



REQUIREMENTS FOR GALAPAGOS ENTRY PERMITS

Galapagos is a special province of Ecuador governed by a special law. The Consejo de Gobierno de Galápagos is the government office that controls immigration to the Islands, the Department of Immigration of Ecuador controls immigration to the country. Each has its own requirements.

Any visitor coming to Galapagos to work or to develop professional activities, must enter Galapagos under the appropriate category as described below. The CDF, as a Galapagos-established organization, provides the appropriate support to achieve the right category for its beneficiaries. Visitors of Galapagos under the tourist category, are not allowed to work or carry out professional activities.

The categories for Galapagos are:

1. **“Certificado de transeúnte”**: The Consejo de Gobierno de Galápagos allows a 90-day stay per year in Galapagos. An extension of 90 additional days may be obtained upon request, which must be submitted before the expiration of the current transeúnte.
2. **Temporary residency**: For visitors who intend to stay in Galápagos more than 180 days per year to work or carry out professional activities. To be eligible for temporary residency in Galapagos, the visitor must have the appropriate visa for Ecuador.

CERTIFICADO DE TRANSEÚNTE

A visa for Ecuador is not required to obtain Galapagos transeúnte certificates. Visitors are granted a 90-day tourist visa at arrival to the country.

Requirements:

1. Scanned copy of the participant’s passport (clear copy pdf preferable, include page with signature, no pictures with fingers)
2. Copy of original university degree
3. Simple Spanish translation of university degree
4. Copy of the research permit issued by the GNPD that includes the participant
5. Exact dates of entry and departure from Galapagos
6. A list of 3-4 activities to be undertaken by the participant as part of the project
7. A cooperation agreement to be prepared by CDF’s Visiting Scientist Program staff and that will be sent to the participant for signature
8. CDF’s service fee to process a transeúnte certificate is \$100 per participant

The above requirements should be submitted to the Consejo de Gobierno’s system at least ten days prior to the intended date of arrival. The system rejects any submission with faults in the requirements. Bureaucratic response times are unpredictable, the certificate may be issued quickly or the day before the visitor’s travel date.



TEMPORARY RESIDENCY

1. Visa for Ecuador (CDF recommends the NGO visa or “visa por convenio para organizaciones no gubernamentales”).
2. Scanned copy of the participant’s passport (clear copy pdf preferable, include page with signature, no pictures with fingers)
3. Copy of original university degree
4. Simple Spanish translation of university degree
5. A copy of the research permit issued by the GNPD that includes the participant
6. Exact dates of entry and departure from Galapagos
7. A list of 3-4 activities to be undertaken by the participant
8. A cooperation agreement prepared by CDF’s Visiting Scientist Program staff will be sent to the participant for his/her signature
9. CDF’s service fee for visa process is \$150

The above requirements should be submitted to the Consejo de Gobierno’s system at least two weeks prior to the intended date of arrival. The certificate (not the temporary residency) has an expiration date, the visitor prepares for an online exam and subsequently obtains the temporary residency card. The card’s fee of \$43 must be paid at the bank.

For clarification or additional information of any of the above, please contact Marta Romoleroux, Visiting Scientists Program Coordinator at cientificos@fcdarwin.org.ec

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