

# Residence Permits

Territory and coexistence

Department of Immigration

# Legal ways in which a foreigner can be in Chile



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(extensions and work authorization)



## **R E S I D E N T S**

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## **PERMANENT RESIDENTS**



# Residence Permits

# Residence permits (visas)



**TEMPORARY**  
Resident Visa



**STUDENT** Resident Visa



**WORK CONTRACT**  
Resident Visa

Visas can be granted as **HOLDER** or **DEPENDENT**. Dependents can't work (if they want to, they must ask for a change in their visa)

# Temporary Residence Visa

It is given to the person who wants to settle in Chile, when they have family ties or interests in the country, or when their residency is understood as useful or advantageous.

It enables its holder to perform any remunerated activity, employed or independently.

There are several fundamentals that enable the person to apply for this visa: family ties with a Chilean or with a permanent resident (spouse, children, father, mother); investors or entrepreneurs; professionals or technicians of higher education; rentiers, religious, MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay; Bolivia), among others.

If the employment relationship ends, it doesn't need to be informed to the immigration authority.



# MERCOSUR Temporary Residence Visa

## **MERCOSUR Temporary Residence**

### **Origin:**

Residency agreement for nationals from states that are part of MERCOSUR, Chile and Bolivia included.

### **Implementation date in Chile:**

December 4th, 2009.

### **Recipients:**

nationals from states that are part of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia)

### **Advantage:**

this visa is granted with independence of the activity that the recipient is coming to do in Chile, except those who have negative criminal record.

**Duration and terms are the same as every temporary residence**

# Temporary Residency for professionals and higher education technicians

To apply for this visa the person needs to present:

- **Legalized or apostilled copy of the degree (original or notarized copy).**
  - Medical professions (medicine, nursing, kinesiology, dentist, etc.) titles need to be revalidated by Universidad de Chile
  - **Exception:** those titles given by a country that has an international agreement with Chile (more information at: <https://minrel.gob.cl/reconocimiento-de-titulos/minrel/2010-05-26/112420.html>)
  - **Engineers and technicians** graduated abroad and specially hired for a specific labour in Chile need to ask for an authorization to the Chilean Engineers Association. ([www.ingenieros.cl](http://www.ingenieros.cl))
- **Work offer, specifying function and salary, signed before a notary.**



Higher education technicians = careers with a minimum of 1,600 academic hours



# Student Visa

This visa is granted for those foreigners who travel to Chile with the purpose of studying as regular students in public institutions or private ones that have been recognized by the State, or those who being already in Chile have enrolled themselves in one of these institutions.

Basic requirements for this visa depend on:

**Scholarship**

**No scholarship**

**Student exchange program**



# Student Visa

It's extension depends on the duration of the studies. It is usually given for 1 year, extendable.

It can be renewed for same periods successively and for free.

For students with scholarships, this visa will usually be granted for the duration of the scholarship.

Exceptions: special work permit for internships or to pay for their studies.



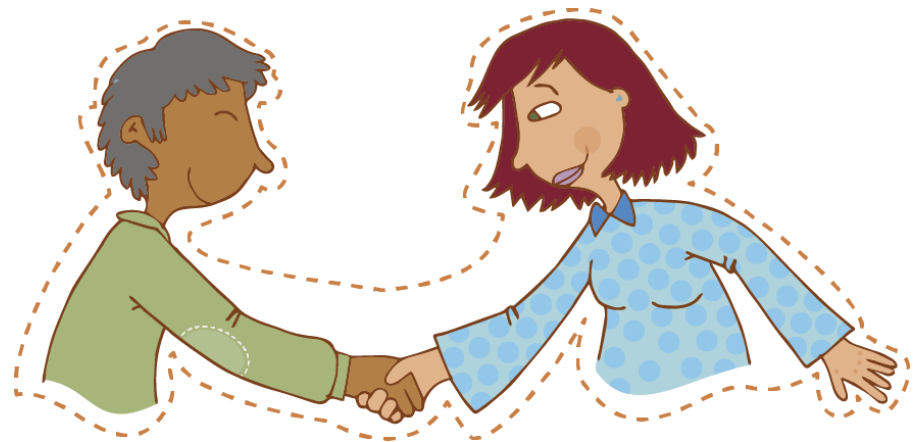
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**Dependents:** can not work.

# Work Contract Visa

Granted for those foreigners who come to Chile with the purpose of a work contract or those who are already in the country and decide to stay and fulfill a work contract.

This residence permit lets its holder to do payed activities **exclusively with the employer he/she signed the contract with** to apply for the visa.



# Work Contract Visa

What does the  
work contract  
needs?




**Validity clause:** “The obligation to provide services emanated from this contract can only be fulfilled once the worker has obtained the corresponding residence visa in Chile or the special work permit for foreigners with a visa in process.”

**Travel Expenses clause:** “The employer agrees to pay, upon termination of the employment relationship (whether due to termination of contract, dismissal or resignation), the return of the worker and the family members stipulated, to their country of origin or to the one that the parties opportunely agree”.

**Provisional Regime clause:** "It is here established that the worker will contribute to the Chilean pension system, with the employer agreeing to make the legal deductions and deliver them to the corresponding institutions”.

**Income Tax clause:** "The employer has the obligation to comply with the payment of the corresponding income tax in relation to the remuneration paid to the worker". This only applies to salaries higher than 13.5 UTM.

# Work Contract Visa



What is the validity  
of this visa?

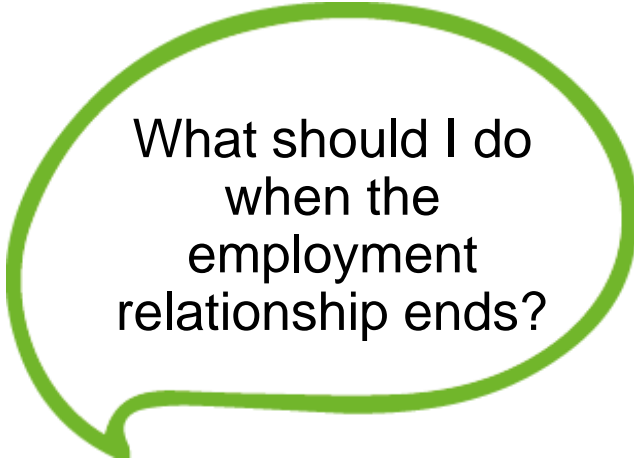


It can be granted for up to 2 years, extendable (if there is employment continuity).

The visa expires when the employment relationship ends (holder and dependents as well).

After 2 years as a Work Contract Visa holder, the person can apply to permanent residence.

# Work Contract Visa



What should I do  
when the  
employment  
relationship ends?



Within the **30 days** after the relationship ends, the person can apply for a new Work Contract Visa with a new employer, or for a different type of visa.

In both cases, the person **needs to present to the immigration authority** the settlement, the record of appearance before the Labor Authority or a judicial certification that certifies the date of termination of the work contract.

## Special work permit for foreigners with a visa in process

If the person wants to start working when his/hers visa is in process (it takes between 4 to 6 months approximately), he/she can apply for a special work permit for visa in process.



What does it allow?

If the person is applying for a temporary residence



Allows to work with any employer or independently

If the person is applying for a work contract visa



allows to work with the employer with which he/she presented the contract to apply for the visa

If the person is applying for permanent residence



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## Special work permit for foreigners with a visa in process

When to apply for this permit?

In the same visa application form, of after the application, personally before the immigration authority.

For how long is this permit valid?

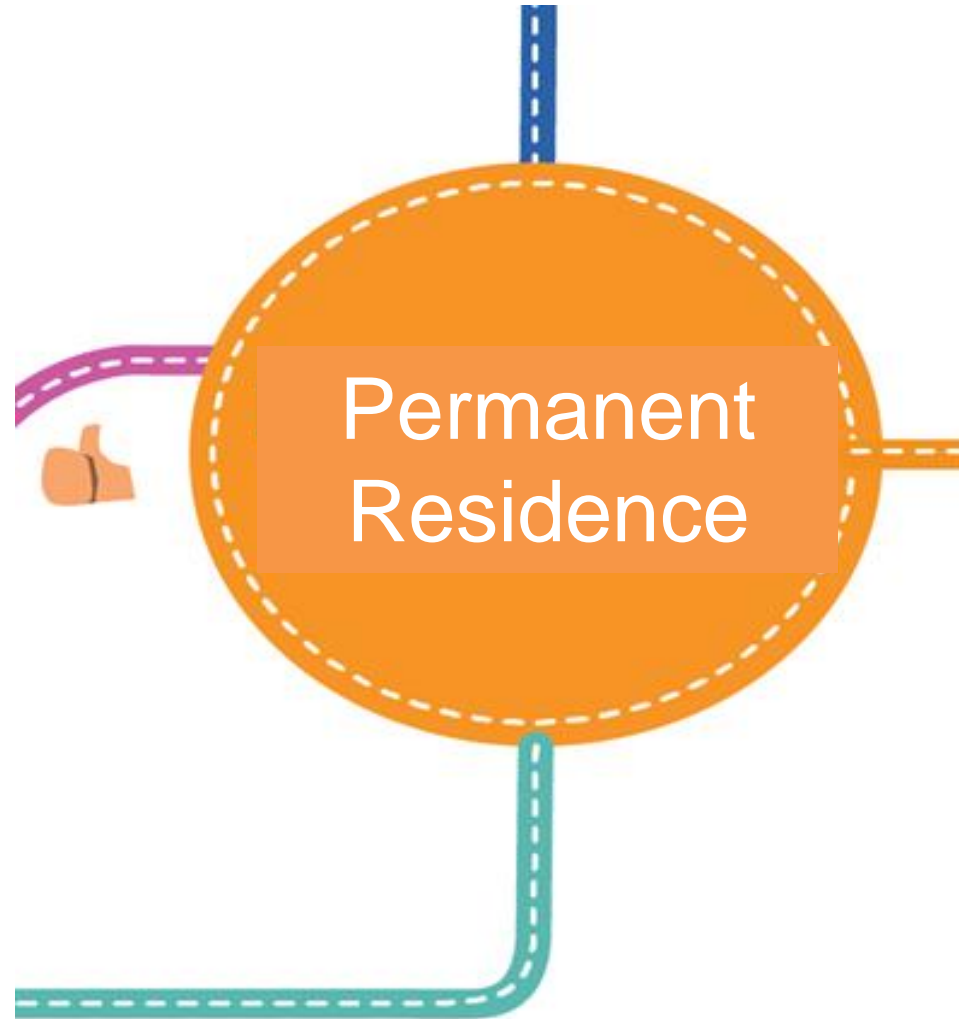
It is given for 4 months, renewable for free for other 4 months. Renewal must be required personally before the immigration authority.



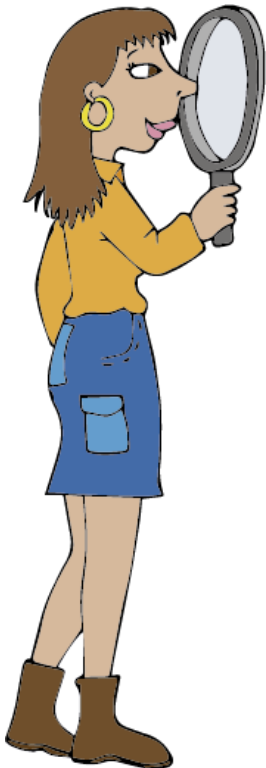
Value = 50% of the cost of a work contract visa



# Permanencia Definitiva



# Permanent Residence



It is the permit granted for indefinite stay in Chile and to develop any economic activity, with no other limitation than those established in the legal system.

To apply, it is required not to have left the national territory for more than 180 days. The application needs to be sent within the last 90 days of the current visa, by regular mail.

If the person has a:

Temporary visa → after 1 year can apply to the permanent residence; after 2 years has to apply for it.

Work contract visa → after 2 years of continued residence, can apply for it.

Student visa → at the end of the studies, only if the person has at least 2 years of student residence.

# Permanent Residence Application

**DISPOSICIONES IMPORTANTES**

- 1.- Durante la vigencia de la Permanencia Definitiva, los extranjeros podrán desarrollar cualquier actividad lícita, sin otras limitaciones que las establecidas en las disposiciones legales y reglamentarias (Art. 80 del Reglamento de Extranjería).
- 2.- La Permanencia Definitiva caduca tacitamente cuando su titular permanece más de un año fuera de Chile. En caso que por motivos justificados no le sea posible regresar al país antes de este plazo y dentro de los 60 días anteriores a que éste se cumpla, puede solicitar una prórroga de su vigencia por un año más. Esta prórroga debe solicitarse en el Consulado de Chile.
- 3.- Se podrá conceder hasta cuatro prórrogas sucesivas de la Permanencia, siempre que la solicitud correspondiente se haga antes del vencimiento de la última prórroga (Art. 84 del Reglamento de Extranjería).
- 4.- En caso de extravío o pérdida del presente Certificado, se puede solicitar un duplicado en la Gobernación Provincial o en el Departamento de Extranjería y Migración del Ministerio del Interior y Seguridad Pública. También puede solicitar dicho documento a través del Consulado Chileno respectivo, el cual constará este hecho y las demás circunstancias señaladas en el Art. 85 del Reglamento de Extranjería.

LAS PRORROGAS CONSULARES DEBERAN ESTAMPARSE AL REVERSO (SOLO PARA USO OFICIAL).

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REPUBLICA DE CHILE  
MINISTERIO DEL INTERIOR Y SEGURIDAD PÚBLICA Nº 534.795  
DEPARTAMENTO DE EXTRANJERÍA Y MIGRACIÓN

**CERTIFICADO DE PERMANENCIA DEFINITIVA**

SE CERTIFICA QUE POR Resolución Exenta  
Nº 126.679 DE 17/06/2016 SE OTORGÓ PERMANENCIA

DEFINITIVA A Doña Yarel Belice QUINTERO DUERTO

R.U.N. 24.962.544-2

NACIONALIDAD VENEZOLANA

  
**Nelson Vergara Triviño**  
 Jefe Permanencia Definitiva

05/07/2016  
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While the application is in process, the person's stay is regular, can continue to develop the economic activities that his/her former visa allowed, and leave and re-enter the country.

Nevertheless, the Chilean ID will only be renewed when the application is solved (the process lasts between 6 and 10 months).

**Once** the permanent residence is **granted**, the **Chilean ID is given for 5 years** and is **renewed** before de Civil Registration Authority, presenting a validity certificate given by the police.

## New Administrative Immigration Measures and Visas

Name	Where to apply?	Who can apply? (*)	Purpose of the permit	Validity	Implementation date
Temporary Visa for working reasons	Eliminated	Eliminated	Eliminated	Eliminated since 23.04.2018	
Temporary Visa for Opportunities	Chilean consulates abroad	Every nationality	Entrepreneurs and workers	Up to 12 months	01.08.2018
International Orientation Visa	Chilean consulates abroad	Those who have postgraduate studies from one of the 200 best universities according to a ranking that will be determined soon	Entrepreneurs and workers	Up to 12 months	01.08.2018
National Orientation Visa	In Chile	Those who have postgraduate studies in one of the accredited Chilean universities	Entrepreneurs and workers	Granted for 12 months, extendable	01.08.2018
Consular Tourism Authorization for Haitians	Chilean consulate abroad	Only for Haitian nationals	Only for tourism purposes	Granted for 90 days, extendable for other 90 days	16.04.2018
Family Reunification for Haitians	Chilean consulate in Haiti	Only for the spouse, legal partner, children under 18 years old and up to 24 who are studying, of Haitians who are residents in Chile	Family reunification	Granted for 12 months, extendable	07.07.2018
Democratic Responsibility Visa for Venezuelans	Chilean consulate at Caracas or Puerto Ordaz	Only for Venezuelan nationals	Welcome Venezuelan citizens who are in a situation of democratic crisis	Granted for 12 months, extendable	16.04.2018

(\*) All applicants have to demonstrate that they have no criminal records.

## Contact and Information:

Web b **www.extranjeria.go**' you can:á:

- Find general information about residence permits.
- See links of interest (embassys, consulates, statistics, etc.)
- Be able to ask online about the state of your process.



 **Contact Center**

**600 486 3000** o al **2 323 93 100**

 Assistance available in English  Atansyon disponib an Kreyol



The screenshot shows the website interface for the Chilean Department of Extranjería y Migración. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following items: "Gobierno de Chile", "Nuestro departamento", "Legislación Migratoria", "Permisos de Residencia", and "Nacionalización y Nacionalidad". Below this is a large blue banner with the text ">> Atención <<" and a sub-message: "Recuerde! La atención de público se realizará exclusivamente presentando pasaporte o documento de identidad". The main content area features a grid of nine colorful buttons, each with an icon and text: "Trámites en línea" (orange, clipboard icon), "Consulte su trámite" (light blue, thumbs up icon), "Reserva de horas" (green, clock icon), "Visas" (orange, passport icon), "Permanencia definitiva" (dark blue, document icon), "Extranjeros turistas" (green, globe icon), "Estado avance fila" (yellow-green, queue icon), "Contáctenos" (purple, phone icon), and "Oficinas Extranjería" (yellow, map icon).

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