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#### **INTRODUCTION**

#### I. IMMIGRATION LAW

### 1.1. Engagement letter must be filed with the temporary license issued by the corresponding Professional Councils

According to Decree 834 of 2013, the engagement letter shall be filed with the temporary license, legal concept or degree validation to demonstrate that the foreign national is qualified to exercise regulated professions in the country.

# 1.2. Resident visa for foreigners who have renounced Colombian nationality

Resident visas issued to Colombian nationals who have renounced to their nationality shall be issued for an indefinite term.

#### 1.3. Technical Visitor Visa TP-13

Visa designed for foreigners who wish to enter the country in order to provide specialized technical assistance, with or without contract.

1.4. Post it: Regularization process before Migración Colombia will be done through a previous appointment.

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#### **DEVELOPMENTS**

#### I. IMMIGRATION LAW

## 1.1. Engagement letter must be filed with the temporary license issued by the corresponding Professional Councils

According to Article 40 of Decree 834 of 2013, any natural or legal person that links, hires, employs or admits a foreigner by any way or relationship that creates a benefit-especially labor- or civil union must report in written to the Special Administrative Unite Migration Colombia, on its link, recruitment or admission, within fifteen (15) calendar days following the initiation of the work or activity.

At this point the foreign national must have a valid visa, Colombian identification and an authorization that allows him/her to exercise its profession within the country.

In conclusion, in order to notify the link or relationship between a foreign national and a company located in Colombia, this last (company) must attach a copy of the temporary license, legal concept or degree validation resolution to show that the foreign national is dully authorized by the corresponding professional council or Ministry of Education to practice his/her profession.

## 1.2. Resident visa for foreigners who have renounced to their Colombian nationality

In accordance with Law 43 of 1993, when the alien having been Colombian by adoption or by birth, has renounced to the Colombian nationality may choose to issue the RE resident visa.

As an exception this RE has an indefinite validity, contrary to the rest of RE which have a fix term validity of five (5) years.

However, in practice the system of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is been updated as nowadays they can only issue visa for the maximum term of five years, independently

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which type of RE visa the alien is requesting.

#### 1.3. Technical Visitor Visa TP-13

With the issuance of Decree 834 of 2013 was devoted to those foreigners who enter the country in order to provide specialized technical assistance, with or without an employment contract, must apply for a visitor visa technical TP-13.

The validity of this visa can be until one hundred eighty (180) days, with multiple entries and permanence or foreign holder may be for the total force.

As a special requirement of the application, must be attached a letter of responsibility from the Colombian company justifying the urgency of the requested service, accompanied by sufficient information to verify the existence and legal representation of the company, with the electronic information of the respective passages output country.

## 1.4. Post it: Regularization process in "Migracion Colombia" will be done by appointment.



In this edition we remind our clients that the regularization procedure before Migración Colombia in Bogota has to be done through an appointment previously requested. In other cities this (appointment) will not be an essential requirement.

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