



CONSULATE-GENERAL OF BRAZIL IN SYDNEY

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TEMPORARY WORK VISA (VITEM-V)

Applicants for this visa seeking to work for a lawfully operating Brazilian or overseas employer must be sponsored by their employer. Requirements must be met by both the employer and the applicant. Before lodging an application, please read all related eligibility requirements.

ELIGIBILITY: Foreign citizens travelling to Brazil as follows:

With an employment contract:

- to exercise remunerated employment activities (consultancy included, even without a contract) at a legally established entity in Brazil (RN 74/07, RN 70/08 e RN 80/08);
- to undertake temporary employment for the Brazilian Government under a contract resulting from an international agreement in which Brazil participates (RN. 35/99);
- to work as a maritime crew member aboard a foreign fishing ship leased by a Brazilian firm (RN 81/08);

Without an employment contract:

- to professionally assist a Brazilian business under a technology transfer contract and/or under a contract to render technical assistance services based on a cooperation or convention agreement between companies, without employment in Brazil (RN.61/04 – max. stay 90 days) ;
- to acquire professional training or work experience, considered as the activity that immediately follows the conclusion of a higher degree of specialized professional education, with the objective of developing his/her competence and acquiring knowledge through practical work, for a period no longer than one year (RN. 37/99);
- to undertake an internship (professional training) at a Brazilian branch or subsidiary of a foreign company, for a period no longer than one year (the foreign citizen will not be allowed to work in Brazil - RN 42/99 – Art. 3)
- to professionally train people or deliver technical courses in Brazil (RN 61/04 Art.2 § 9).
- to acquire work experience in Brazil as a foreign language teacher, for a period no longer than one year (RN 41/99);
- to work as maritime crew member aboard foreign ships operating under contract in Brazilian waters (RN 71/06);
- to work as offshore platform crew or back-up personnel (RN 72/06);
- as dependants of a VITEM-V visa holder or of a VITEM-V applicant.

This type of visa does not apply to:

- Foreign citizens that enter Brazil in order to receive training for the operation and maintenance of Brazilian-made machines and equipment. In such cases, the applicant must refer to VITEM-I at the Consulate;
- foreign professors, researchers or scientists that enter Brazil to exercise educational and/or research activities at a legal, public, private, educational, scientific or R&D institution. In such cases, the applicant must refer to RN 01/97 at the Consulate;
- foreign artists or sports persons that enter Brazil with an employment contract. In such cases, the applicant must refer to VITEM-III at the Consulate.
- foreign investors willing to settle down in Brazil. In such cases, the applicant must refer to VIPER RN 60/04 at the Consulate.
- foreign citizens that enter Brazil in order to fill administrative, financial or management positions for a firm that is established in Brazil. In such cases, the applicant must refer to VIPER RN 61/04 at the Consulate;
- foreign citizens that enter Brazil in order to represent a foreign financial institution. In such cases, the applicant must refer to VIPER RN 63/05;

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Temporary Work Visas (VITEM-V) are processed in two different phases:

First Phase Requirement:

- A work permit (individual or collective) lodged and approved in Brazil by the Ministry of Labor and Employment (MTE). (Please refer your Brazilian sponsor to http://www.mte.gov.br/trab_estrang_ing/Procedure_Guide.pdf) It is the sole responsibility of the sponsor to make all arrangements in Brazil regarding the issuance of a work permit, prior to the visa application lodgement at the Consulate-General.

Second Phase Requirements:

- Prior authorization from the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations confirming the issuance of the work permit by MTE;
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 90 day visa.
- Working With Children Clearance Notices – if applicable
- Birth certificate (children) or marriage certificate full transcript (spouse) in English or Portuguese for dependants.
- Valid international polio vaccination certificate for children aged between 3 months and 6 years. If for any reason a child cannot be inoculated, a notarised physician's certificate must be submitted.

Note 1: Applicants under 18 travelling alone need a letter of consent signed by father and mother or guardian, certified by a JP, along with 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 with a copy of any photo ID

Note 2: 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.

VISA FEES FOR SECOND PHASE

- 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\$ 140.00** – If applications are lodged at the reception, in person, by the applicant or by his/her spouse, de facto, parent, child or sibling.
- **A\$ 168.00** – 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 an US passport holder, please verify the correct fee by emailing visa@brazilsydney.org

PROCESSING TIME

- Once the application for the First Phase Requirements is lodged in Brazil by the Sponsor Company or entity, it usually takes between 30 to 60 days for the MTE to authorize the issuance of a VITEM-V.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 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 list: www.anvisa.gov.br/eng/pab/travelers/index.htm
- VITEM-V holders **must** register in person at the Department of Federal Police in Brazil **within the first 30 days** after their arrival.
- 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 or 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 27th July 2010 and replace any previous information.