

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Brazil

New entry rules for Venezuelan nationals, maritime crew and individuals who recovered from COVID-19

Executive summary

On 24 June 2021, Brazil announced that the following categories of travelers may now enter the country, subject to heightened testing requirements: maritime crew entering by sea or air without work authorization, and individuals who recovered from COVID-19 in the 90 days preceding their desired entry. In addition, Venezuelan nationals and residents may now enter Brazil by land.

Venezuelan nationals and residents

Venezuelan nationals and residents may now enter Brazil by land with a valid passport or a National Migration Registry Card. When entering by land, they are not required to submit any declarations in advance of travel, or get tested for COVID-19 prior to entry, or after arrival. In addition, they are not required to quarantine after arrival. Previously, Venezuelan nationals and residents were only permitted to enter Brazil by air, provided that they tested negative for a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to travel, and completed an [online health declaration](#). Venezuelan citizens and residents may enter by sea if they qualify for entry as a crew member.

Persons who recovered from COVID-19

Travelers who tested positive for COVID-19 in the 90 days preceding their desired entry to Brazil, may now enter the country by air provided that they test negative for two PCR COVID-19 tests (with the first test occurring no more than 14 days prior to arrival, and the second no more than 72 hours prior to arrival) and one antigen COVID-19 test (taken no more than 48 hours prior to arrival). In addition,

these travelers require a certificate issued in Portuguese, Spanish or English by a licensed medical professional in the traveler's place of residence, confirming that the traveler is fit to travel and no longer displaying symptoms of COVID-19. The certificate must contain the doctor's contact information and the name of the issuing medical institution. These travelers must also complete an [online health declaration](#) prior to entry. Previously, these travelers could enter Brazil by air with a single negative PCR COVID-19 test certificate, and without a doctor's certificate.

Maritime crew

Foreigners who are maritime crew members can now enter Brazil as business visitors, by sea or air, provided that they received a prior approval from the Brazilian Federal Police, and a guarantee from the Brazilian sponsoring company that it will cover all expenses associated with the traveler, including costs relating to medical treatment while in Brazil. When entering as business visitors by sea or air, maritime crew members must carry proof that they tested negative for a PCR COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to entry. They must also complete an [online health declaration](#) prior to entry. Previously, maritime crew members could not enter Brazil by sea or air without a valid work authorization document, and they did not require a guarantee from their sponsoring entity in Brazil.

Next 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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