



Global Immigration alert

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Colombia

Venezuelan nationals now eligible for two-year visas to regularize their status in Colombia

Executive summary

Effective 4 December 2024, Colombia began issuing new visas called “V - Visitante Especial” for qualifying Venezuelan nationals and their dependents who seek to regularize their immigration status in Colombia.

Background

The Colombian immigration authorities recently cleared Resolution No. 12509 due to the significant increase in the number of Venezuelan nationals who have entered the country. The Resolution aims to support Venezuelan nationals with regularizing their immigration status in the country.

Key developments

The new visa is available to qualifying Venezuelan nationals and their eligible dependents (i.e., spouses and children) who entered Colombia before 4 December 2024 and are currently in Colombia without an appropriate immigration status. This visa allows its holders to reside in Colombia for up to two years and grants them work authorization. After the two-year period, individuals are required to apply for another visa category.

Venezuelan nationals who have criminal records or are subject to an order of deportation are not eligible to apply for this visa.

Impact on employers

The new visa is expected to benefit Colombian employers by providing them greater access to international talent.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.



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