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Brazil begins issuance of electronic temporary visas for visa-exempt nationals

Executive summary

Effective 1 September 2026, most Brazilian consular posts worldwide began implementing the electronic issuance of temporary visas for nationals who are [exempt](#) from Brazil's visitor visa requirement but nevertheless require a temporary visa to enter Brazil for purposes such as employment, study, family reunification or other residence-based activities.

Key developments

Under the new process, eligible applicants are expected to submit their visa applications and supporting documents electronically through Brazil's Integrated Consular System. Once approved, the visa should be sent electronically to the email address provided in the application, eliminating the routine requirement to submit the applicant's physical passport.

The change applies to temporary visa categories, including visas for work, study, family reunification and other residence-based purposes. It is particularly relevant for foreign nationals relocating to Brazil or accompanying family members who require a temporary visa before travel. The measure does not affect individuals traveling to Brazil as tourists or for short-term business visits under visitor status.

The change affects only the consular visa issuance process and does not modify the underlying eligibility requirements, prior residence authorization procedures where applicable, or post-arrival registration obligations with the Federal Police.

Implementation remains at an early stage. While many Brazilian consular posts have published information on the new procedure, no comprehensive and uniform implementation guidance from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been identified. As implementation may vary among consular posts, applicants and sponsoring organizations should verify filing procedures and documentary requirements with the relevant consular post before submitting an application.

The introduction of electronic visa issuance represents a significant procedural modernization of Brazil's immigration system and is intended to streamline visa processing for foreign nationals who require temporary visas to live, work, study or reside with family in Brazil.

Impact on employers

For employers sponsoring foreign workers and accompanying dependents who require Brazilian temporary visas, the new process may reduce administrative burdens associated with passport submission, courier services and in-person consular visits.

The measure is unlikely to affect short-term business travelers entering Brazil under visitor status, as it relates specifically to temporary visa issuance rather than visitor visa or visa-exempt travel arrangements.

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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