

## Checking into Mexico in Cabo San Lucas

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There are a few changes in the procedure for checking into Mexico at Cabo San Lucas. It is still easy and inexpensive but just a few more hoops to jump through.

First you must obtain a Temporary Import Permit (TIP) before arriving in Cabo. You can easily do this online with the video provided by Neil Schroyer of Marina de La Paz at [https://youtu.be/ogatmW3lg\\_M](https://youtu.be/ogatmW3lg_M) once completed you should receive your TIP by email within 3 days. If you do not there is a problem and you will need to get the TIP in person.

Before arriving in Cabo San Lucas all boats must send an email to customs ([aduana.lapaz@sat.gob.mx](mailto:aduana.lapaz@sat.gob.mx)) and an email to the health department ([egallo@coeprisbcs.gob.mx](mailto:egallo@coeprisbcs.gob.mx)) to advise them you are departing the USA and that your first port of call in Mexico will be Cabo San Lucas. This should be sent from San Diego as most cell towers on the way down the coast don't have data.

Once you arrive in Cabo the process is as follows:

1. Go to the Minister of Health, Ivan Nunez, he speaks very good English. His office is next to the Central de Salud de Cabo San Lucas small hospital located on the 12th of October between Ocampo and Zaragoza. Bring a letter (he prefers typed) indicating the vessel name, captain's name, number of crew, date and time arrived in Cabo, and containing a statement that all people on board are free of Covid and any virus. Then sign the letter.
2. Then to Ramon (speaks English) at the Immigration Office on Lazaro Cardenas. He is in the small downstairs office and is open 9-1. Bring the paper from the Minister of Health, your boat documentation or registration and passports for you and your crew. He will give you a blank crew list and forms to fill out. Then he will charge your credit card 575 pesos (about \$28 USD) for each person. He will give you copies of the crew list, tourist visas for each person and receipts for the credit card charges.
3. Next go to the Port Captain's office on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September between Matamores and Abasolo with all your papers and pay the fee for your boat. The office is open 8-4 and closed on Saturday and Sunday.
4. You should go to API (over by Sr Frogs) and pay a daily harbor fee. Or wait for them to come to your boat in the anchorage. If you are in the marina the marina pays the API fee for you.

Your boat may or may not be visited by the Department of Agriculture and some vegetables taken. You may also be visited by Customs and they may want to see your TIP and check your HIN.

All in all an easy process.

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