

# APPLICATION GUIDE FOR THE BRAZILIAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL STUDENTS (PEC-G)

## Application process is open for PEC-G 2027

### I - About the Program

The Brazilian Exchange Program for Undergraduate Level Students (*Programa de Estudante-Convênio de Graduação* - PEC-G – acronym in Portuguese) offers foreign students free admission placements in undergraduate degree programs of study in Brazil. There are placements in courses in all areas of knowledge, with no fees or entrance exams.

The PEC-G is a modality of the Brazilian Exchange Program (PEC), an official program of the Brazilian government.

The PEC-G, officially created in 1965, offers foreign students the opportunity to carry out their undergraduate studies in Brazilian Higher Education Institutions (HEI). The program aims to contribute to the internationalization of the participating institutions and to the diffusion of Brazilian perspectives around the world.

The PEC-G is managed jointly by the Ministry of External Relations (MRE) of Brazil, through its Educational Cooperation Division (DCE), and by the Ministry of Education (MEC) of Brazil, in partnership with institutions of higher education throughout the country.

The objective of the program is to strengthen ties with friendly nations, cooperate in the training of human resources in the participating countries, contribute to the internationalization of Brazilian higher education and expand the cultural horizons of Brazilian students.

The decree 11.923/2024, published on February 15, 2024 created the Brazilian Exchange Program for Students of Portuguese as a Foreign Language (PEC-PLE), a modality of PEC, which now ensures that students who are in Brazil taking the preparatory course for the Certificate of Proficiency in the Portuguese Language for Foreigners (CELPE-BRAS) exam are granted equal access, as other students, to university assistance services and programs.

According to Decree 11.923/2024, Art. 2, the modalities of **PEC** are:

- **the Brazilian Exchange Program for Undergraduate Level Students (PEC-G);**
- **the Brazilian Exchange Program for Postgraduate Level Students (PEC-PG);**
- **the Brazilian Exchange Program for Students of Portuguese as a Foreign Language and Brazilian culture (PEC-PLE).**

## **II - Benefits**

PEC-G students are entitled to:

- A tuition-free placement in a full-time undergraduate degree course;
- Medical, dental and pharmaceutical assistance through the Unified Health System of Brazil (SUS) although the students' financial sponsors are encouraged to acquire complementary health insurance plans for the students;
- The receipt of their final academic documents (diploma, course outlines and transcripts) legalized or apostilled free of charge, at the Brazilian embassy or consulate where the student applied for the PEC-G;
- In some cases, grants and financial aid from MEC, MRE and the HEI. Grants and financial aid are not guaranteed.

## **III - Conditions for participating in the PEC-G**

- Foreign nationals may apply for the 2026 Selection Process for PEC-G and PEC-PLE (enrolment in 2027) if they:
  - a) do not hold dual Brazilian citizenship or have the right to Brazilian citizenship as of the application date;
  - b) are nationals of a PEC participating country, reside abroad, and do not hold any type of visa or residence permit for Brazil, except for a tourist visa;
  - c) are at least 18 years of age by January 1, 2027;
  - d) submit a Financial Responsibility Agreement signed by a financial guarantor who guarantees at least US\$300 per month for the coverage of their accommodation and living expenses in Brazil throughout the entire period of study;
  - e) sign a Commitment Agreement Form in which they agree to comply with the Program's rules;
  - f) provide proof of completion of a level equivalent to high school in a country other than Brazil and proof of at least 60% global average of subjects from the high school transcript and at least 60% in the global average of the student's language of origin subject, for e.g. English Language for Jamaicans, and French and, or Philosophie for Haitians.

Applicants who complete the equivalent of high school by the end of 2026 may apply and must submit the corresponding certificate upon enrolment at the Brazilian higher education institution, if selected.

  - g) in the case of applicants who wish to apply exclusively to the PEC-G for admission to an undergraduate program in 2027, submit, by the date specified in the calendar for this selection process, the CELPE-BRAS certificate, or a certificate of Intermediate level in a Portuguese language course taught by a unit of the Guimarães Rosa Institute (IGR) network.

- Applicants who, throughout their entire high school education, took Portuguese language courses as an official language, but do not hold a CELPE-BRAS certificate or an intermediate-level certificate from a Portuguese language course offered by a local branch of the Instituto Guimarães Rosa (IGR) network must have an overall average in the Portuguese language course in secondary school equal to or greater than 65% (sixty-five percent), except in the case of candidates who have completed high school or an equivalent level in Timor-Leste or Equatorial Guinea.
- Brazilian citizens, including those with dual citizenship, are ineligible to participate, as are applicants whose parent is Brazilian.
- The application of candidates selected in previous PECG selection processes who failed to complete their initial registration at the HEI without justification is prohibited, as is that of students who have previously been dismissed from the Program and of candidates who have been disqualified in previous selection processes due to evidence of fraud or falsification in the documentation submitted.

#### **IV - Conditions for participating in the PEC-PLE**

- Candidates who have not taken, throughout their entire high school education, a course in Portuguese as an official language and who do not possess the CELPE-BRAS certificate, or a certificate of intermediate level in a Portuguese language course taught by a unit of the Guimarães Rosa Institute (IGR) network must apply for both the PEC-PLE and the PEC-G simultaneously and, if selected, must take the CELPE-BRAS exam in Brazil, optionally in the first semester of 2027, and mandatorily in the second semester of 2027, after completing the course in Portuguese as a Foreign Language and Brazilian Culture at a higher education institution to be designated under the PEC-PLE program.
- Candidates selected for the PEC-PLE who pass the CELPE-BRAS exam administered in the second half of 2026 may be exempted from taking the course in Portuguese as a foreign language and Brazilian culture and from taking the CELPE-BRAS exam in Brazil. In this case, they may enter the PEC-G in 2027, provided there is sufficient time for enrolment, remaining vacancies available within the 2026 Selection Process, and approval from the respective HEI. If it is not possible to enter the PEC-G in 2027, the candidate may be assigned to an undergraduate program with admission in 2028.
- If a student fails to pass the CELPE-BRAS exam administered in the first or second semester of 2027, the higher education institution where the PEC-PLE was taken may authorize students in this program to take the exam in 2028, provided that it promptly notifies the Ministry of Education (MEC) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MRE) of this decision.
- A PEC-PLE student who passes the CELPE-BRAS exam administered in the first semester of 2028, as authorized by the PEC-PLE institution, may be admitted to an undergraduate program beginning in the second semester of 2028, provided there is sufficient time to complete enrolment, a spot is available, and the respective institution agrees.

- The institution of higher education where the PEC-PLE is offered may determine the maximum number of times a PEC-PLE student may take the CELPE-BRAS exam before being permanently removed from the program.
- PEC-PLE students who do not pass the proficiency exam after the maximum number of attempts allowed by their institution will be removed from the Program and will not be eligible to join the PEC-G or apply again for spots in the Program.

## V - Application Process

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<https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/cultura-e-educacao/temas-educacionais/programas-de-estudo-para-estrangeiros/pec-g/EDITALN22DE25DEMARODE2026.pdf>

Up to 1,400 (one thousand four hundred) candidates will be selected from countries participating in the Program, for Applications, to enrol in in-person Portuguese language courses and undergraduate programs at Brazilian higher education institutions offering spots in this Selection Process, distributed as follows:

- a) Concurrent spots for PEC-PLE (2027) and PEC-G (2028): up to 700 (seven hundred) spots.
- b) Exclusive spots for PEC-G (enrolment in 2027): up to 700 (seven hundred) spots (i.e. for students who already have the CELPE-BRAS).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil will determine the limit of applications for selection per country.

Registration for the 2026 PEC-G and PEC-PLE Selection Process (for admission in 2027) is free of charge and must be completed at one of the Brazilian diplomatic or consular missions in a country participating in the Program.

Exceptionally, due to the current security situation in Haiti, applications will not be accepted at the Embassy of Brazil in Port-au-Prince; however, Haitian citizens may apply at Embassies/Consulates in other countries participating in the Program, including the Embassy of Brazil in Kingston.

Applicants of other nationalities from participating countries may also submit their applications at the Embassy of Brazil in Kingston, and likewise Jamaicans may submit their applications at the Embassy of Brazil in Kingston or at any other Brazilian foreign mission in participating countries. List of participating countries are available via: <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/cultura-e-educacao/temas-educacionais/programas-de-estudo-para-estrangeiros/pec-g/sobre#pais>

## Calendar

- 31/03/2026 - Announcement of the Call for Applications and the link to the online pre-registration form.
- **31/03 – 09/05/2026 - Period for candidates to complete and submit the pre-registration form**

- 02/06/2026 - Announcement of shortlisted candidates
- **02/06 – 30/06/2026 – Call Period for shortlisted candidates to submit their documentation to the Embassy**
- 04/08 – 06/08/2026 – Meeting of the Selection Committee in Brazil
- Starting 14/09/2026 - Announcement of selected candidates in the first round and waiting list placements
- 14/09 – 28/09/2026 - Registration of placements for those selected in the first Round
- Starting 13/10/2026 - Announcement of the candidates selected in the first round whose confirmations have been registered
- Starting 26/10/2026 - Announcement of those selected in the second round, if applicable
- Starting 16/11/2026 - Announcement of those selected in the third round, if applicable
- Starting Jan/2027 – Enrolment at Brazilian HEIs and start of courses in Portuguese as a foreign language and Brazilian culture for those selected for the PEC-PLE and PEC-G programs.
- Starting Jan/2028 - Enrolment and start of undergraduate programs for candidates selected through this Call for Applications who have taken the PEC-PLE in Brazil and obtained certification through CELPE-BRAS 2027.

## Steps to Apply

1. PRE-APPLICATION: Interested parties who meet the requirements must complete and submit the online pre-registration form, available at the link: <https://pec.mec.gov.br/pre-inscricao-candidato/iniciar-inscricao>
  - **When completing the pre-application form, applicants must:**
    - a) **complete all mandatory fields correctly;**
    - b) **select the country and Embassy/Consulate where they wish to register;**
    - c) **provide an email address that they should check regularly and a telephone number through which they can be contacted by the Embassy/Consulate where they wish to apply and by the higher education institutions (HEIs), should they be selected;**
    - d) **state their overall average grade from secondary school or equivalent level, calculated as the simple arithmetic mean of the marks for all subjects taken up to the date of this pre-registration; and**
    - e) **attach a legible, scanned copy of your full secondary school transcript or equivalent qualification, listing all subjects studied and all grades obtained, accompanied by a simple translation into Portuguese, English, French or Spanish, should the transcript not be in one of these languages.**
  - ✓ Your academic transcript and, where applicable, its translation, must be attached as a single PDF file, no larger than 10 MB, and of sufficient quality to ensure the document is fully legible.
  - ✓ The academic transcript must bear the signatures and stamps or electronic validation code of the issuing institution, or be authenticated by the competent

authority of the country in which the document was issued, or bear any other form of legalisation required by the Embassy/Consulate where the candidate intends to apply.

- ✓ The Embassy of Brazil in Kingston requires that the high school transcripts (Relevé de Notes) from Haitian applicants be authenticated by the relevant Haitian government entity.
- ✓ Candidates from Jamaica may submit transcripts that have been sealed or sent to the Embassy by envelope or by email to [cultural.kingston@itamaraty.gov.br](mailto:cultural.kingston@itamaraty.gov.br). The candidates may explain to their high schools that the transcripts may be sent by e-mail to the Embassy or by sealed envelope **before or by May 9, 2026, which would then be shared with the students by this Embassy so that they can upload their high school transcripts and submit the pre-application form. In other words, it is therefore important to ensure that if the school does not provide to the candidate the sealed transcript in hand, but prefers to send it directly to the Embassy, then the candidate must contact the Embassy so that the transcript can be shared with her/him and uploaded by her/him to the pre-application form, by the deadline stipulated.**
- ✓ Address of the Embassy of Brazil in Kingston, Jamaica  
23 Millsborough Crescent,  
Kingston 6  
Email: [cultural.kingston@itamaraty.gov.br](mailto:cultural.kingston@itamaraty.gov.br)  
Tel: 8766182970/1
- In the case of duplicate pre-registrations for the same candidate, only the latest pre-registration form submitted will be considered valid.
- Pre-registration is a preliminary stage of the selection process and does not imply automatic acceptance of the application. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to the next stage.
- It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to monitor the status of their pre-registration; they are entirely responsible for any technical issues, data transmission failures or errors in completing the form that prevent the submission of the pre-registration form; and regularly check the email address provided during pre-registration, in order to monitor any communications from the Embassy/Consulate where they intend to complete their registration.
- On the pre-registration form, candidates should indicate if they rely on family members or friends who are residents of Brazil, and indicate also if a family member is applying for the PEC together, and thus should proceed to indicate if their participation in the Program depends on the placement in the same city in Brazil as the family member or friend.

- The list of shortlisted applications will be published on the website of the DCE/MRE by June 2, 2026. <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/cultura-e-educacao/temaseducacionais/oportunidades-de-estudo-para-estrangeiros/pec-g/processo-seletivo> by the specified deadline.

## 2. SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTATION AT THE EMBASSY

- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to submit the required documents at the Embassy between June 2 – 30, 2026. The documents must be submitted **both in digital -PDF and physical format, in good legible quality – without missing sections, markings, cross outs, and missing stamps or signatures.**
- The submission in digital PDF format must be 10 MB or less for each document, one file per document, and emailed to [cultural.kingston@itamaraty.gov.br](mailto:cultural.kingston@itamaraty.gov.br) .
- The physical original and photocopy of each document must be submitted to the Embassy of Brazil in Kingston during the hours of 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The personal original documents will be returned to the candidates. At this time the candidates will sign, in-person, the Commitment Agreement Form and Application Cover Page which will be prepared by the Embassy. The sponsor's Financial Responsibility Agreement form will also be provided so that the candidate can submit it after the sponsor has signed.
- Exceptionally, the shortlisted Haitian applicants will be invited to send the signed Commitment Agreement Form, Application Cover Page and sponsor's Financial Responsibility Agreement form by courier (be it by third party, DHL or FEDEX) if they cannot submit in person to the Embassy of Brazil in Kingston. These forms will be first prepared by the Embassy and sent by e-mail to the shortlisted candidates. Haitian applicants should not send their other personal original documents to the Embassy, but instead keep them and prepare to have them legalized by the Embassy of Brazil in Haiti, in preparation for the matriculation process in Brazil.

### Necessary documentation

The shortlisted applicants must submit the following documents to the Embassy of Brazil in Kingston, Jamaica:

- original and copy of the certificate of completion of high school or equivalent;
- original and copy of high school/secondary school transcript, containing list of all subjects taken and grades obtained during all high school/secondary school grades.
- original and copy of the CELPE-BRAS certificate; (students from Jamaica and Haiti who have not acquired this will spend approximately one year in Brazil for language training and sit the exam to obtain the certificate).
- Original and copy of the Birth Certificate of the applicant as well as his or her parents';
- Registration Commitment Form (TCI); **prepared by the Embassy in Portuguese.**
- Financial Responsibility Agreement form (TRF); **prepared by the Embassy in Portuguese.** The TRF is to be signed by sponsor and notarised by notary public official (for

e.g. the J.P. in Jamaica). The candidate may present one or more sponsors who may be individual sponsor(s): family member, friend, guardian, etc.) who must provide an official identification document, with photo and signature and proof of income document showing monthly income, such as job letter or payslips, (or bank statements if the former are not available). The sponsors may also be Legal entities (company, organisation, government etc). Public entities (government body, international organisation) are exempt from providing proof of income document.

Obs.: The signatory of the TRF must prove minimum income of at least three times the monthly amount promised to the applicant. The amount promised to the student by the financial sponsor(s) must add up to a minimum equivalent to Three Hundred US dollars (\$300.00) monthly.

## **VI – Placement in undergraduate degree programmes at Brazilian Higher Education Institutions**

- In the application for the PEC-G placement only, candidates have two options: (i) they may select only a course option, in which case they will be competing for all spots for that course offered by the participating institutions; or (ii) they may opt for a specific spot for a course by specifying the higher education institution (HEI) they wish to attend, the type of degree programme (Bachelor/ Licenciatura/Tecnólogo), campus and specific intake semester. In this case, the candidate will be limiting their application to the selected place only. (For degree types see section VI).
- However, in **the application for PEC-PLE & PEC-G**, candidates can only indicate the course option and will not be able to compete for one specific undergrad placement at a specific HEI etc. as outlined above. For the PEC-PLE placement, candidates will have the option to indicate: (i) specific HEI that they wish to exclusively compete for, or (ii) opt not to indicate HEI option, which allows them to compete for all PEC-PLE spots available.
- Candidates will have more chances of being selected if they do not opt for a placement at a specific HEI.
- Candidates who have been selected for PEC-PLE and PEC-G will be placed first in the PEC-PLE and will travel to Brazil to enrol in the program and prepare for the CELPE-BRAS. **At this time, the information specific to their placement for the PEC-G - undergraduate program of study will only be indicated when the candidate is in Brazil enrolled and attending classes in the PEC-PLE. The selected candidate will have their placement for the course guaranteed, but the details of the placement, such as the HEI and the location, will be announced at a later date.**
- During the PEC-PLE, the candidate may request to change her/his course option, although there may not be available vacancies for the new option, in which case the candidate would receive the original option indicated during the application.

- It is possible that one's placement in an HEI and city for PEC-PLE is different from the placement for PEC-G, since not all PEC-G participating HEIs offer the PEC-PLE. Although the Selection Committee in Brazil will try avoid placing students in different HEIs or cities, placement in separate ones can be inevitable based on the availability of vacancies.
- Provided that one objective of the Program is the internationalisation of Brazilian HEIs, the Selection Committee intends to distribute the selected students in a balanced way among the HEIs and the different regions of Brazil.
- The list of participating higher education institutions and information about the courses offered, including field of study, degree type, campus, semester of admission, number of available spots, and any remarks, will be published on the DCE/MRE website <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/cultura-e-educacao/temas-educacionais/programas-de-estudo-para-estrangeiros/pec-g/processo-seletivo>
- In Brazil, there are three types of undergraduate degrees: bachelor's degree (*bacharelado*), teaching degree (*licenciatura*) and technology degree (*tecnólogo*). Some courses may be available in more than one degree type. For example, an undergraduate degree in Biology may be a *bacharelado* or a *licenciatura*.  
*Bacharelado* - This is a generalist degree that trains professionals to work in different activities. It allows you to practice a specific profession, pursue an academic career, among other possibilities. A *bacharelado* course lasts on average 4 to 5 years, sometimes 6.  
*Licenciatura* - Trains teachers to work in basic education schools (preschool, primary and secondary). It lasts on average 4 years.  
*Tecnólogo* - This course focuses on professional practice and rapid insertion into the job market. It has a very specific area of activity. The average duration is 2 to 3 years.

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VISIT THE WEBPAGE FOR THE PEC-G 2027 SELECTION PROCESS: <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/cultura-e-educacao/temas-educacionais/programas-de-estudo-para-estrangeiros/pec-g/processo-seletivo>

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