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ECUADOR'S TOP RESIDENCY VISA OPTIONS



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Tourists

Passport with a minimum validity of 6 months

- Tourists can stay up to 90 days in a period of one year counted from their first entry, extendable once for up to 90 additional days, upon request and payment of the respective fee of \$133.33 or exceptionally the Special Visa of Tourism



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Temporary Residency Visa for a period of 2 years

- It can be renewed for another 2 years, however, once you have this visa for 21 months, you can apply for a permanent residency visa
- You can leave the country for only 90 days each year
- **HEALTH INSURANCE is a requirement for all residents whether temporary or permanent**



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Temporary Residency Visa Categories

- Work Visa
 - Rentista (based on a person's income)
 - Retirement
 - Investor
 - Scientist, Investigator or Academic
 - Athlete, Artist or Cultural Manager
 - Religious or Religious Volunteer
 - Volunteer
- . Student
 - . Professional
 - . Residency by Treaty
 - . Dependents
 - . Asylees and Refugees
 - . Visas of Exception



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General Requirements for All Types of Temporary Residency Visas

- Official document that supports the visa category you wish to apply;
- A national criminal report from the country of origin where you have resided the past 5 years; in the U.S. this is the **FBI report**
- A **State Police Report** (for U.S. citizens)
- Documents proving economic solvency for the principal applicant and their dependents
- Government visa application fee (\$50 for the application form and \$400 government fee) dependents pay \$250 and senior citizens pay half price
- Documents originating in the exterior must be duly legalized or apostilled and translated into Spanish

Retirement Visa

- Persons receiving retirement income from the exterior whose amount allows them to cover expenses during their stay
- A current official proof of permanent income from Social Security or other pension plan stating the current amount of income you receive each month, APOSTILLED



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Investor

Your investment is Linked to Your Visa

- An investment for a minimum amount of 100 basic salaries = \$40,000.00 invested in the following:
- A certificate of deposit for a minimum of 2 years
- A registered property
- Purchase of stocks or shares in a company. For legal representatives, Powers of Attorney and commercial representatives of national or foreign companies.
- An investment with the Ecuadorian State
- This visa will not be subject to the “out of the country” restrictions.



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Rentista

(Based on a Person's Income)

- RENTAL INCOME VISA
- Document that certifies the applicant's licit income in the exterior or in Ecuador such as rental contracts, investments, annuities, etc.



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Professional

- Diploma; bachelor's degree or higher
- Register the degree or diploma in Ecuador at Senecyt
- For Artisans: registration of their activity and validation before the National Board of Artisans
- Proof of economic solvency



Requirements for Permanent Residency

- For temporary residents: police report from Ecuador
- Apostilled police background check from country of origin for dependents
- Must not be considered a threat or security risk to the country
- Proof of economic solvency that will permit the applicant and their dependents to live in Ecuador
- Government visa fee \$550; dependents \$250 and senior citizens pay half price
- Health Insurance

You can leave the country for 180 days per year in the first two years and up to 5 years beginning the third year



Citizenship Who Can Apply?

Permanent Residents that have resided regularly and continuously for at least 3 years in Ecuador

Requirements:

- Migratory Movement to prove the applicant has not left the country for more than 180 days per year, during the first 3 years, counted from the issuance of the permanent visa



General Requirements for Citizenship

- Apostilled Birth Certificate
- Police background check
- Explain in an interview the reasons why you want to acquire Ecuadorian nationality
- Justify legal means of living in the country
- Pass a test in Spanish





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