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# Global Immigration alert

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## Brazil

### Visa-free entry for nationals of the Chinese Mainland

#### Executive summary

Effective 11 May 2026, nationals of the Chinese Mainland may enter Brazil without a visa for business visits, tourism, participation in artistic and sports activities, or transit through the country. The measure reflects diplomatic reciprocity, following the Chinese Mainland's visa-free policy for the Brazilian citizens since June 2025. This policy will remain in effect until 31 December 2026.

#### Key developments

The visa-free entry applies to nationals of the Chinese Mainland who will enter Brazil for stays up to 30 days without the possibility of extension. The Brazilian government intends to use this policy to stimulate its economy by attracting a larger number of visitors from the Chinese Mainland. Notably, arrival of the Chinese Mainland tourists in Brazil was already increasing significantly even before the announcement of this policy. In 2025, Brazil recorded approximately 100,000 Chinese Mainland tourists, representing a 35% increase compared to 2024. This upward trend has continued into 2026, with tourist arrivals from the Chinese Mainland by a further 30% growth in the first quarter of 2026 compared to the same period in 2025.

#### Impact on employers

The new policy is expected to benefit employers who send nationals of the Chinese Mainland to Brazil for business visits by reducing the time and expenses associated with admission.

#### 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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