

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## Colombia

Certain Canadian nationals now subject to entry fee when traveling to Colombia

### Executive summary

Effective 1 November 2023, Canadian nationals who seek to enter Colombia without a visa must pay a fee to be admitted. Certain individuals, including those who hold valid Colombian visas or visit specific destinations in Colombia, are exempt from this requirement.

### Key developments

The Colombian immigration authorities recently cleared Resolution 2676, which describes the entry fee “as a reciprocity response to the costs associated with collecting biometric data.” Impacted individuals must pay an entry fee of COP 256,000 (approx. CAD 90) upon entry using a debit or credit card.

Canadian nationals are exempt from the entry fee if they meet any of the following criteria:

- ▶ Hold a valid Colombian visa
- ▶ Seek to travel only to the Archipelago of San Andrés, Providencia and Santa Catalina
- ▶ Are engaged as diplomats, consular staff or government officials, or are dependents of these individuals
- ▶ Are crew members of international vessels
- ▶ Are under the age of 14 or over the age of 79

Individuals who do not pay the fee will be refused admission.

### Impact on employers

Companies that send impacted employees to Colombia for business purposes may inform these individuals of the change to streamline their travel and mitigate business disruptions.

### 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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