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Brazil – Postponement of Visa Requirements for Tourists from USA, Canada, Australia

In our earlier [report](#), we noted that citizens of the United States (USA), Canada, and Australia, effective December 1, 2023, could request an electronic visit visa (e-visa) in order to travel to Brazil, without the need to visit a Brazilian embassy or consulate to obtain it, for trips happening on January 10, 2024 and after. However, a federal government order¹ was published on January 4 postponing until April 10 this new visa requirement for travellers from the USA, Australia, and Canada coming to Brazil as tourists.

WHY THIS MATTERS

This was the second such postponement, which came about following significant pressure on the government from business and tourism-sector interests. It remains to be seen whether such pressure will continue and thus (potentially) oblige the government to further delay implementing the change.

The postponement for 90 days gives a breather to tourists who have already purchased tickets for trips to Brazil in the coming months. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, however, says that requiring visas for tourists from the USA, Australia, and Canada is a way of fostering equal treatment, as there is a visa requirement for Brazilians travelling to these countries.²

More Details

Visa applications for those with American, Canadian, and Australian passports will need to be made via email with VSF Global, a company that is contracted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The cost will be US\$80.90.

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For the time being, the status quo remains; however, travellers from the aforementioned countries, their travel agents and immigration counsel, should be prepared for the change in requirements that will take place in April.

Concerned parties should consult with their travel agent and qualified immigration counsel or a member of the KPMG mobility team (see the Contacts section).

The KPMG mobility team is actively monitoring updates on visa rules and related matters and will strive to keep readers of *GMS Flash Alert* informed of any relevant developments.

FOOTNOTES:

1 See [Decreto Nº 11.875, de 4 de Janeiro de 2024](#) in the *Diário Oficial da União* (in Portuguese).

2 *Portal Gov.br, Presidência da República, Relações Exteriores*, "[Exigência de vistos para cidadãos de Austrália, Canadá e EUA é adiada para abril de 2024](#)" (in Portuguese) (*Publicado em 04/01/2024*).

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