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Venezuela

Venezuela introduces electronic visas for US nationals

Executive summary

Effective 6 April 2026, the Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs implemented a mandatory electronic visa (e-Visa) application process for US nationals traveling to Venezuela in the Business Visa (TR-N) and Tourist (T) visa categories. The new system replaces traditional in-person consular filings and requires applicants to submit visa application requests through a centralized online government portal.

This development represents a significant procedural shift for employers and individuals supporting assignees, short-term business travelers and dependents, and may result in processing delays or travel disruption if not adequately planned for.

Key developments

Key changes include the following:

- As of 6 April 2026, visa applications for US nationals can be submitted online via the official Ministry of Foreign Affairs digital [platform](#).
- Applicants must create an individual account, complete the electronic form, upload supporting documents and pay government fees digitally.
- Approved visas are issued electronically and delivered by email, rather than as a physical visa stamped in the passport.
- The requirement currently applies to business and tourist travelers, with the possibility that it may be extended in the future to cover all other visa categories.
- Processing times are not formally published by the authorities. In practice, they are generally estimated at 15-30 days after all required documents have been completed and submitted.

Impact on employers

Decreased lead times may help expedite the visa application process. Employers may update their internal procedures and proactively inform impacted employees about the updated process.

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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