

What is CPF?

The CPF, Cadastro de Pessoas Físicas – CPF, is an official document used to register a citizen, brazilian or not, in the Receita Federal do Brasil database.

It is not mandatory but without it, you cannot have a bank account or make certain financial transactions or purchases.

How to obtain yours:

- Requesting your CPF **BEFORE** arriving in Brazil – click [here](#)
- Requesting your CPF **AFTER** arriving in Brazil:

Fill this [form](#), print the protocol and go personally to Receita Federal de São Carlos, located on [Rua São Sebastião, 1175](#) – Centro – Phone: +55 16 3371-1264 – Opening time: From Monday to Friday - 8h to 12h.

Besides the protocol, you should take the original document that you used to register: your passport, RNM or its protocol.