



Permanent Visa: Retired Persons, Researchers, Foreign Investors and Senior Executives (VIPER)

Processing Time: 4 to 8 weeks (depends on approval from Brasília headquarters)

Eligibility:

- Scientists, professors or researchers; director or administrator of a social assistance and/or religious institution; investor or person under a work contract with a company in Brazil for a long-term activity.
- Retired person.

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. **A notarized** copy of the applicant's passport (identification pages only). In order to do that, you must declare before a local Notary Public (closest to your residence) that this is a true copy of your passport. Subsequently the signature of the Notary Public will be authenticated at this Consulate. Consular fee: \$20.00 (*)
5. 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. (*)
6. A certified copy of your birth certificate and of your marriage certificate (if married). (*)
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. U.S. citizens must pay a non-refundable visa fee of \$ 200.00. Please [check here](#) to see visa fees for other nationalities.
9. In addition to the visa fee, 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.**
10. **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.

11. 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.
12. The applicant **MUST** register with the Brazilian Federal Police within 30 days after entering Brazil.

Additional requirements transfer of retirement funds (authenticated by the consulate):

13. Letter informing the reason for moving to Brazil; (*)
14. Declaration from institution detailing monthly retirement income; (*)
15. Declaration from banking institution that applicant can transfer to Brazil, monthly, US\$ 3,500.00 for itself plus US\$ 1,500.00 for each dependent; (*)
16. Proof of retirement issued by official institution. (*)

Additional requirements for voluntary services (authenticated in Brazil):

17. Document from the legal entity located in Brazil inviting the foreign citizen to render voluntary services; (*)
18. Constitutive document or articles of incorporation of the requesting legal entity as registered with the competent office; (*)
19. Document on the nomination, designation or election of the present directorate/management. (*)
20. Proof of enrolment with the respective Social Welfare Council, when applicable, or certificate of qualification as a public interest social organization issued by the Ministry of Justice, when applicable; (*)
21. Document containing information on the address or addresses where the voluntary will render his/her services; (*)
22. Document issued by the legal entity assuming responsibility for the upkeep of the foreign citizen during his/her stay in Brazil and for his/her repatriation; (*)
23. Statement issued by the organization or institution assuming full responsibility for all and any medical and hospital costs for the foreign citizen and his/her dependants incurred during his/her stay in Brazil; (*)
24. Document offering proof that the foreign citizen has professional experience and/or qualifications that are compatible with the services to be performed in Brazil; (*)
25. Proof that the legal entity is in full and regular operation; (*)
26. Document delegating powers to and nominating the foreign citizen to the intended position. The document must be duly registered with the competent organ; (*)
27. The foreign citizen is barred from exercising any remunerated activity in the Country.

Please note that the **permanent visa implies that the applicant desires to reside permanently in 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](#).

(*) On the day of the interview, applicant must bring a digital copy of the documents marked with the star (items number 4 to 7 and 14 to 27).