



CONSULATE-GENERAL OF BRAZIL IN SYDNEY

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JOURNALIST VISA (VITEM-II <> RN 78/08)

ELIGIBILITY: Residents of NSW, QLD and NT travelling to Brazil

- As journalists (non correspondents) in short-term assignments;
- As TV or filming crews in short-term assignments.

Note: This visa is not applicable to press correspondents, who must apply for a VITEM VI visa. It is unlawful to provide professional training or to engage in voluntary work or any professional activities on a Vitem-II visa.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Original passport valid for a minimum of 6 (six) months prior to the expiry date. The passport must have at least two blank pages. The Consulate-General reserves the right not to endorse soiled, damaged or defaced passports.
- 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.
- Copy of return airline ticket, or print-out of complete flight itinerary, or letter from travel agent/airline confirming purchase. The document must show the dates of arrival in Brazil and departure from Brazil and must state the applicant's name.
- An invitation letter from the host company in Brazil or a letter from the employer or institution to which the applicant is linked, informing the purpose and intended duration of the stay in Brazil and contacts to be maintained by the applicant. The letter must be printed on company's letterhead paper and bear an original signature.
- Prior authorization from the Brazilian Ministry of Culture/ANCINE is required for commercial or advertisement filming in Brazil (either for TV or cinema shooting). The Brazilian representative of the interested party must apply to the Ministry of Culture for permission to film, as well as for the necessary visas for the foreign film crew. Please visit <http://www.ancine.gov.br/>

Note: Incomplete applications will be returned at the expense of the applicant. The Consulate may at any time request further information or additional documents deemed necessary. General conditions are subject to change without prior notice.

VITEM-II VISA FEES

- Payments are only accepted in the form of Australia Post money order payable to the Consulate General of Brazil. One money order for multiple applications is acceptable.
- **A\$ 84.00** – If applications are lodged at the reception, in person, by the applicant or by his/her spouse, de facto, parent, child or sibling.
- **A\$ 112.00** – If applications are lodged by agent/courier/ mail or third party. **Applicants must send all required documentation and a self-addressed pre-paid secure envelope for return by post.** The Consulate cannot be held responsible for lost or delayed mail or any other personal documents left inside your passport.

Note: If you are NOT an Australian passport holder, verify the correct fee by consulting visa@brazilsydney.org

PROCESSING TIME

- 10 (ten) working days after the arrival of the complete documentation.
- 20 (twenty) working days for groups of 12 or more applications lodged together.

Note: Add a minimum of 2 working days for passports returned by mail or courier.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Non-Australian passport holders must consult www.brazilsydney.org to check if a journalist visa is necessary and, if so, enquire visa@brazilsydney.org to be informed of particular requirements and fees.
- If the visitor has been to various Latin American and African countries prior to arrival in Brazil, a valid international yellow fever vaccination certificate may be required by Brazilian airport authorities on arrival (see the list: www.anvisa.gov.br/eng/pab/travelers/index.htm)
- Duration of stay in Brazil is generally 90 days. Extensions for a further 90 days may be requested at the Brazilian Federal Police before the visa expires and authorized at their discretion. Visitors can remain in Brazil up to a maximum of 180 days in any twelve-month (12) period counted from the day of first entry in Brazil.
- Please note that a visa is not an applicant's right and may be denied. It does not guarantee the right of entry in Brazil and can be cancelled at the discretion of the Brazilian immigration authorities.
- The Consulate General does not provide express nor priority services.
- Residents of VIC, WA, SA and ACT must apply at the Embassy of Brazil in Canberra > www.brazil.org.au
- For enquiries outside normal guidelines, please e-mail visa@brazilsydney.org. Enquires will only be answered by e-mail. The Visa Section will not answer phone calls.

The above requirements are effective as of 15th April 2010 and replace any previous information.