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The Most Commonly Used Visas for Brazil

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Brazil

Visa Options:

- Business Visa;
- 90 days Technical Work Visa;
- 1 Year Technical Work Visa; and
- Two years Employment Contract Visa.





Business Visa

- Allows foreign nationals to travel to Brazil as representatives of a foreign company to attend meetings, negotiate deals, and attend trade shows and seminar.
- **Application processing time:** Generally takes 5 to 10 business days for the Brazilian Consulates to process this type of visa application.
- **Validity:** Up to 5 years depending on the foreigner's nationality and consular discretion; Generally allows the foreigner to stay in Brazil for 90 days at a time.
- Business visa is not necessary in some instances, due to international agreements between the foreigner's home country and Brazil.



90 Days Work Visa

- Allows foreign nationals to provide technical services in Brazil.
- **Application processing time:** * Plan in advance: This type of visa requires approval by the Ministry of Labor in Brazil prior to filing the application with the Brazilian consulate abroad. It is currently taking between 30 to 50 days for the Ministry of Labor in Brazil to approve the work authorization application. Once the work authorization is approved, it takes approximately one week for the Brazilian Consulates abroad to receive the approval notice, and an additional 5 to 10 days for the consulates to issue the visa.
- **Validity:** 90 days. In general, extension is not recommended.
- **Main Requirement:** 3 years of relevant work experience required.
- **Consideration:** Foreign worker CANNOT receive remuneration in Brazil.



One Year Technical Work Visa

- Allows foreign nationals to provide technical services in Brazil.
- **Application processing time:** * Plan in advance: This type of visa requires approval by the Ministry of Labor in Brazil prior to filing the application with the Brazilian consulate abroad. It is currently taking between 30 to 50 days for the Ministry of Labor in Brazil to approve work authorization applications. Once the work authorization is approved, it takes approximately one week for the Brazilian Consulates abroad to receive the approval notice, and an additional 5 to 10 days for the consulates to issue the visa.
- **Validity:** 1 year. Extension for an additional one year can be an option.
- **Main Requirement:** 3 years of relevant work experience required.
- **Consideration:** Foreign worker CANNOT receive remuneration in Brazil.
- **Must have:** Technical Service Agreement (TSA) signed between Brazilian sponsoring entity and foreigner employer abroad. Detailed training program required.



Two Year Work Visa Based on Employment Contract with Brazilian Entity

- Allows foreign nationals professionals to work in Brazil on a variety of industries.
- **Consideration:** * Great option for long term assignments in Brazil as it creates a path for permanent residency. * Plan in advance. Extensive documentation and legalization required from foreign entity and entity sponsoring work authorization in Brazil. This type of visa requires approval by the Ministry of Labor in Brazil prior to filing the application with the Brazilian consulate abroad. It is currently taking between 30 to 50 days for the Ministry of Labor in Brazil to approve the work authorization application. Once the work authorization is approved, it takes approximately one week for the Brazilian Consulates abroad to receive the approval notice, and an additional 5 to 10 days for the consulates to issue the visa.
- **Validity:** 2 years. * Recent change on procedures: Extension is no longer available. Instead, an application for permanent residency can be filed prior to the expiration of the visa.
- **Main Requirement:** Foreign national must have professional experience related to the activities that he will perform in Brazil (High school degree plus two years of experience OR Bachelors degree plus one year of experience, OR Master degree in same field of work in Brazil).
- Brazilian sponsor must have at least 2 Brazilian employees for each foreign worker.
- Foreign worker must enter into an Employment Contract with the Brazilian Sponsor.



Thank You !

We would like to emphasize that there are other visa categories available to work in Brazil, but in lieu of time, we have limited this presentation to the mostly common used visas. Feel free to contact me at afascetti@balglobal.com or 713.386.6422 if you have any questions.



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