

# Brazil

## Business visitors: FAQs



If planning on traveling to Brazil for temporary business, it is important to remain compliant with the immigration laws of Brazil. The purpose of the visitor's intended travel, duration of stay and citizenship will determine if and what type of visa is required. The information in this document is intended to serve as an informational resource about business visitor requirements in Brazil.

### Who needs a business visitor visa for Brazil?

A business visa is required for persons who wish to enter Brazil for purposes of temporary business. Business visitors are not permitted to engage in employment of any kind while in Brazil.

If an individual will generate profit for the host entity, receive compensation from the host entity, or take direction from the host entity, a work permit may be required.

### What activities are permitted as a business visitor?

Activities permitted typically include:

- Attending business meetings, seminars or conferences
- Visiting companies to explore business opportunities
- Negotiating contracts
- Attending trade fairs

Activities not permitted typically include:

- Performing productive work
- Accepting paid or unpaid employment

- Working under the supervision of a host employer
- Attending school or study

These lists are subject to change and are not all-inclusive.

### Who is required to apply for a business visa?

The requirement of applying for a business visa at a Consulate abroad is dependent upon the visitor's nationality. Citizens of certain countries are visa-exempt, and therefore do not require a business visa application to be submitted and approved at a Consulate prior to travel to Brazil.

### How long can a visitor stay in Brazil on a business visa?

Not all nationalities are required to obtain a temporary business visa before travelling to Brazil. The visitor's nationality determines the validity and necessity of a temporary business visa, based on the principle of bilateral reciprocity. The maximum allowable stay on a business visa in Brazil is 90 days, with one extension of stay allowed when applicable. An extension of the original 90 days may be granted by Federal Police Department in Brazil, yet total stay cannot exceed 180 days a year. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs frequently publish a report which indicates period of stay for each nationality. Example: A business visa is required for US Nationals and extension is allowed. On the other hand, business visa is not required for Italian, however foreigners from this country are allowed to stay for 90 days each 180 days.

### Is there a limit on the number of times a visitor may travel to Brazil on a business visa in any given period?

A business visitor is able to enter Brazil at any time within the validity of the visa; however, the stay cannot exceed 90 days.

### Can a visitor's spouse and children also come to Brazil?

A business visitor's spouse and children can come to Brazil as tourists, however, they must each apply for their own separate visa. Tourist visa is also based on bilateral reciprocity and a visa might be needed to be requested at Consulate of Brazil in country of origin.

### Penalties related to non-compliance for the business visa category?

Engaging in unlawful work in Brazil can result in serious consequences for both the employer and the business visitor, including:

- Fines of \$2,484 Brazilian Reais (BRL) applicable on Brazilian Companies for each foreign national working without work authorization
- Fines of up to \$12,420 (BRL) applicable on Brazilian Companies for repeated violations
- Fines of up to \$8,28 (BRL) per day applicable for employees are subject to cancellation of their visa and a time frame of 8 days for leave the country or immediate deportation

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