



## Use of certified copies before the Immigration Offices

### IMPACT – MEDIUM

**Context:** The National Immigration Institute (INM) has confirmed that starting July 1st, 2025, the use of certified copies for immigration procedures will not be accepted.

**What has changed?** The INM previously allowed the legal representatives to use of certified copies of their identifications for filing applications. Starting July 1st, 2025, they will no longer accept notary

certified copies.

### What does this change represent?

Processes that require the filing of an official identity document must be presented in original. Certified copies issued by a notary will not be accepted.

The immigration procedures that will be impacted are:

- Visas based on job offer
- Regularization with job offer

- Work permit for temporal residents without remunerated activities
- Change of status to temporary resident by job offer (student to temporary)
- Issuance and update of the Employer Registration Certificate

**What are the implications of this change?** Legal representatives listed before the INM, to act on behalf of companies must present their official identification in original for processing the immigration application. The

official identifications accepted by the INM are:

- National Electoral Institute ID (INE)
- Passport
- Professional license
- Temporal or permanent resident cards for foreign nationals

**Who should consider this change?**

Legal representatives registered in the Employer Registration Certificate who sign on behalf of their companies.

**When will it be implemented?**

Starting July 1st, 2025

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