



#### CONSULATE-GENERAL OF BRAZIL IN SYDNEY

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Jurisdiction: **NSW / QLD / NT**

## INDEPENDENT STUDIES (VITEM IV)

Foreigners as students undertaking independent studies, on a scholarship granted by a Brazilian educational institution or either graduate or post-graduate levels, with or without a scholarship (RN 82/2008- Art 8).

As dependants of a VITEM IV visa holder - Birth Certificate translated into Portuguese or English is required.

### DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- Original passport valid for at least 6 months, with blank pages must be presented (the Consulate 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.
- Complete itinerary with passenger's name, on the letterhead of the travel agency or original return tickets
- Proof of financial means for the duration of the stay in Brazil. Please be advised that it is illegal for the holder of this category of visa to receive a salary from a Brazilian source. However, travel, accommodation and out of pocket expenses allowances are permitted
- Proof of residence within the Consulate jurisdiction (NSW/QLD/NT). Copy of driver's licence or utility bill
- Birth certificate (children) or marriage certificate (spouse) for dependants
- A valid international yellow fever vaccination certificate may be required when arriving in Brazil, if visitor has been to various African or South American countries before entering Brazil. A list of these countries can be viewed at <http://www.anvisa.gov.br/eng/pab/travelers/index.htm>. On the page click on List of countries and Brazilian towns with yellow fever cases. The Australian authorities may also require this certificate when arriving back to Australia
- Applicants under 18 travelling alone need a letter of consent signed by father and mother or guardian, certified by a JP, along a copy of any photo ID. If travelling with one parent only, letter of consent of the non-accompanying parent (also certified by a JP) along a copy of any photo ID
- 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", issued within 90 days previous to application lodgement. **Not required in the case of persons under the age of 16 years or for a visa valid for no longer than 90 days.**
- Notarized proof of enrolment in an educational institution in Brazil or notarized proof of grant of scholarship by a Brazilian educational institution registered at the Ministry of Education (<http://portal.mec.gov.br/sesu>). Duration of course must be indicated.

### PLEASE NOTE THAT

- **Applications will only be accepted if all required documentation is presented and fees paid. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to obtain all the documents required for issuance of the visa. Incomplete applications will be returned at applicant's expenses.** The Consulate may at any time request further information or additional documents deemed necessary. General conditions are subject to change without prior notice.
- Maximum duration of the VITEM IV visa is one year. Extensions can be applied at the Department of Federal Police, in Brazil, at least 30 days before the visa expires. Applications for extensions must be accompanied by a school report from the Brazilian educational institution in which the applicant has been enrolled in addition to proof of enrolment for the following school term.
- VITEM IV holders **MUST** register in person at the Department of Federal Police in Brazil **within the first 30 days** after their arrival.
- **Applications for Temporary Visa IV can only be submitted in the consular district in which the applicant has lived for the last twelve months.**

### CONSULAR FEES

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

- Applications made in person or by the applicant's spouse, de facto, parent child or sibling: A\$56.00
- Applications made by agent/mail: A\$84.00 - Applicants must send all required documentation and a self-addressed stamped envelope, for return by post. The Consulate-General cannot be held responsible for lost or delayed mail or any other belongings left inside your passport.