



Paraguay Residency Document *Checklist*

Everything to gather for ordinary temporary residency in Paraguay. Each item is needed once; tick it off as you go.

1 Issued in your home country

☐ Birth certificate

☐ Criminal record certificate

National or federal level, from the country where you have lived for the last 3 years. If that is not your home country, bring that country's certificate plus a document proving you lived there. Mexican citizens, and anyone who lived in Mexico for more than a year in that period, need both the federal and the state certificate ([Res. DNM 1272/2024, Art. 1](#)).

☐ Marriage certificate, if applicable

If you are divorced, the divorce decree; if you are widowed, your spouse's death certificate.

2 Obtained in Paraguay

☐ INTERPOL certificate

Issued by the Policía Nacional (Cnel. Gracia 468, Asunción). Fingerprints are taken in person; allow up to a week.

☐ Certificado de Antecedentes para Extranjeros

Issued by the Departamento de Informática of the Policía Nacional, not by Migraciones. Required from age 14. You need an authenticated copy of your passport to get it.

☐ Sworn statements (declaraciones juradas)

You sign them at the Migraciones office when you apply. Nothing to prepare in advance.

3 Identity and entry

☐ Valid passport

Or the national ID you entered with.

☐ Entry record

The entry stamp in your passport or, if you entered with a regional ID such as a Brazilian cédula or Argentine DNI, the entry receipt you got at the border.

☐ Consular visa, only if your nationality needs one

Obtained before you travel and verified by the Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores. Check whether yours does.

4 May be requested case by case

☐ Any other document Migraciones considers necessary

For example, if you were born outside the country whose passport you hold, your naturalization certificate from that country (this is about your foreign citizenship, not Paraguayan).

Where to file: Migraciones head office, Caballero 201 corner of Eligio Ayala, Asunción. Monday to Friday, 07:00 to 14:30, first come, first served. Confirm the hours before you go.

Before you file

These rules apply to every foreign document on your list.

☐ Apostille or legalization

Documents from Hague Convention countries need an apostille. Documents from countries outside the Convention are legalized instead: first at the Paraguayan consulate in the issuing country, then at the Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores in Asunción. You can check your country on the [HCCH status table](#). Membership alone is not always enough: the Convention applies between Paraguay and another member only if that country did not object to Paraguay joining (Apostille Convention, Art. 12).

☐ Sworn translation into Spanish

If the document is not in Spanish. Two options ([Ley 6984/2022, Art. 50](#)): a public translator registered (matriculado) in Paraguay, or a public translator authorized in the country where they work, in which case the translation itself must be apostilled or legalized. Our strong recommendation: whenever the Supreme Court register has a sworn translator for your document's language, have the translation done in Paraguay. A translation from abroad is best kept for languages with no registered translator.

Two more routes Migraciones accepts (Res. DNM 754/2024, Annex I, Art. 6):

- **Through another language:** a translation into a language other than Spanish, made abroad and legalized or apostilled, then translated into Spanish in Paraguay. This route is accepted only when the Corte Suprema de Justicia's register has no traductor público matriculado for the language of the original document.
- **By your country's authority:** a Spanish translation made by the competent authority of your country based in Paraguay, or accredited to Paraguay from another country, legalized by the Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores.

Neither route replaces the two options above. The "no registered translator" condition applies only to the route through another language, not to a translation made abroad directly into Spanish.

Good news: documents in Portuguese issued by Brazil do not need a Spanish translation ([Migraciones checklist](#)). The apostille is still required. Migraciones can still ask for a translation if a document is unclear, and other Brazilian documents, such as income proofs for permanent residency, may need one.

☐ Notarized copies

Notary-authenticated (escribanía) copies of each document with its full chain, for example the birth certificate, its apostille and its translation. Add your passport photo page and your entry stamp, or the entry receipt if you entered with a regional ID.

☐ Validity

Foreign documents must still be valid when you file. If your criminal record certificate states no validity period, Migraciones counts it as valid for 6 months from its date of issue (Res. DNM 754/2024, Annex I, Art. 4.1).

Common mistakes

- ◆ **Showing up with only the originals.** Have the notarized copies made at an escribanía before you go. Migraciones also requires them to give your originals back.
- ◆ **Assuming any certified translator will do.** Accepted: a traductor público matriculado in Paraguay; a public translator authorized in the country where they work, with the translation apostilled or legalized; or one of the two narrower routes under Sworn translation above (through another language, only when the Corte Suprema de Justicia's register has no traductor público matriculado for the language of the document; or a translation by the competent authority of your country, legalized by the Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores).
- ◆ **Letting a foreign document expire before you file.** Check the dates on everything before you go.
- ◆ **Planning to send someone in your place.** The Migraciones process is personal and in person.

Good to know

Ordinary temporary residency **does not require proof of economic solvency**. Permanent residency does: Resolution DNM 407/2026 of 28 May 2026, which applies to applications filed from 6 July 2026, asks you to prove it through one of 12 official categories.

If this applies to you

Children (0 to 17): both parents sign the application, and at least one parent must already hold Paraguayan residency or apply in the same act. If only one parent is present, you need a court order or a notarized authorization from the absent parent. No foreign criminal record under 14; from age 14 it is required, unless the teen (aged 14 to 18) qualifies for the exemption when their country does not issue one at that age ([Res. DNM 858/2024](#), Arts. 1 and 2).

Questions about your case?

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