Consulado Geral do Brasil
São Francisco

Religious or Missionary Visa (VITEM VII)

Processing Time: 90 business days

Eligibility:

- A clergyman or a missionary with theological or academic religious education who intends to go to Brazil for religious purposes.

Please read first the general information for all visa applicants.

Requests for temporary visas for Missionaries will be processed by the Brazilian Consulate General in San Francisco provided the Religious Institution and the candidate present the documents indicated below.

Required documents (the Consular Officer processing the visa can ask for additional documents if deemed necessary):

A. From the religious institution:

1. A certified copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors General Assembly (*Ata de Constituição*) that created the institution and authorized its operations in Brazil.
2. Legal authorization from Headquarters of the Religious Institution abroad, conferring powers to its representative in Brazil to accept the conditions under which said Institution will be allowed to function in the country (*comprovante de poderes de representação legal de seu dirigente*).
3. A document, "Escritura de Compromisso de Manutenção", drawn up at a Brazilian Notary Public ("Cartório"), stating that the Religious Institution will be financially responsible for the Missionary's permanence in Brazil.

The documents indicated above should be:

- Authenticated at a Notary Public at the city where they were issued;
- Legalized at the nearest Brazilian Consulate; and
- Translated into Portuguese in Brazil, by a sworn Brazilian public translator.

B. From the applicant:
1. **A valid passport** - original – with the expiration date at least six months after the intended date of arrival in Brazil. Please make sure your passport is signed.
2. **One** Visa Application Form per applicant, completely filled out online, dated and signed by the passport holder or his/her parents/guardians. The application form is found at https://scedv.serpro.gov.br/. (You will need to print only the receipt page, with the bar code, where you will affix the picture and the signature). Please disregard the error message about the website's security certificate: as the new ICP-Brasil channel is not yet automatically recognized by international browsers, the access to the site "SCEDV" may be preceded by a security warning. Applicants should proceed and enter the site with confidence on its safety and reliability. **Please do not leave this page until you have read ALL instructions.**

3. **One photograph**, passport size, color, front view, no head cover, off-white plain background, taken within the last six months. Snapshots, copies and computer photos will *not* be accepted.
4. Notarized certificate of theological or academic religious education indicating assignments as clergyman, legalized by the Consulate. (US$20.00 will be charged).
5. FBI clearance issued within the last 3 months, certifying absence of criminal record, legalized by the Consulate (US$20.00 fee will be charged). Please note that it may take up to 12 weeks for the FBI to issue the clearance.
6. "Curriculum-Vitae".
7. Notarized and signed "statement of commitment" stating that the applicant will not engage in any activity within Indian areas without the proper FUNAI's (National Indian Foundation) authorization. The Consulate must legalize the signature of the notary public (U$20,00 will be charged).
8. Applicants over 18 years of age must present a non-criminal record statement to be obtained at the Police Department of their city of residence.
9. Copy of birth certificate or any other official document that shows parents' full names. This same document will be needed later in Brazil at the moment the applicant completes his registration at *Polícia Federal*.
10. **For non-Americans**: copy of green card or valid re-entry visa into the USA or valid visa to country of final destination.
11. Copy of marriage certificate and birth certificate of dependents, if spouse accompanies applicant and/or dependent. This document must be legalized by the Consulate (U$20.00 will be charged for each legalization).
12. Dependents under 18 years of age must have the original birth certificate or a notarized copy, and a notarized letter of consent, signed by both parents (please see a sample). The Consulate must legalize the signature of the notary public in the letter of consent (U$20.00 will be charged).
13. Proof of residency within the jurisdiction of the Brazilian Consulate General in San Francisco for the past 12 months.
14. Certified copies (at a Notary Public) of all pages of the candidate's passport (and of other members of his/her family).
15. U.S. passport holders must pay a non-refundable visa fee of $ 70.00. Please check here to see visa fees for other nationalities.
16. U.S. citizens must pay a non-refundable **$190.00 reciprocity fee**. (This is because the U.S. government charges Brazilian citizens who apply for a U.S. visa a minimum of 2 mandatory fees). Payment is done at the Consulate on the appointment day. **Cash, personal checks and credit cards are not accepted for the payment of the $190.00 reciprocity fee.**
17. **All consular fees must be paid in U. S. Postal Service money order** made to the Consulate General of Brazil (if you are applying for a family, one single money order for the total amount is fine). **Cash, personal checks, money orders other than the ones issued by the U.S. Postal Service and credit cards are not accepted.** Fees are paid at the Consulate on the day of the appointment.
18. Visa applicants must set up an individual appointment to deliver the visa applications previously filled out online. Each appointment slot allows you to make **ONE SINGLE application.** The scheduling page offers you options of dates and time slots. If the desired date and/or slot is not available, select another date and/or time slot. Click here to go to the scheduling page.

Please click here to read general information about visas.

Please read the list of frequently asked questions about visas.