

Mobility: Immigration alert

January 2022



Mexico

Suspension of visa waivers for Brazilian and Venezuelan citizens

Executive summary

Citizens of Brazil and Venezuela must now obtain visitor visas prior to entering into Mexico as visitors.

Key issues

The Mexican Government recently suspended Brazilian and Venezuelan citizens' eligibility to obtain visa waivers and enter into Mexico using only their valid national passports. Citizens of Venezuela who seek to enter Mexico as visitors (by air, land or sea) are now required to apply for and obtain a visitor visa from the Mexican Consulate with jurisdiction over their home country or place of residence.

Citizens of Brazil who seek to enter into Mexico for business or tourism, by land or sea, are similarly required to obtain a visitor visa from a Mexican Consulate prior to travel. Brazilian citizens who enter Mexico as visitors by air can either obtain a visitor visa from a Mexican Consulate or an [electronic travel authorization](#) from the Mexican immigration authorities prior to travel.

Notwithstanding the above, Brazilian and Venezuelan citizens remain eligible to enter into Mexico as visitors without a visitor visa or electronic travel authorization, provided they hold:

- ▶ Permanent resident status in Canada, Colombia, Chile, Japan, Peru, the United Kingdom, the United States of America or any of the Schengen Area member states
- ▶ A valid visa (e.g., tourist visa, resident visa) issued by Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, or any of the Schengen Area member states

All travelers, including Brazilian and Venezuelan visitors who enter into Mexico by air, must complete an [online questionnaire](#) 12 hours prior to travel, maintain an electronic copy of the questionnaire confirmation and be prepared to present the same at the time of boarding. As of the time of this writing, foreigners entering into Mexico are not required to get tested for COVID-19 prior to travel or upon arrival. While they are advised to quarantine for 14 days on arrival, this is not a mandatory requirement.

The Mexican Government has not announced specific entry rules for recovered persons (i.e., individuals who previously tested positive for COVID-19 and have made a full recovery and are asymptomatic at the time of travel). In general, with limited exceptions, recovered persons are subject to the same rules as travelers who never tested positive for COVID-19.

Key steps

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

EY | Building a better working world

EY exists to build a better working world, helping create long-term value for clients, people and society and build trust in the capital markets.

Enabled by data and technology, diverse EY teams in over 150 countries provide trust through assurance and help clients grow, transform and operate.

Working across assurance, consulting, law, strategy, tax and transactions, EY teams ask better questions to find new answers for the complex issues facing our world today.

EY refers to the global organization, and may refer to one or more, of the member firms of Ernst & Young Global Limited, each of which is a separate legal entity. Ernst & Young Global Limited, a UK company limited by guarantee, does not provide services to clients. Information about how EY collects and uses personal data and a description of the rights individuals have under data protection legislation are available via ey.com/privacy. EY member firms do not practice law where prohibited by local laws. For more information about our organization, please visit ey.com.

Ernst & Young LLP is a client-serving member firm of Ernst & Young Global Limited operating in the US.

© 2022 Ernst & Young LLP.
All Rights Reserved.

EYG no. 00759-22Gbl

2101-3682263
ED None

ey.com

Oscar Santos Oviedo

Partner - People Advisory Services, Global Immigration
Tel: + 52 55 7844 4352
Email: oscar.santos@mx.ey.com

Marcela Lozano Ojeda

Senior Manager - People Advisory Services, Global Immigration
Tel: +52 55 5283 8682
Email: marcela.lozano@mx.ey.com

Zatzin Delgado Guadarrama

Senior Manager - People Advisory Services, Global Immigration
Tel: +52 55 1101 7425
Email: zatzin.delgado.guadarrama@mx.ey.com