

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Brazil

Brazil lifts its prohibition on air travel from Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe

Executive summary

The Brazilian Government has lifted its temporary ban on air travel from six African countries.

Key issues

Effective 20 January 2022, travelers departing from Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe, and those who were present in any of these locations in the 14 days prior to their travel to Brazil, may now enter Brazil by air. The temporary entry ban was originally introduced in late November 2021, following the discovery of the omicron variant of COVID-19.

In general, new entrants are required to take a reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT PCR) COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to travel, or an antigen COVID-19 test no more than 24 hours prior to travel, and test negative to be admitted to Brazil. Travelers who transit through another country en route to Brazil and remain in the transit country for more than 72 hours (or 24 hours) must take another RT PCR (or antigen) COVID-19 test in the transit country and test negative to be admitted to Brazil.

Individuals who previously tested positive for COVID-19 and have recovered and are asymptomatic are not eligible to take an antigen COVID-19 test prior to travel. These travelers are required to take an RT PCR COVID-19 no more than 72 hours prior to travel, and test negative. They must also take an RT PCR COVID-19 test 14 days beforehand (the result of this test may be negative or positive). Recovered travelers must also carry a certificate from a medical professional or institution in their country of residence, stating that the traveler is

asymptomatic and able to travel. The certificate must be in Portuguese, Spanish or English. Certificates issued in other languages should be translated to Portuguese, Spanish or English and accompanied by a sworn declaration from the translator. Recovered travelers who transit through another country en route to Brazil and remain in the transit country for more than 72 hours must take another RT PCR COVID-19 test in the transit country and test negative to be admitted.

All travelers are still required to complete and submit an online [health declaration](#) no more than 24 hours prior to travel and carry proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. To be considered fully vaccinated for purposes of entry into Brazil, travelers must have received all required (non-booster) doses of a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the World Health Organization and receive the final (non-booster) dose at least 14 days prior to travel.

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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