

BRAZIL CHANGES VISA RULES TO ATTRACT DIGITAL NOMADS



Technological advances are increasingly altering work relations and the way employees produce. Among other significant changes in the work environment, the employee no longer needs to be present at the workplace, being able to perform professional activities from another location of its own choice. This is the so-called "Telecommuting".

Before the coronavirus pandemic, the Brazilian labor market was strongly reluctant towards the telecommuting practice. However, due to the imperative need for social isolation to contain the pandemic's advance, remote work got the attention of employers and was adopted as a solution to enable the continuity of business activities.

"Being flexible" used to be considered a talent attraction strategy implemented by certain companies, but today, it has become a demand in the labor market. The consequence of this context is the boost of the number of the so-called digital nomads or what is known as "anywhere office". In practice, a digital nomad is someone who travels the world while working remotely.

Brazil has taken an important step towards embracing the anywhere office concept. On January 24th, 2022, the Brazilian Ministry of Justice issued new rules for granting temporary visas with temporary residence authorization to "digital nomad" immigrants.

To obtain the visa, the worker shall fulfill the following requirements:

- To work remotely for a foreign employer while using communication technologies;
- To have health insurance valid in the national territory;
- To receive a monthly amount payment equal to or higher than US\$ 1,500.00 (fifteen hundred dollars) or have available bank funds in the minimum amount of US\$ 18,000.00 (eighteen thousand dollars).

To demonstrate that these requirements are duly fulfilled, the immigrant must present an employment agreement or service agreement and/or other documents proving the existence of a remote working relationship with a foreign employer and the receipt of the minimum monthly income required.

If the monthly payment does not reach the minimum amount required, the immigrant must present other documents (e.g.: bank statement) that confirm that he can provide for itself in Brazil, with bank funds of the minimum amount underlined above.

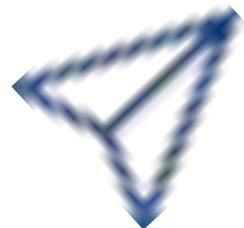
Once the condition of 'digital nomad' is demonstrated, a visa will be issued with a one-year-validity term -- which can be extended for an equal period.

The immigrant can request the visa directly from the Brazilian Ministry of Justice, at the website: <https://portaldeimigracao.mj.gov.br/pt/migranteweb>

In this moment of economic recovery in Brazil, the concession of visas for digital nomads is an important step not only to foster the national economy with the resources brought by these immigrants, but also to attract qualified immigrant workforce to the country.

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