



CONSULATE-GENERAL OF BRAZIL IN SYDNEY

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Jurisdiction: **NSW / QLD / NT**

PERMANENT VISA (FAMILY REUNION – RN 36/99)

PERMANENT VISAS may be granted to individuals intending to establish permanent residency in Brazil who are dependants of a Brazilian citizen or foreign permanent resident in Brazil (sponsor). The sponsor must be over 21 years of age. A dependant for the purpose of this kind of visa is:

- single son or daughter, natural or adopted, under 21 years of age or regardless of age, if incapable of taking care of his/her own maintenance;
- forebears, provided that their need for financial support can be proven;
- single brother or sister, grandchildren or great-grandchildren, if an orphan, under 21 years of age or regardless of age, if incapable of taking care of his/her own maintenance; and
- spouse.

Important: Dependants above will be considered as such until the calendar year in which they complete 24 years of age and provided that they are attending a Secondary Technical School, a Tertiary Education course or a Post-Graduation course. The sole ownership of property (or an offer of employment) in Brazil does not qualify for a permanent visa.

This kind of visa can also be granted to a foreign individual, father/mother/legal guardian of a Brazilian minor, who holds his Full Legal Custody and who supports him financially.

The visa application and the pertinent documentation must be lodged at the Consulate-General. Minimum required documentation includes:

I - SPONSOR'S BRAZILIAN DOCUMENTS

- Identification card.
- Statement in Portuguese assuming responsibility for the applicant's maintenance in Brazil (**Escritura de Compromisso de Manutenção**) – below. This statement must be legalised by the Consulate-General.

II - APPLICANT'S DOCUMENTATION

- Visa Application must be filled-out online: <https://scedv.serpro.gov.br> Fill it out, print the receipt, sign it and attach a 3x4 cm picture (frontal, with white background) in the appropriate box – photos of over 6 months cannot be accepted.
- Passport valid for more than six months at the date of the issuance of the visa.
- Birth certificate (children) or marriage certificate (spouse).
- Federal Police clearance (based on **FULL FINGERPRINT**) of the applicant (name check if between 16 and 18 years of age). In Australia, this document is called "National Police Certificate".
- Onward trip air ticket or complete itinerary with passenger's name. Itinerary must be on the letterhead of the travel agency or airline or identified with travel agency/airline stamp. Itinerary must also show departure date from Australia, dates and cities of entry in Brazil.
- Proof that the applicant has been residing for at least 1 year in the area of jurisdiction of the Consulate-General (in Australia: New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory). A telephone, electricity or water bill.

PLEASE NOTE THAT

1. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to obtain all the documents required for the issuance of the visa.
2. All Brazilian documents must be originals or notarised copies. All non-Brazilian documents must be notarised and have the signature of the notary public recognised by a Brazilian Consulate or Embassy, with payment of the appropriate fees. **Before lodging non-Brazilian notarised documents, please check with the Consulate-General if signature of notary public is already on file.**
3. Once all the necessary documentation is received, the Consulate-General must submit the application to the appropriate Brazilian authorities and receive authorisation to grant the visa. A reply may take several weeks and additional documentation may be required in the meantime.

The information contained in this sheet is effective as of 15th April 2010 and replaces all previous ones.

4. The authorisation to grant the visa expires within six months from the date of issuance.

5. If the applicant wishes to take household effects into Brazil, the Consulate-General will provide the necessary information.

CONSULAR FEES

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| Each visa (if issuance is authorised) | A\$ 280.00 (two hundred and eighty Australian dollars) |
| Each certified copy – per page | A\$ 14.00 (fourteen Australian dollars) |
| Legalisation of each signature in documents | A\$ 28.00 (twenty-eight Australian dollars) |
| Handling fee per visa submitted by agent or by mail | A\$ 28.00 (twenty-eight Australian dollars) |

An additional processing fee of A\$ 196.00 is charged to visa applications presented by **U.S. citizens** in reciprocity for identical fee paid by Brazilian citizens who apply for a visa to the United States of America.

All fees are payable only by Australia Post Money Order made out to the Consulate-General of Brazil.

VISA BY MAIL

Applicants should send all required documentation and payment of fees **plus** a self-addressed stamped envelope of suitable size. Updated information on post charges is available at Australia Post offices. **DO NOT SEND CASH, either for fees or postage. THE CONSULATE-GENERAL CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR DELAYED MAIL.**