

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Colombia

Certain Canadian nationals now subject to entry fee when traveling to Colombia

Executive summary

Effective 1 November 2023, Canadian nationals who seek to enter Colombia without a visa must pay a fee to be admitted. Certain individuals, including those who hold valid Colombian visas or visit specific destinations in Colombia, are exempt from this requirement.

Key developments

The Colombian immigration authorities recently cleared Resolution 2676, which describes the entry fee “as a reciprocity response to the costs associated with collecting biometric data.” Impacted individuals must pay an entry fee of COP 256,000 (approx. CAD 90) upon entry using a debit or credit card.

Canadian nationals are exempt from the entry fee if they meet any of the following criteria:

- ▶ Hold a valid Colombian visa
- ▶ Seek to travel only to the Archipelago of San Andrés, Providencia and Santa Catalina
- ▶ Are engaged as diplomats, consular staff or government officials, or are dependents of these individuals
- ▶ Are crew members of international vessels
- ▶ Are under the age of 14 or over the age of 79

Individuals who do not pay the fee will be refused admission.

Impact on employers

Companies that send impacted employees to Colombia for business purposes may inform these individuals of the change to streamline their travel and mitigate business disruptions.

Key steps

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

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