: \$5; Ready same day

GUATEMALA

Consulate General of Guatemala
57 Park Ave @ 37th St, NY, NY 10016
Tel: (212) 686-3837
Hours: M-F 8:30am to 2:00pm / no appointment needed

Requirements to obtain tarjeta consular:

- Valid Guatemalan passport
- (To obtain passport, present original + 2 copies of birth certificate + photo ID + \$65 fee)
- Cost: \$30; Ready in 2 days

GUINEA

Consulate General of Guinea
140 E 39th St b/w 44th and 45th St, NY, NY 10016
Tel: (212) 687 8115
Hours: M-F, 9:30 am - 5:00pm / no appointment needed

Requirements to obtain consular ID:

- Photocopy of unexpired Guinean passport or national identity card, or birth certificate + photo ID.
- 2 passport-size photos
- Cost: \$25; Ready next day

MALI

Consulate General of Mali
111 E. 69th St & Park Ave, NY, NY 10021
Tel: (212) 737-4150 / Hours: M-F 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Requirements for carte d'identité consulaire:

- Mali passport or national ID card
- 3 photos
- Cost: \$18; Ready in 3 days.

MEXICO

Consulate General of Mexico
27 E. 39th St @ Madison Ave, NY, NY 10016
Tel: (212) 217-6400 / www.consulmexny.org
Hours: M-F 8 am - 11:45 am / no appointment needed.
Call 1-877-Mexitel for appointment

Requirements to obtain matrícula consular:

- Birth certificate: original + 2 copies
- Photo ID from Mexico: original + 1 copy
- Proof of U.S. address
- Cost: \$27; Ready same day

TO FIND OTHER CONSULATES IN NYC:

- ◆ www.nyc.gov/html/unccp/html/consular/nyc_list.shtml
- ◆ www.citidex.com/252.htm

NIGERIA

Consulate General of Nigeria
828 2nd Ave @ 44th St, NY, NY 10017
Tel: (212) 850-2200 / www.nigeria-consulate-ny.org
Hours: M-F 9:00 am - 12:00 pm / no appointment needed

Requirements to obtain citizen's certificate:

- Photocopy of Nigerian passport or national ID
- Two passport-size photos
- Cost: \$25

PAKISTAN

Consulate General of Pakistan
12 E. 65th St @ 5th Ave, NY NY 10021
Tel: (212) 879-5800 / www.pakistanconsulateny.org
Hours: M-Th 9:00am - 1:00pm; F 9:00 am - 12:30 pm / no appointment needed

Requirements to obtain national identity card for overseas pakistanis (NICOP):

- 4 passport-size photos
- Notarized copies of: first 4 pages of passport; visa or other document showing legal stay in U.S.; and National ID card or Bay-Form
- Proof of address in U.S. and Pakistan
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope
- Cost: \$15
- Note: available to legal U.S. residents only

PERU

Consulate General of Peru
241 E. 49th St, between 2nd & 3rd Ave, NY, NY 10017
Tel: (646) 735-3828 / www.consuladoperu.com
Hours: M-F, 9 am - 3 pm, every third Sat 9 am - 1 pm

Requirements to obtain tarjeta consular:

- Valid Documento Nacional de Identidad and passport
- Proof of residence in U.S.
- Cost: \$2

SENEGAL

Consulate General of Senegal
271 W. 125th St @ Fred. Douglass Blvd, NY, NY 10027
Tel: (917) 493-8950 / Hours: M-F 9:00 am - 3:00 pm / no appointment needed

Requirements to obtain consular ID:

- Senegalese ID, such as a passport or national ID card
- 3 passport-size photos
- Self-addressed, stamped Express Mail envelope
- Cost: \$4; Ready in 1 month

WHICH BANKS ACCEPT CONSULAR IDs?

To find out which banks and credit unions accept different consular IDs:

1. Contact the consulates. Several consulates maintain lists of banks that accept their IDs and some even have banks on-site on certain days.

2. Contact local banks. Ask the local branch manager if they accept consular IDs, and from which countries. Is a consular ID sufficient, or is a second form of ID required? Are consular IDs accepted at all locations, or only certain branches?

3. Contact local credit unions. Community development credit unions in New York have long experience providing accounts, financial education and other services to immigrants. A list of CDCUs in NYC can be found at: www.nedap.org.

4. Advocate for flexible ID requirements. Community groups have successfully negotiated with banks to accept not only consular IDs, but organizational ID cards and other forms of identification. For assistance, contact NEDAP at (212) 680-5100.

5. Refer to NYC Banking Survey. The NYS Banking Department conducted a survey in 2006 of NYC banks to determine languages spoken, consular IDs accepted and other information. Download the survey results at: www.banking.state.ny.us/csrbs.htm

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
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