

CHAPTER IX

WORK VISA



FOREIGNERS AND MIGRATION SERVICES

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ARTICLE 126 (OBJECTIVE)

The work visa allows an individual to perform his/her professional activity, which caused concession of the visa, and enables the visa holder to work exclusively for the employing/contracting entity who requested the visa (item 3, Article 51, Law #2/07, August 31).

ARTICLE 127 (VALIDITY)

1. The work visa enables the individual to remain in Angolan territory up to the term of the individual work contract, which may not exceed 36 months, according to Angolan legislation (article 11, Decree 6/01, January 19). The employer must request the renewal of the individual's visa every 12 months, under penalty of violation of the article 102, Law #2/07, August 31.

2. The work visa is valid for multiple entries into Angolan territory, it does not allow for permanent residence, and the individual's passport must be valid for at least 6 months over the period of time authorized for permanence in the visa (paragraph a), item 1, article 13 of the same Law).

ARTICLE 128 (USE)

The work visa must be used within 60 days after it has been granted, after which visa will be deemed invalid.

ARTICLE 129 (TYPE OF WORK VISA)

Work visa categories are as follows: A, B, C, D, E and F. They are classified according to the type of activity to be performed (article 52, Law #2/07, August 31).

ARTICLE 130 (DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR A VISA)

1. The Work Visa request must be submitted along with the following documents [for the following activities]:

1.1 Performance of a professional activity which falls within the scope of national reconstruction:

- a) Letter from the contracting entity to the Diplomatic and Consular Mission of Angola, with a copy to the Foreigners and Migration Services, requesting the visa and showing the following data for the Applicant:
- Full name;
 - Nationality;
 - Name of parents;
 - Date of birth;
 - Number and validity of passport;
 - Profession and job that the individual will be performing.
- b) Fully completed form (capital letters or typewritten) in black ink and signed by visa Applicant or applicant;
- c) Copies of passport's main pages, as well as those pages containing information on travel history, etc.
- d) Three current, color, passport-type pictures.

1.2 Performance of professional activity in the oil and mining industries:

- a) Letter from the contracting entity to the Diplomatic and Consular Mission of Angola, with a copy to the Foreigners and Migration Services, requesting the visa and showing the following data for the Applicant:
- Full name;
 - Nationality;
 - Name of parents;
 - Date of birth;
 - Number and validity of passport;
 - Profession and job the individual will be performing.
- b) Opinion issued by the competent Ministry;
- c) Fully completed form (in capital letters or typewritten) in black ink and signed by visa requestor or applicant;
- d) Copies of passport's main pages, as well as those pages containing information on travel history, etc.
- e) Three current, color, passport-type pictures.
- f) Work contract or secondment document;
- g) Diploma/Certificate of academic and/or professional skills translated into Portuguese, certified by notary and by the Diplomatic and Consular Mission of Angola;

- h) Criminal record letter or certificate issued by the Authorities of the country where applicant resides, translated into Portuguese and authenticated by the Diplomatic and Consular Mission of Angola;
- i) Declaration by which applicant promises to abide by the laws of the Republic of Angola;
- j) Medical certificate issued by the country of origin.

1.3 Performance of professional activity in any other industry not included in the above items [1.1 & 1.2]

- a) Letter from the contracting entity to the Diplomatic and Consular Mission of Angola;
- b) Fully completed form (in capital letters or typewritten) in black ink and signed by visa requestor or applicant;
- c) Declaration by which applicant promises to abide by the laws of the Republic of Angola;
- d) Work contract or contract-of-intent-to-work;
- e) Diploma/Certificate of academic and/or professional skills translated into Portuguese, certified by notary and by the Diplomatic and Consular Mission of Angola;
- f) *Curriculum Vitae* translated into Portuguese and certified;
- g) Criminal record letter or certificate issued by the Authorities of the country of habitual residence or country of origin of the applicant, translated into Portuguese and authenticated by the Diplomatic and Consular Mission of Angola;
- h) Medical certificate issued by the country of origin.
- i) Opinion from the Public Administration, Labor and Social Security Ministry (*Ministério da Administração Pública, Emprego e Segurança Social*) in case that applicant is being sponsored by government institutions or companies or, in the case of private institutions or companies, the Opinion from the Ministry governing the specific sector involved.
- j) Three current, color, passport-type pictures.
- l) Copies of passport's main pages, as well as those pages containing information on travel history, etc.
- m) Photocopy of the [Sponsor's] institution's or company's formation official authorization/registration [published in the *Diário da República*]¹;
- n) Photocopy of the economic activity license;
- o) Certificate of good standing showing payment of all fiscal obligations

¹ or country's official Diary