



RESPONSES TO INFORMATION REQUESTS (RIRs)

[New Search](#) | [About RIR's](#) | [Help](#)

01 April 2005

GTM43454.FE

Guatemala: Whether an exit visa is required for leaving Guatemala; situation for minors and requirement to obtain both parents' authorization to leave the country; whether that authorization must be indicated in the passport and be renewed each time the minor leaves the country (2003-2005)

Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa

According to the First Secretary and Consul of the Embassy of the Republic of Guatemala in Canada, exit visas are not required for leaving Guatemala: [translation] "any citizen with a passport can travel freely" (1 Apr. 2005). A person under 18 years must have both of his or her parents' authorization to obtain a passport (Embassy of the Republic of Guatemala 1 Apr. 2005).

The "Visas" page of the Website of the Embassy of Guatemala to the United States does not mention an exit visa requirement for Guatemala (2002).

In addition, the Migration Act (*Ley de Migración*) does not require Guatemalans to obtain exit visas (Guatemala n.d.).

No information on a requirement for an authorization to be indicated in the passport of a minor or to be renewed each time that minor leaves the country could be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

References

Embassy of Guatemala to the United States. 2002. "Visas." <<http://www.guatemala-embassy.org/visas.php>> [Accessed 17 Mar. 2005]

Embassy of the Republic of Guatemala in Canada. 1 April 2005. Correspondence from the First Secretary and Consul.

Guatemala. n.d. Ministry of the Interior, General Directorate of Migration. *Ley de Migración* . <<http://www.migracion.gob.gt/esp/juridico/leymigra.html#t5c2>> [Accessed 17 Mar. 2005]

Additional Sources Consulted

Internet sites, including: *El Periodico* ; Embassy of Guatemala to the United States; Ministry of the Interior (Ministerio de Gobernación); *Prensa Libre* ; United States Embassy in Guatemala City, Guatemala; *Visa Reciprocity and Country Documents Finder* (US Department of State); World News Connection.


[Top of Page](#)

[Important Notices](#)

The attached reproduction is a copy of an official work that is published by the Government of Canada. The reproduction has not been produced in affiliation with, or with the endorsement of the Government of Canada.