



Re: Information re: Visa Process for US, Canadian, and Australian Citizens Planning to Travel to Brazil

As many of you are aware, the Government of Brazil will require that all holders of US, Canadian, and Australian passports seeking to enter the Brazil on and after April 10, 2025 first obtain a visa. (There are also visa requirements in place for nationals of many other countries.) Once issued, the visa is valid for multiple entries over a period of ten years, or through the expiration of your current passport if shorter.

Given that we have heard several questions about this new process, we wanted to share the experience of one of our Executive Committee members who recently obtained a visa on a US passport.

We note that **in the member's experience it was not necessary to submit any of the financial information that the website may show as required for issuance of the visa.** Accordingly, unless directed otherwise, you may want to defer compliance with the financial information requirements and proceed with the simple e-visa application as described below.

- 1) Visit the Brazilian government-authorized website to obtain your e-visa: <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com>.

The link will take you to the website for a private entity known as VFSGlobal, which provides similar services for travel to other countries and is the exclusive company authorized by the Brazilian government to provide a platform and call center service for tourist and business visa applicants - VIVIS - for ordinary passport holders from Australia, Canada and the United States.

Note and refer to the series of links listed across the top of the site: Home, Information, Apply Now, At the Airport, etc. These links contain helpful information to assist you in navigating the

process, and the Track Status link will enable you to monitor the progress toward issuance of your visa by inputting your passport number and date of birth.

2) The e-visa application requires the following documents and information:

- a. A scan of your passport information page with all details clearly visible. The page should not be cropped from the edges.
- b. A current digital colored photograph taken against a solid white background in neutral expressions. Both ears and both shoulders should be visible and within the frame, eyeglasses should be removed, teeth should not be visible, and it is preferable not to wear white clothing. **Note that it was not required to obtain passport photos at additional expense;** if properly uploaded in accordance with the instructions, a photo taken with a mobile phone should be sufficient.
- c. The fee for the visa is US\$80.90, including the processing fee charged by VFS.
- d. Proof of travel.

Note: while the member's application did not provide either personal financial information or a local or financial sponsor, the applicant purchased an airline ticket in advance of the application to provide proof of the anticipated dates of entry and exit for your trip. However, once issued, the visa does not specify those dates, so it appears that you remain free to alter your travel arrangements so long as you do not overstay the 90-day duration of your visa.

Once issued, the visa is available to review and download online. Note, however, that "It is MANDATORY to print a copy of your eVisa and carry it with you when you travel. You will not be allowed to board the flight or enter Brazilian territory unless you present the printed version of your visa to the Airline and Border Control Agent."

DISCLAIMER: The information above is offered based on the experience of one member and is meant as a guide for holders of US, Canadian, and Australian passports to obtain a visa to enter Brazil in accordance with the requirements that are scheduled to take effect as of April 10, 2025. Those requirements are subject to change without prior notice, and the consular review that is required as a part of the visa application process may lead to requests for additional documents or information. We also note that the FAQs on the website provide that if the eVisa is denied, an individual will not be able to re-apply for an eVisa and must apply for a Consular Visa to visit Brazil.