

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Mexico

Brazilian nationals no longer eligible for electronic travel authorizations

Executive summary

Effective 17 August 2022, Brazilian nationals seeking to travel to Mexico by air for business or tourism must obtain a visitor visa from a Mexican Consulate prior to travel.

Key issues

Brazilian nationals traveling to Mexico by air for business or tourism were previously permitted to enter the country using only an electronic travel authorization, which was typically issued within one day. The Mexican authorities have stopped issuing electronic travel authorizations to Brazilian nationals seeking to enter by air. Brazilian tourists and businesspeople seeking to enter by land or sea were already required to obtain visitor visas from a Mexican Consulate prior to travel.

To apply for visitor visas, applicants must submit an application form to a Mexican Consulate in their country of citizenship or residence along with other required documents. Those who wish to enter Mexico for business purposes must also submit a company invitation letter and remuneration information. Visitor visas are typically issued with a validity of 180 days and cannot be renewed. Upon the expiration of the visa, the visa holder must leave Mexico and apply for a new visa before re-entering the country.

Brazilian citizens who hold any of the following documents are still exempt from the requirement to obtain a visitor visa prior to entering Mexico:

- ▶ A permanent residence permit issued by Canada, Colombia, Chile, Japan, Peru, the United Kingdom, the United States or any of the Schengen Area Member States
- ▶ A valid visa (e.g., tourist visa, resident visa) issued by Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States or any of the Schengen Area Member States

Impact on employers

The upcoming change is expected to increase the time needed for Brazilian travelers to enter Mexico for business or tourism. Employers should consider this development and the resulting impact on speed to deployment when sending their employees to Mexico for business purposes (i.e., activities performed in Mexico on behalf of their home country employer for which they do not require a Mexican work authorization document).

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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