

If you have received permanent residency status in Mexico you are required to get a Mexican driver's license and import your vehicle into Mexico. Permanent residents are not permitted to drive vehicles with foreign plates. In the past, you must employ an import broker to handle the importation, which added to the taxes and fees. Until recently, that meant an expensive process to legally import your Amer-ican car into Mexico. In January 2022, AMLO (President of Mexico) signed a decree that eliminates the requirement of an import broker and reduces the taxes/fees to a flat \$2,500 MN. This new plan is not available in every state in Mexico, but is available in Sonora.





Once again, Qroo Paul has a great video on the new importation process available in Sonora. <u>Click here for a link to the video</u>.

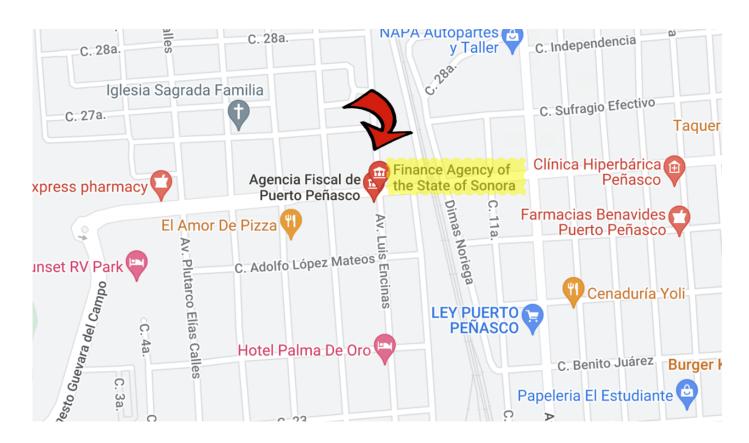
Once you get all of the paperwork together, the office that issues

driver's licenses and auto plates is located on the southwest corner of Noreeleción and Luis Encinas. See map below

Another way for permanent residents to comply with the auto li-cense plate issue is to get a plate from CONDESA UNICA. These plates are good in the Municipality of Puerto Peñasco. They cost \$800 MX for the entire year. They also offer liability insurance for \$850 MX for an individual vehicle. I picked up my plates last week and I plan to use them around Peñasco. When I go north, I'll just put my Arizona plates back on. Many permanent residents in Mexico bave reported they are rarely stopped by the police when they have have reported they are rarely stopped by the police when they have Mexican plates. I guess the Mexican plates don't scream TOURIST. The CONDESA UNICA office is located in the same strip mall at the El Buzo restaurant. As your heading southwest on Benito Juarez towards the malecon, turn right into the strip mall just past the railroad crossing. It is located on the lower level. You will need your



resident card, your vehicle registration and your Sonora driver's license.



Map of the State of Sonora finance office: