



Permanent Visa: Family Reunion (VIPER)

Processing Time: 4 to 8 weeks

Eligibility:

- Person married to a Brazilian citizen, or immediate family member, dependent of a Brazilian citizen or a Brazilian permanent resident (under 24 years of age).

Please read first the [general information for all visa applicants](#).

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

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. Marriage Certificate properly validated ("legalized") by the Brazilian Consulate. Please note that if the marriage was celebrated in Brazil, you must present the original or certified copy ("cópia autenticada") of the Brazilian marriage certificate. If the marriage was celebrated outside the jurisdiction of this Consulate, the certificate must be first filled in the records of the Brazilian Consulate under which jurisdiction the marriage was celebrated.
5. A notarized copy of the applicant's passport (identification pages only).
6. A recent (i.e. less than 90 days old) non-criminal record issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI clearance letter). Please visit www.fbi.gov for information.
7. Proof that the applicant has been living in the [jurisdiction of the Brazilian Consulate in San Francisco](#) for the past 12 months (i.e., letter from the employer/educational institution, notarized copy of the utility bill or voter's registration).
8. The passport or an equivalent official Brazilian identification document of the Brazilian spouse and the Brazilian ID.
9. A document called "[Termo de Responsabilidade](#)" (affidavit of support), sworn by the Brazilian spouse before either the Consulate or a Notary Public **in Brazil**, in which

the Brazilian spouse states that he/she has the means to support the applicant (and children, if any) in Brazil.

10. U.S. citizens must pay a non-refundable visa fee of \$ 200.00. Please [check here](#) to see visa fees for other nationalities.
11. U.S. citizens must pay a non-refundable **\$160.00 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 \$160.00 reciprocity fee.**
12. **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.
13. 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.
14. The applicant **MUST** register with the Brazilian Federal Police within 30 days after entering Brazil.

Please note that the **permanent visa implies that the applicant desires to reside permanently in Brazil**. Once issued, the bearer of the permanent visa has six months to enter Brazil. **If the holder of a permanent visa, even after all registration procedures in Brazil have been completed, leaves the country for more than two years in a row, the visa will expire, the Brazilian Alien Resident Card will automatically be revoked and the person will have to re-apply for a new permanent visa.**

Please [click here](#) to read general information about visas.

Please read the list of [frequently asked questions about visas](#).