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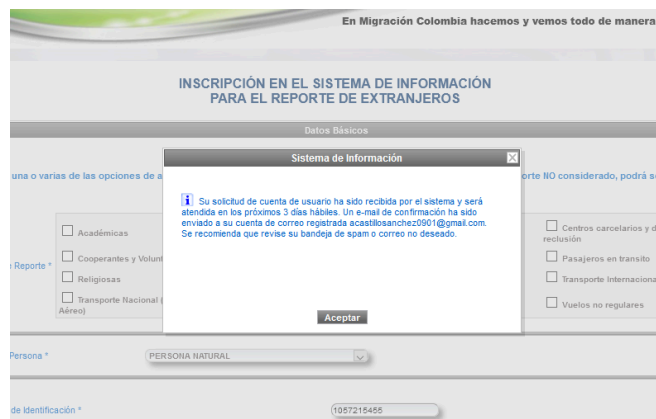
All foreign nationals entering Colombia to participate in a film or audiovisual production must hold the appropriate authorization to perform this activity.

This guide provides all the essential information regarding the entry of foreign personnel into Colombia.

Information System for the Registration of Foreigners (Sire)

Regardless of whether foreign personnel enter Colombia with a **Courtesy Visa (Type V)** or a **Colombian Immigration entry stamp**, it is mandatory for the Colombian production services company to register all foreign crew members in the Information System for the Registration of Foreigners (**SIRE**) operated by Colombian Immigration.

To complete this registration, it is recommended to use the Mozilla Firefox browser and have on hand the required documents from the Colombian production services company responsible for registering the foreign personnel. These include the Certificate of Existence and Legal Representation and the legal representative's identification document, as the platform requires these files to be uploaded. The system will respond to your request within 3 business days.



Once the production services company has been registered, each member of the foreign crew must be individually linked in the system. This step must be completed after their arrival in Colombia and before any audiovisual activities begin. When the foreign crew member departs the country, the company must remove them from the platform.

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Failure to register foreign personnel may result in penalties ranging from **8 to 100 SMLMV** (Current Legal Monthly Minimum Wage). Please note that each time foreign personnel re-enters Colombia, the registration process must be completed again.

The following [link](#) provides Resolution 5477 of July 22, 2022, which establishes the guidelines for the entry of foreign personnel into Colombia. Article 61 pertaining to foreign film and audiovisual productions specifies in which cases a Courtesy V visa is required.

When is a visa NOT required to enter Colombia?

When foreign nationals enter Colombia for a period of less than ninety (90) days, a visa is not required. However, it is mandatory to apply for the Permit for Other Activities (POA) using the Migración Colombia form, selecting the option “Concerts, events, or artistic activities.”

It is important to note that this procedure can only be carried out by Colombian companies and must be processed individually for each foreign national who requires it.

When filling out the form, you must select as the Migración Colombia service location the city where the company’s main office is registered, according to the information from the Chamber of Commerce.

The permit application must be filed at least five (5) business days before the foreign national’s arrival in Colombia.

If the POA permit is pre-approved, you must pay the applicable processing fee in accordance with the instructions that will be sent to the email address provided when you completed the Single Processing Form (e-FUT).

Simply submitting the POA permit application online does not guarantee its approval, which is subject to compliance with the requirements established for this procedure.

In exceptional cases, supporting documents may be submitted in hard copy at the Immigration Services Facilitation Center or at an Immigration Checkpoint that handles immigration matters.

Please note that it is up to the immigration officer to determine the type of stamp to be issued. The officer will review the documents and, in accordance with the laws, resolutions, regulations, and instructions of Migración Colombia, will decide which stamp to issue. It is the responsibility of the production service provider (or whoever acts on its behalf) to review the type of stamp and length of stay granted in order to identify any possible issues. If you have

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been granted a stamp other than the POA, you must request a change of stamp directly from Migración Colombia as soon as possible.

1. If the nationality of the foreign personnel appears on the list of [restricted nationalities](#), they will be required to obtain a visa to enter Colombia. This visa must be requested through the Foreign Ministry's [online platform](#), and the applicant must select the consulate office closest to their place of residence. **DO NOT SELECT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICES IN BOGOTÁ**, as the application will be rejected and the process will need to be started again. To verify this requirement, please review Article 8 of Resolution 5488 of July 22, 2022, as well as the official list of restricted nationalities.

Please note that in this case, **PROIMÁGENES COLOMBIA cannot apply for this visa**. It must be requested directly by the foreign national or by an individual legally authorized to act on their behalf. In any case, you may notify the Colombia Film Commission team at PROIMÁGENES COLOMBIA so that we are informed and can support you if needed.

2. If there is an employment relationship between a Colombian company and the foreign national entering the country, a **work visa** must be requested directly through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Please note that, in this case, PROIMÁGENES COLOMBIA cannot apply for this visa.
3. If the stay in Colombia exceeds 90 days.

How to apply for a courtesy type V visa?

If foreign personnel enter Colombia to participate in the production of an audiovisual work and their stay in the country will exceed **90 days**, they must apply for a Courtesy type V Visa.

The application process is outlined below:

1. Application for Filming Authorization in Colombian territory or Foreign Audiovisual Work Certification, as follows:

- If you are going to participate in the production of a film project, you must apply for a filming authorization through the Directorate of Audiovisuals, Film,

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and Interactive Media (DACMI) of the Ministry of Culture (Filming Authorization Resolution). This service is free of charge.

or

- If you will participate in the production of an audiovisual project (such as a series, video game, music video, animation, or any non-film audiovisual work), you must request a **Foreign Audiovisual Work Certificate** through PROIMÁGENES COLOMBIA – Colombia Film Commission. The cost is **1 SMLMV per application**.

To submit your request, please proceed with the following information:

How to apply for a Foreign Audiovisual Work Certification?

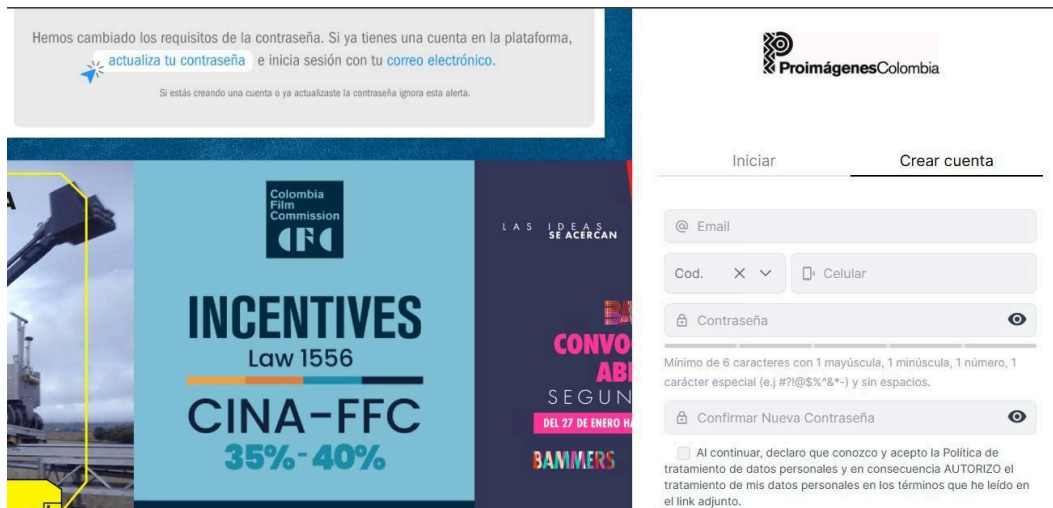
To begin the application process for the **Foreign Audiovisual Work Certification** through the PROIMÁGENES COLOMBIA Colombia Film Commission, you must have the following documents prepared and ready for submission:

1. Application for Certification of Foreign Audiovisual Work signed by the producer responsible for the audiovisual project or person who can prove they have the necessary authority to do so. (**Find the form on the application platform**).
 - The file must be submitted in **PDF format**.
2. **Excel list of the foreign nationals who will enter the country to participate in the audiovisual project** (download the form from the application platform and add as many rows as needed). Please note::
 - The names entered in the Excel form **must match exactly** the names as they appear in each passport. **If more than 5 certifications are generated with errors in the documents submitted, you will be required to submit a new application and make the corresponding payment.**
 - The entry and exit dates indicated in the document will determine the validity period of the Courtesy Type V Visa. Please note that if the filming schedule changes in a way that affects the dates of entry and/or exit from the country, the visa cannot be modified. In such cases, you must apply for **a new visa with the updated dates**, and therefore submit a new certification request.
3. **Health insurance** providing medical coverage for each foreign national entering Colombian territory, valid for at least the full duration of their stay in the country.
 - Please note that if the medical insurance policy is valid for a period shorter than the entry and exit dates indicated in the Excel document, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will use the insurance policy dates to determine the validity of

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the visa. (Resolution 6045 of 2017, Article 42, Paragraphs 1 and 3).

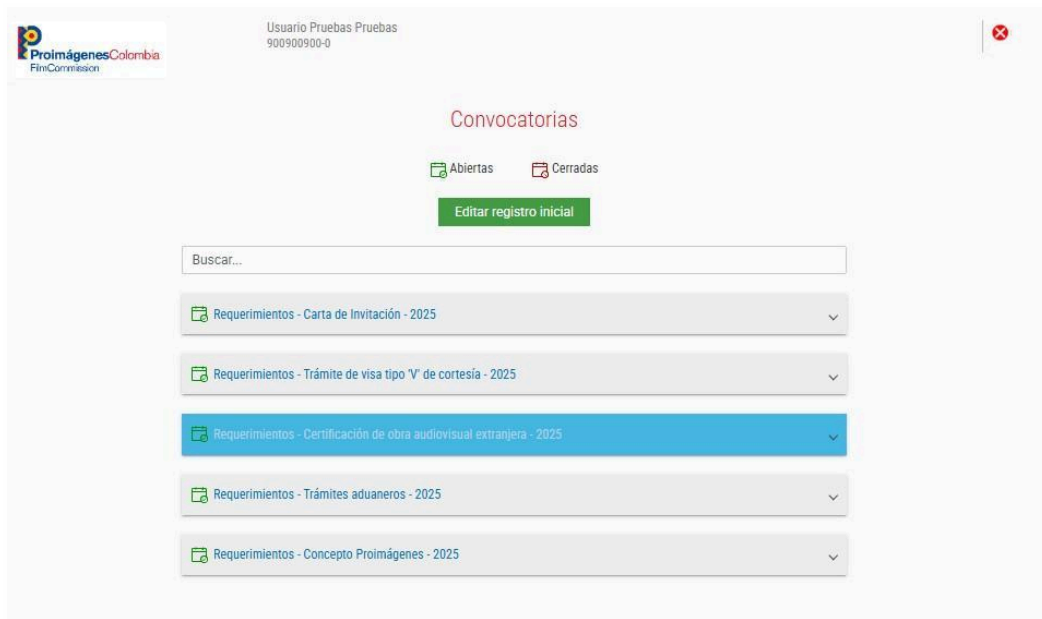
4. Billing information: For individuals or legal entities residing in Colombia, a copy of the applicant's Tax Identification Number (**RUT**). For foreign individuals or legal entities, please provide the following information:
 - Full name/Company name
 - Identification number
 - Email
 - Address
 - Phone number
 - City, state, and country.
5. Proof of payment of one (1) **SMMLV** in the Bancolombia Bank current account **No. 031-165942-73** in the name of the Proimágenes Colombia Film Promotion Fund, **Tax ID No. 830.046.582-4**.
6. Once you have the necessary information, you can submit your application through the following [link](#).
7. Create an account by entering your email address, mobile phone number, and a password.



8. Once your account has been created, log in to the platform with your username and password.
9. Accept the privacy policy.
10. Fill in the project name.

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11. Select the requirement to apply for, in this case **Foreign Audiovisual Work Certification**.



12. Once you have completed the application form, select **Save**.

13. The platform will direct you to the 'Documents' tab, where you must upload all required files in **PDF** format (with the exception of the foreign personnel list, which must be submitted in **Excel**).



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14. Once all documents have been uploaded to the platform, you may proceed to **submit** your application

2. Application for a Courtesy Type V Visa through Proimágenes Colombia – Colombian Film Commission.

Courtesy visa application services are offered for the fee indicated in the chart below. (Please note that the application may also be submitted directly to the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at no cost.)

Number of visas	Value	Equivalent in pesos 2026
1 to 10 visas	1 SMMLV	\$1.750.905
11 to 20 visas	1.5 SMMLV	\$2.626.357
21 to 30 visas	2 SMMLV	\$3.501.810
31 to 40 visas	2.5 SMMLV	\$4.377.262
41 to 50 visas	3 SMMLV	\$5.252.715
51 to 60 visas	3.5 SMMLV	\$6.128.167
61 to 70 visas	4 SMMLV	\$7.003.620
71 to 80 visas	4.5 SMMLV	\$7.879.072
81 to 90 visas	5 SMMLV	\$8.754.525
91 to 100 visas	5.5 SMMLV	\$9.629.977
Over 100 visas	5.5 SMMLV	\$9.629.977

2.1 How to Access the Application Platform

1. Access the application platform through the following [link](#).
2. Sign in to your account with your username and password.
3. Select the type of request, in this case **Courtesy Visa Type V Procedure**.

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Convocatorias

 Abiertas
  Cerradas

Editar registro inicial

Buscar...

-  Requerimientos - Carta de Invitación - 2025 ▼
-  Requerimientos - Trámite de visa tipo 'V' de cortesía - 2025 ▼
-  Requerimientos - Certificación de obra audiovisual extranjera - 2025 ▼
-  Requerimientos - Trámites aduaneros - 2025 ▼
-  Requerimientos - Concepto Proimágenes - 2025 ▼

4. Go to the 'Personal' tab, click the (+) button, and enter the information for each individual applying for a visa. Once you complete the form, select 'Add' to proceed to the next person. After adding all individuals, remember to **save** your entries before continuing to the next section.

¿Al momento de realizar esta solicitud usted se encuentra POR FUERA de Colombia? / Are you located OUTSIDE of Colombia at the time of this application? *

SI, ME ENCUENTRO FUERA DE COLOMBIA. / YES, I AM OUTSIDE OF COLOMBIA.
 NO, ME ENCUENTRO EN COLOMBIA. / NO, I AM IN COLOMBIA.

Consulado

Si requiere que la Visa sea estampada previamente en el pasaporte, debe solicitarse directamente en el Consulado más cercano. Tenga en cuenta los tiempos internos de cada Consulado para tener a tiempo su pasaporte con la Visa estampada. / If you require the visa to be pre-stamped in your passport, you must apply directly to the nearest Consulate. Please be aware that this process requires more time and it depends on the internal times of each consulate.

Si esta visa se va a solicitar en consulado por favor especificar en cuál. / If this visa is to be applied for at a consulate, please specify which one.

N/A

Agregar
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- In the “application” tab, fill in the project information (name, type of project, number of visas to apply for).
- In the ‘Documents’ tab, upload each of the required files in **PDF** format (with the exception of the personnel list).

Personal documents such as passport, photo, medical insurance, and entry stamp must be uploaded for each foreign national

✓	20 mar 2025	* Foto / Photo		⊖
✓	04 dic 2024	* Pasaporte / Pasaporte	👁	⊖
✓	04 dic 2024	* Póliza de seguro médico / Health insurance	👁	⊖
✓	17 ene 2025	* Sellos de entrada al país. / Entry stamp	👁	⊖
✓	04 dic 2024	* Certificado de Obra Audiovisual Extranjera	👁	⊖

Example:

Documentos|Documents



Foto / Photo

Foto a color sobre fondo blanco, de 4 cm de alto por 3 cm de ancho, en JPG y no mayor a 300 KB. Debe estar mirando a la cámara y la cabeza debe estar centrada y completa, no se permite que el cabello u otros accesorios cubran la cara / Color photo on white background, 4 cm high by 3 cm wide, in JPG and no larger than 300 KB. It must be facing the camera and the head must be centered and complete.

[Foto_JuanPerez.jpg](#) ⊖

[Foto_CamilaSuarez.jpg](#) ⊖

[Foto_MichaelGarcia.jpg](#) ⊖

Arrastra y suelta el archivo AQUÍ
o selecciónalo desde tu computador.

[← Volver a la lista de documentos](#)

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7. Once all information has been uploaded to the platform, you may proceed to **submit your application**.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPLOADING DOCUMENTS:

1. Recent color **photograph** on a white background, measuring 4 × 3 cm. The applicant must face the camera with their head centered and fully visible. Both eyes must be open, and ears must be visible. Ensure there is no glare, and hair or accessories do not cover the face. The image must be in **JPG** format and not exceed **300 KB**. Do not use a photo from a previous visa.
2. Copy of the main page of a valid passport showing the holder's personal details, along with blank visa pages. The document must be scanned in **PDF** format and must not exceed **1 MB**.*
3. If you are already in Colombia, provide a copy of the entire passport page containing your **most recent entry stamp**. The document must be in **PDF** format and must not exceed **1 MB**.
4. If you live in a country other than your country of nationality and do not have the nationality of that country, you must provide a copy of the document that proves your legal stay in your country of residence. The document must be in **PDF** format and must not exceed **1 MB**.
5. If you have previously had a Colombian visa, you must provide a copy of it in PDF format, and it must not exceed 1 MB.
6. Certification issued by the Ministry of Culture or the Proimágenes Film Commission, as applicable:
 - For cinematographic works:** a filming authorization resolution issued by the Ministry of Culture.
 - For audiovisual works other than cinematographic works:** a certification of foreign audiovisual work issued by the Proimágenes Film Commission. The document must be in **PDF** format.
7. **Health insurance** proving medical coverage, at least for the duration of their stay in the country, **for each foreign national** entering the national territory.
 - Please note that if the medical insurance policy is valid for a period shorter than the entry and exit dates indicated in the Excel list, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will use the validity dates of the medical insurance policy when issuing the visa. (Resolution 6045 of 2017, Article 42, Paragraphs 1 and 3).

*Your passport must be valid for at least the duration of your stay in the country. Your visa may be REQUIRED, DENIED, or REFUSED if your passport expires during your stay in Colombia.

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1. **Signed visa application** addressed to the Proimágenes Film Commission, completed and signed by the producer responsible for the audiovisual project or by a person who can demonstrate that they have the necessary authority to act on their behalf. **(Download the form from the application platform.)**
 - The file must be in **PDF** format.
2. **Excel list of foreign nationals** who will enter the country for the purposes of the audiovisual project **(download the form from the application platform and add the rows you need).**
 - The names listed in the Excel form must match the names listed in the filming permit issued by DACMI or in the foreign audiovisual work certification issued by Proimágenes Comisión Fílmica.

Documentos|Documents

Por favor, asegúrese de que los documentos personales que adjunte estén correctamente nombrados para facilitar su identificación. El sistema le permitirá cargar documentos con un peso máximo de **20MB**.

El formato que debe utilizar para nombrar cada archivo es el siguiente: Tipo de documento + Nombre y apellido del extranjero. Ej: **Pasaporte_Juan_Pérez.pdf**

Enviado	Documento	Formato
28 oct 2024	* Solicitud firmada / Signed Request	 
28 oct 2024	* Listado personal extranjero / List of the foreign persons entering the country	 

3. For individuals or legal entities residing in Colombia, a copy of the applicant's Tax Identification Number (**RUT**). For foreign individuals or legal entities, provide the following information:
 - Full name/Company name
 - Identification number
 - Email
 - Address
 - Phone number
 - City, state, and country.
4. Proof of payment to the **Bancolombia Bank account No. 031-165942-73** under the name of Fondo Mixto de Promoción Cinematográfica, Proimágenes Colombia, **NIT. 830.046.582-4. (Please review the cost table above.)**
5. If this application for courtesy V visas is for a film production (**feature film or short film**), please attach the document issued by the Directorate of Audiovisual, Film, and Interactive Media (DACMI) of the Ministry of Culture ([filming authorization resolution](#)).

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Please verify the arrival and departure dates of your staff, as these will be used as the visa validity dates. If specific dates are not provided for each member of the foreign crew, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will use the filming dates as the visa validity dates.

Important Considerations:

1. If your visa is about to expire, please note that Resolution 5488 of July 22, 2022, Article 111, allows you to remain in the country for an additional 30 calendar days to resolve your immigration issue, i.e., obtain a safe-conduct pass, apply for a new visa, or leave the country. Also, keep in mind that during this additional time, you cannot work until you have your new permit.
2. Please pay close attention to the validity of the visas issued to foreign staff. It is extremely important that foreign personnel do **NOT** remain in Colombia without authorization, as this may result in immigration issues and fines.
3. Please note the validity period of the permit for other activities (POA). It is very important that foreign personnel do **NOT** remain in Colombia with an expired POA. This leads to immigration problems and fines. To avoid them, make sure you have a valid POA for your entire stay in the country. If you need to extend your stay in the country beyond the 90 days granted in the POA, you can apply (while in Colombia) for a courtesy V visa. However, this procedure must be completed 30 days prior to the expiration of the POA.
4. Please note that if any foreign staff member entering the country holds two valid passports, they must enter Colombia using the passport that contains the visa. Failure to do so may result in immigration issues when departing the country.
5. The accuracy of all information provided by the applicant to Proimágenes is the sole responsibility of the applicant. In other words, the applicant is responsible for the foreign personnel and must be aware of all matters related to them.
6. Once foreign personnel enter the country, it is the applicant's responsibility to be aware of the type of entry they were granted upon entering Colombia. If any inconsistencies are identified, please consult the relevant authorities promptly to resolve the issue.
7. Since the stay will exceed **90 days**, you must apply for a foreigner ID card (Cédula de Extranjería) with Migración Colombia.
8. The authorization, approval, Proimágenes opinion, or, if applicable, denial will be communicated to the applicant within a maximum of ten **(10) business days** after all requirements have been fulfilled.
9. Please note that if the shooting dates change, affecting the entry and/or exit dates from the country, the visa cannot be modified. In such cases, you must apply for a new visa with the updated dates, along with an adjustment to the shooting resolution issued by DACMI, or a new Foreign Audiovisual Work Certification issued by Proimágenes Colombia – Comisión Fílmica Colombia.

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10. Kindly be aware that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs uses the dates indicated in the filming resolution issued by DACMI or in the Foreign Audiovisual Work Certification issued by Proimágenes as the visa validity period. If your filming is extended and you need to apply for new visas for the revised period, you must request an updated filming resolution or Foreign Audiovisual Work Certification.
11. If your visa is nearing its expiration date and you need to apply for a new one, you will not be required to make an additional payment for the foreign audiovisual work certifications associated with your new application. Please remember that both the request for these certifications and the submission of your new visa application must be completed **before your current visa expires**. Note that the deadline for submitting your visa application is **15 business days prior to the expiration date**; after this deadline, new visa applications will no longer be accepted, and you will be responsible for completing the process on your own.
12. The visa application process can be carried out directly by the visa applicant or by someone authorized to do so on their behalf. This must be done through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' visa application platform. There is no cost for this procedure, as it is a courtesy visa. It is recommended that the Colombian production services company, or whoever acts on its behalf, apply for the visa for foreign personnel in order to minimize errors and delays in the process.
13. Kindly note that visa issuance depends on the internal processing times of the nearest Ministry of Foreign Affairs or consulate. If you apply for a visa at a consulate, inform Proimágenes Colombia – Colombian Film Commission.