

**The Resolution 5477 of 2022** from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which establishes provisions regarding visas and repeals Resolution 1980 of March 19, 2014, and Resolution 6045 of August 2, 2017, has brought significant changes to the Colombian visa system.

We want to highlight the following article of the law:

**ARTICLE 123. TRANSITION REGIME.** Visas issued before the entry into force of this resolution will maintain their validity.

Visas that allowed the accumulation of time for residence under the previous regulation will count towards the time calculation under the new regulation, provided that, at the time of the application for a Residence Visa, they have accumulated at least two years of effective stay in the national territory under their previous visa(s).

Those holding valid Permanent Resident (R) visas granted under previous regulations must transfer their visa within the next two (2) years, counting from the effective date of this resolution.

In the last paragraph of Article 123, the law indicates that individuals who were granted a residence visa before October 2022 must carry out a visa transfer. This process must be completed within the two years following the entry into force of this law, meaning you have until October 2024 to complete this procedure.

The recommendation is to handle this process in a timely manner and entrust it to professionals.