

## Agreements of National Migration Authority No. 3-2019 and 4-2019

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On March 21, 2019, the following National Migration Authority Agreements were published in National Gazette:

- a. **Number 3-2019** that contains the Regulation of Guatemalan Visas; and,
- b. **Number 4-2019** that contains the Regulation of Guatemalan Residences.

Both Regulations will become effective on April 20 of 2019 and include the following provisions:

1. The procedure for granting Guatemalan visas and residences.
2. A distinction is made between two types of Guatemalan Visas: (i) Simple Visas (valid for one entry and one exit from Guatemalan territory); and (ii) Multiple Visas (valid for entering and leaving the country for an indefinite number of times for a specific period of time).
3. Various types of Guatemalan visas issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are listed according to special status of the foreigner: the Diplomatic Visa and the Official Visa. Both are extended in favor of foreigners who meet certain profile and members of their family.
4. Procedures that must be followed by foreigners who wish to remain in Guatemalan territory and be recognized as residents of the Republic of Guatemala are included.
5. Detail of the general and specific requirements to qualify for a temporary residence depend on the activity that the foreigner performs in the country:
  - a) migrant workers;
  - b) students;
  - c) athletes or artists;
  - d) investors;
  - e) intellectuals, researchers and scientists;
  - f) cult or religious ministers.
6. The requirements to qualify for a temporary residence as refugees or political asylees.
7. The Regulation of Guatemalan Residences includes the migratory status of permanent residence and the criteria to apply for it, including requirements and to obtain permanent residence as a rentier or pensioner.

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