

# Chile

## Business visitors: FAQs



If planning on traveling to Chile for temporary business, it is important to remain compliant with the immigration laws of Chile. 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 Chile.

### Who needs a visitor visa for business travel to Chile?

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

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, conferences and seminars
- Visiting companies to explore business opportunities
- Negotiating a contract

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 visitor visa for business?

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

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

The maximum allowable stay on a visitor visa for business in Chile is 90 days. All visa holders, regardless of nationality or visa validity date, may only stay in Chile for up to 90 days a year, unless otherwise noted on the visa. An extension of the original 90 days may be granted.

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

A business visitor is able to enter Chile 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 Chile?

A business visitor's spouse and children can come to Chile as visitors, however, they must each apply for their own separate visa.

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

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

- Fines of up to approximately \$2,500 USD per offense
- Employees are subject to the cancellation of their visa and immediate deportation

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