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Type of visas to invest in Colombia and its main regulatory changes.

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BUSINESS CLIMATE
IN BOGOTA-REGION

With the entry into force of the new visa **resolution, 5547 of 2022**, new categories that promote foreign investment to the country enter. Also, other visas changed category, so immigration conditions change.



VISA
CATEGORIES

(V) VISITOR

For foreigners who come to Colombia for a short period of time to perform some temporary activity.

Term: Up to 2 years.



DIGITAL NOMAD VISA

To provide remote work or telework services from Colombia through digital media. It also applies for digital ventures.



PROMOTION TO INTERNATIONALIZATION VISA

For productive innovation or research activities aimed at adapting technologies that complement or develop products, processes or services that contribute to strengthening the competitiveness of the country.

For activities that contribute to incorporating knowledge into the priorities of national, regional and territorial development plans.

For professional activities provided by the migration authorities, which contribute to the internationalization of the country.



TLC ENTREPRENEURS VISA

Allows only the provision of services registered and authorized in the visa, and exclusively for the requesting organization.



VISA V - BUSINESS

Applies for nationalities that require a visa to enter Colombia and will conduct business, market studies, plans or procedures for direct investment and incorporation of a commercial company, negotiation, conclusion of contracts or commercial representation.

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**VISA
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(M) MIGRANT

For foreigners who wish to establish their domicile in Colombia, but do not meet the conditions to be residents.



PROMOTION TO

INTERNATIONALIZATION VISA | Term: **Up to 3 years.**

Foreigner with training at the level of master, doctorate or post-doctoral in basic or applied sciences, engineering, mathematics and related, whose profiles conform to the priorities required by the country in its public or private internationalization plans; or for professionals in pre-established areas by the migration authority.



INVESTMENT VISA | Term: **Up to 3 years.**

The possibility of applying for the Foreign Investment Residence visa was eliminated. This visa subcategory was moved to the Migrant visa category where the visa holder will not be granted a work permit. When a foreigner plans to invest in Colombia and carry out activities around his investment, it is necessary to analyze other types of visa that allow them to exercise the additional activities to make the investment.



M-MERCOSUR VISA | Term: **Up to 2 years.**

Granted to the nationalities of the member countries of the MERCOSUR agreement (Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay & Paraguay). It allows any lawful activity in the country.



ANDEAN MIGRANT VISA | Vigencia: **Up to 2 years.**

Granted to nationalities of CAN member countries. It allows any lawful activity in the country.



SHAREHOLDER AND OWNER VISA | Term: **Up to 3 years,**
subject to the maintenance
of the amount of shareholding.

Granted to foreigners who have formed a company or have acquired a share in the share capital of a commercial company in operation. The case of the entrepreneur who constitutes or acquires participation in the share capital of a commercial company in operation, this visa will have a work permit exclusively applicable in the company of which it is a member, shareholder or owner. It must also comply with the rules laid down for the exercise of a regulated profession or activity.

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The **new visa resolution** includes the following
changes in the requirements and procedures for
obtaining them:



PASSPORT

Minimum term: **6 months**



Evaluation time of visa
application
Up to 30 calendar days



All visas valid for
minimum 90 calendar days

**will allow its holder
to carry out studies.**
(Except tourist and transit visas).



A foreigner of a nationality not exempt from
short stay visa requirements who has entered
the country with a Visitor visa may not request a
**change of visa type to
Migrant or Resident**
within the national territory.



The calculation of the time for the cumulative time
resident visa is
**based on the date the foreigner
entered the country.**



The principal holder or beneficiary of a
resident visa must apply for its transfer
every 5 years.



Foreigners holding resident visas granted before
October 22, 2022 must transfer their visas within the
following two years.



A safeguard will not constitute
continuity in resident visas,
nor will it contribute to the calculation of
continuity of accumulated time.



The visa sticker will be printed in the passport
only when **the visa authority
deems it necessary.**



Once the validity of the visa has expired (ordinary or early), the foreigner will have **30 calendar days**
to leave the national territory or apply for a new visa.