### Global Immigration alert

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# Brazil

## Visa requirement for nationals of Australia, Canada and the United States under review

#### Executive summary

The Brazilian authorities are considering reinstating the electronic visa (e-Visa) requirement for nationals of Australia, Canada and the United States who seek to travel to Brazil for business or tourism purposes.

#### Background

In 2019, Brazil implemented a policy that allowed nationals of Australia, Canada, Japan and the United States to enter the country for business or tourism purposes without a visa, with the aim of attracting more visitors and strengthening economic relations with these countries. In 2023, the Brazilian government announced the reinstatement of the e-Visa requirement for nationals of Australia, Canada and the United States, citing reciprocity as Brazilian citizens still require a visa to enter these countries. The rule was initially set to take effect in October 2023 but was delayed to January 2024 and then postponed again until 10 April 2025. Currently, the Brazilian authorities are reviewing this decision, taking into account diplomatic relations and the potential impact on tourism.

#### Key developments

Nationals of Australia, Canada and the United States traveling to Brazil for business or tourism purposes from 10 April of 2025 onward may be required to obtain an e-Visa. Applicants will not be able to apply for an e-Visa at a consulate or embassy; instead, they will be required to complete the application process <u>online</u>.

#### Impact on employers

Employers may remain informed about potential changes to visa policies and support impacted employees to ensure compliance and minimize business disruptions. This includes considering the associated costs and the extended processing time required for the e-Visa application.

#### 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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