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Brazil - Visa Waivers Extended for U.S., Canada, and Australia

Brazil's new government, led by President Luis Inácio Lula da Silva, has indicated its intentions to resume the requirement of entry visas for citizens of the United States, Canada, and Australia.

Such a measure had been waived by Brazil's previous president. However, since reciprocity had not been applied by the aforementioned countries, nor had a major change been noticed in the volume of entries into the country over the last few years, according to the current government, plans were put in place to allow for the resumption of entry visa applications on 1 October 2023; this affords a bit of time for Brazilian consulates abroad to adapt to the new measure.

This past weekend, however, the authorities extended the date upon which this measure would take effect to 10 January 2024, thereby prolonging the authorized period for international travelers from these countries to enter Brazil with a visa exemption.¹ The entry visa requirement is to be in place from that date, however, our mobility team at KPMG continues to monitor the government's announcements on this issue in case the measure is postponed again.

WHY THIS MATTERS

There has been some uncertainty around the entry requirements for travelers to Brazil from the United States, Canada, and Australia, for a while. And with the extension, on the one hand, things stay the same, plus there is more time for global mobility and immigration departments to adjust their policies and processes, but on the other, preparations may have already been underway to adjust to this change, and now the change is not happening until January 2024.

During the current year, international travelers who are nationals of the United States, Canada, and Australia will be allowed to keep visiting Brazil without the need to obtain an entry visa, facilitating scheduled visits to the country, whether for business or pleasure.

KPMG NOTE

It is important to be aware of the current conditions for coming to Brazil and staying in Brazil as a visitor, which may vary from country to country. Persons intending to travel to Brazil should consult the websites of their nearest Brazilian embassies or consulates for pertinent information.

The KPMG mobility team continues to monitor this update of the visa rules and related developments.

As the situation is currently fluid, it is recommended that concerned parties consult with their usual immigration adviser/counsel or a member of the Immigration team with KPMG in Brazil.

FOOTNOTE:

1 Consulado-Geral do Brasil em Vancouver: <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/consulado-vancouver> .

Consulado-Geral do Brasil em Nova York: <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/consulado-nova-york> .

Consulado-Geral do Brasil em Sydney: <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/consulado-sydney/visas-vistos/guidelines> .

Consulado-Geral do Brasil em Miami: <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/consulado-miami/information-about-visas-in-english> .

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