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Work Permit for Foreigners

Normative Resolution Nr. 39 of September 28, 1999

Regulates the concession of visa to a religious minister or a member of a sacred or confessional institution, congregation or religious order, who enters the country for the rendering of religious assistance services or as a student.

THE NATIONAL IMMIGRATION COUNCIL, instituted by Law Nr. 8.490 of November 19, 1992, in the use of the powers conferred by Decree Nr. 840, of June 22, 1993, decides:

Art. 1 A religious minister or a member of a sacred or confessional institution, and of a congregation or religious order, who enters the country for the rendering of religious assistance, without an employment link with a Brazilian entity, may be granted a temporary visa as foreseen in art. 13, point VII of Law Nr. 6.815 of August 19, 1980, for a period of up to one year that can be, extended for an equal period.

Sole paragraph. This article also applies to those who enter Brazil as missionaries.

Art. 2 A religious individual that pretends to enter the Country as a student, at any level can be granted a visa as foreseen in art. 13, point IV of Law nr, 6.815 of August 19, 1980.

Art. 3 A foreigner who is, admitted under the terms of this Normative Resolution may not engage in any remunerated activity in the Country.

Art. 4 The visa application must be presented to the consular Department with jurisdiction over the location of residence of the interested party, and accompanied with the following documents:

I – in the case of a temporary visa, point VII:

a) from the religious institution:

- 1) act on its constitution in Brazil;
- 2) proof of power of attorney of its leader; and
- 3) vouching from the entity in Brazil regarding the subsistence and exit of the called religious individual from the national territory.

b) from the religious individual:

- 1) travel document valid for more than 6 months;
- 2) declaration of ordinance and/or school record that proves his/her religious background, in the case of a member of consecrated institution, proof of the same.
- 3) curriculum vitae;
- 4) negative criminal record certificate or, at the criteria of the consular authority, equivalent document;
- 5) additionally, and when applicable, a marriage certificate or birth certificate of the dependents or document linked to dependency; and
- 6) when applicable, declaration that he/she will only exercise his/her activities in an indigenous area through the expressed authorization of the FUNAI.

II – in the case of a temporary visa, point IV:

- 1) travel document valid for more than six months;

- 2) affidavit of enrollment, or declaration of vacancy, at a regular education establishment;
- 3) negative criminal record certificate;
- 4) proof of scholarship or proof of financial capacity compatible with the trip.

Art. 5 This Normative Resolution enters into effect on the date of its publication.

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