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# Global Immigration alert

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## Venezuela

### Venezuela introduces electronic visas for nationals of all countries

#### Executive summary

The Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs recently introduced an electronic visa (e-visa) application process for nationals of all countries traveling to Venezuela under the business visa (TR-N) and tourist (T) visa categories. The new system provides an alternative to traditional in-person consular filings and requires applicants to submit visa application requests through a centralized online government portal; however, applicants may also continue to apply through the traditional consular process.

#### Key developments

Key changes include the following:

- As of the end of April 2026, visa applications for nationals of all countries may be submitted online via the official Ministry of Foreign Affairs digital [platform](#).
- Applicants must create an individual account, complete the electronic form, upload supporting documents and pay government fees digitally.
- Approved visas are issued electronically and delivered by email, rather than as a physical visa stamped in the passport.
- The requirement currently applies to business and tourist visa categories, with the possibility that it may be extended in the future to cover all other visa categories.

Processing times are not formally published by the authorities. In practice, they are generally estimated at 15 to 30 days after all required documents have been completed and submitted. However, due to the increased volume of applications, delays may occur.

#### Impact on employers

This development represents a significant procedural shift for employers and individuals supporting assignees, short-term business travelers and dependents and may result in processing delays or travel disruption if employers and travelers do not plan adequately. Decreased lead times may help expedite the visa application process over time. Employers may review and update their internal procedures and proactively inform impacted employees about the updated process.

#### 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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