



THE VISA EXPERTS

VISAS TO ECUADOR FROM \$299

VISA MANUAL 2022

TYPES OF VISAS

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE VISAS

Temporary residence visas constitute a migratory status that under certain visas [detailed below], allow a foreigner to stay in Ecuador for a maximum of two years with multiple entries into the country [unlimited renewals] and without any restriction of permanence outside the country or payment of fines.

Legal Basis: Art.60,65 LOMH

PERMANENT RESIDENCE VISAS:

A permanent resident visa allows a foreigner to stay indefinitely in Ecuador, and can only be obtained if a person meets one of the following requirements:

- A continuous stay of 21 months in the country with a temporary resident visa
- Marriage or de facto union with an Ecuadorian or with a permanent resident foreigner, provided that the marriage or de facto union is registered with the Civil Registry in Ecuador
- Minor or person with a disability who is the dependent of an Ecuadorian or a permanent resident foreigner
- Relative up to the second degree of affinity or consanguinity of an Ecuadorian or permanent resident foreigner

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE



ALL DOCUMENTS THAT COME FROM ABROAD MUST BE APOSTILLED OR APPROVED BY THE ECUADORIAN CONSULATE OF THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE DOCUMENT.

1

WORK: A visa for those who work in Ecuador for an Ecuadorian employer.

2

SELF-EMPLOYED: A visa for those who are self-employed and conduct work in Ecuador independently.

3

RENTIER: A visa for those who can provide proof of a fixed monthly income from a private source, totaling at least \$1,275.00 per month. For each additional covered person proof of an additional \$250.00 is required.

4

DIGITAL NOMAD: A visa for those who can provide proof of an income greater than \$1,275.00 per month or at least \$30,600.00 in savings AND the visa holder's nationality appears on an approved list from the Ministry of Tourism.

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RETIREMENT: A visa for those who can provide proof of a minimum monthly income of \$1,275.00 from a government source or pension fund.

6

INVESTOR: A visa for those who can invest a minimum of \$42,500.00 into an Ecuadorian financial institution or shares of a company, with a certificate of deposit. In the case of real estate, the municipal appraisal is what determines the investment amount to be eligible for this visa.

7

ATHLETE: A visa for those who are athletes or leaders of a sports club, institution, or company and are invited by an Ecuadorian entity to conduct these related activities.

8

STUDENT: A visa is for those who are enrolled, with an admission certificate, to an Ecuadorian educational institution at any level (basic, secondary, undergraduate, postgraduate or language school).

9

PROFESSIONAL: A visa for those with a professional title/degree duly registered in the SENESCYT system. Professional titles related to health and medicine require prior approval from the Ministry of Health.

10

DEPENDENT: An additional visa which can be applied to all of the above mentioned categories for children, spouses, or common-law partners. Proof of an additional income of \$250.00 is required for each dependent person of legal age (18). **[In rentier and retirement visas, the additional monthly income is \$250.00 for each dependent regardless of age].**

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE

1

PASSPORT: Should be valid for a minimum of 6 months prior to the day the visa is granted.

2

Records must show that one is not a threat or risk to Ecuador.

3

BACKGROUND CHECK: A criminal record report from one's country of origin or where one has lived in the last 5 years must be submitted.



Records will only be valid for 180 days from the date of issuance of the document to the date of last entry of the foreigner before applying for the residence visa.

4

Each visa category will include specific requirements.

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Livelihoods



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WORK VISA



1. A work contract registered in the MRL
2. A certificate that verifies that the employer has no pending obligations with the SRI, IESS and/or the Superintendence of Companies



The employer must justify that it has sufficient resources to fulfill the contractual obligations with the worker, this means that account statements, balance sheets, declarations to the SRI, and the company's constitution must be attached to verify its capacity.

SELF-EMPLOYED VISA



One of the following are required:

- A contract, with an official signature, for professional services or consultancy services
- RUC
- An operating permit granted by a municipality



In all cases, you must always present:

- Affidavit with photographs of where work will take place OR
- Property Registry Certificate if the applicant is the owner of the property OR
- Lease contract duly registered with the Municipality.

RENTIER VISA



One of the following are required:

- A leasing contract
- An investment title contract
- A document or contract that verifies that the foreigner will receive a monthly income of more than \$1,275.00



In all cases, you must always present:

- Health Insurance

DIGITAL NOMAD VISA



Requirements:

1. Account statements for up to three months before filling the application which verify a savings of \$30,600.00 or an income of \$1,275.00 per month
2. Proof that shows that the person provides services for a client that is outside of Ecuador. If the applicant owns a business located abroad proof of this may also be accepted in lieu of clients
3. The nationality of the applicant must appear on the list provided by the Ministry of Tourism
4. Health insurance



Although the law states that all documents can be presented after the visa is issued, at EcuAssist we required all documents to be submitted together with the initial application in order to provide you with a quick and hassle-free service.

RETIREMENT VISA

Social Security

Requirements at time of application:

- A social security letter with proof of a fixed monthly income equaling more than \$1,275.00
- Health insurance

OUR LOCATIONS

MANTA

C.C. Manicentro, Calle 23 y Flavio Reyes, Manicentro office space 22.

CUENCA

Honorato Vásquez (esquina) 6-02 y Hermano Miguel.

SALINAS

Av 13 y Calle 52 Next to Common Grounds
Restaurant.

BAHÍA DE CARÁQUEZ

Cecilio Intriago y Arenas (next to Coco Bongo Hostel).

QUITO

Only by previous appointment

INVESTOR VISA



Requirements at time of application:

REAL ESTATE:

- Deed with a minimum value of \$42,500.00
- Solvency certificate in which it appears that the property is free of all encumbrances
- Municipal appraisal

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT:

- The original certificate for an amount not less than \$42,500.00 and a minimum term of 730 days

COMPANY SHARES:

- Verification of shares held in an Ecuadorian company for a value not less than \$42,500.00



THE INVESTMENT MUST BE MAINTAINED FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE VISA

ATHLETE VISA



Requirements at time of application:

- Binding contract with a sports institution
- Company constitution and/or document providing proof of operations of the sports institution

STUDENT VISA



Requirements at time of application:

- Registration or admission document
- Documents verifying the existence of the institution by the Ministry of Education

PROFESSIONAL VISA



Requirements at time of application:

- Original copy of the professional title or degree OR an official copy
- Registry in the SENESCYT system

DEPENDENT VISA



Requirements at time of application:

- **Spouse or Common-law Partner:** Marriage certificate or declaration of common-law union that has been issued within 6 months prior to the date of application
- **Children:** A birth certificate justifying the relationship. Name(s) of the parent(s) and dependent must be the same as the dependent has in their passport.



- In the case of minors, both parents must appear to apply, unless one of them has custody of the minor who is going to apply.
- Proof of \$250.00 of additional income for each child of legal age, who is a dependent, is required. This does not apply to the spouse or common-law partner.



PERMANENT RESIDENCE

1

21 MONTHS

2

Marriage: Marriage must be with an Ecuadorian or foreigner with permanent residence.

3

Minor or Persons with Disabilities: One who is dependent on an Ecuadorian or foreigner with permanent residence.

4

Relatives up to the **second degree of affinity** or **consanguinity** of an Ecuadorian or a foreigner with permanent residence.

21 MONTHS

Mandated requirements for this visa:

- Completion of at least 21 continuous months as a resident
- Verification that a valid residence visa is still in effect at the time of application for the permanent visa



21 continuous months is defined as not leaving Ecuador for more than 90 days during a period of 21 months before the date of application for the permanent residence visa.

MARRIAGE COMMON-LAW UNION

Mandated requirements for this visa:

- Marriage certificate issued by the Civil Registry of Ecuador within the previous 6 months
- An interview at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be required



If the marriage was certified abroad, it must be registered with the Civil Registry of Ecuador.

MINORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Mandated requirements for this visa:

- **MINORS:** Birth certificate, where the names of the parents clearly appear as they appear in their passport
- **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:** A verification of disability documents and the disability card from the Ministry of Health



NOTE 1: In the event that the minor or person with a disability is not a relative within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity, they must present a document of legal representation in order to apply.

NOTE 2: In the event that the Ecuadorian national or permanent residence visa holder is not the legal representative of the minor or persons with disabilities, the legal representatives [parents] must grant a special power of attorney authorizing the guardian so that they can apply.

2ND DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY OR AFFINITY

Mandated requirements for this visa:

As applicable, anything that helps determine a kinship up to the second degree of consanguinity or affinity should be presented, including:

- **BIRTH CERTIFICATES**
- **MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES**



VERIFIED ADDITIONAL INCOME FOR EACH DEPENDANT:

According to the law, the Ecuadorian national or permanent residence visa holder must prove that they have an additional monthly income of \$250.00 for each person covered.



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