



BRAZILIAN SHORT-TERM WORK VISAS TO BE STREAMLINED

The Brazilian Ministry of Labor's National Immigration Council (CNIg) announced yesterday that it has approved a new resolution that will significantly streamline the application process for certain short-term work visas. The current average 45-60 day processing time to obtain a short-term work visa may ultimately be reduced by as much as 30-45 days under the new process.

Under the streamlined process, applications for 90-day technical work visas would be accepted at Brazilian consulates without prior authorization from the Ministry of Labor. This work visa category applies to foreign nationals who enter Brazil for up to 90 days to provide technical assistance services without entering into an employment relationship with a Brazilian company. Allowing 90-day technical work visa applications to be filed directly at Brazilian consulates would effectively eliminate from the visa process the 30-45 days that the Ministry of Labor currently takes to adjudicate applications.

The new resolution comes as a result of an initiative within the Brazilian government to "modernize the work visa system".

Brazilian consulates will not begin accepting 90-day technical work visa applications under the new system until the new resolution is published in the Brazilian Government's *Diário Oficial*. Currently Ministry officials have not provided details regarding exact filing procedures and requirements, or an estimated date of publication of the resolution.

FosterQuan's Global Section will continue to monitor these procedural changes and will provide further updates regarding this new, streamlined visa process as they become available. Please contact globalinquiries@fosterquan.com if you would like additional information regarding this change, or for any other assistance.