





# **FOREIGN OFFICER GUIDE**

# FRIENDLY NATIONS OFFICERS -EsAO

# **Academic Board**





#### 1. HISTORICAL SUMMARY OF EsAO

The Captains Career School (EsAO) was created by Federal Decree number 13.451,on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 1919, and it was founded on 8<sup>th</sup> of April 1920 by War Minister João Pandiá Calógeras.

The school initiated its activities inside the 1st Horse Artillery Regiment, where 15th Armored Cavalry is currently located. After 4 years in makeshift facilities, the school was moved to where it stands now.

### 2. MISSION

EsAO is a military higher education institution for combatant and medical corps officers.

It aims to train officers in order that they acquire the necessary skills to perform functions of staff officers in military units of Brazilian Army throughout the country.

Besides Brazilian Army Officers, the Captains Career School also receives Brazilian Marines and Friendly Nations officers. Every year nearly 300 captains graduate from face-to-face courses and other 600 attend distance courses.

# 3. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

# a. How to arrive at EsAO

In order to get to EsAO leaving the airport, first you take Linha Vermelha and then Avenida Brasil as far as Deodoro exit. Once in Deodoro drive to Avenida Duque de Caxias, 2071, Vila Militar.





# b. Required documents to stay in Brazil

- 1) The required documents for a foreigner to stay legally in Brazil are the following ones:
- Regular, Official or Diplomatic Passport, which no longer needs to be held after registration at the Ministry of Justice (MJ Ministério da Justiça) or at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MRE Ministério das Relações Exteriores);
- Foreign National Register (RNE Registro Nacional de Estrangeiro), issued by the Ministry of Justice or the Foreign National ID (CIE Carteira de Identidade de Estrangeiro), issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and
- Natural Persons Register (CPF Cadastro de Pessoa Física), necessary to open a bank account.
- 2) The foreign officer must hold an identification card with a photo, valid everywhere in the Brazilian territory.
- 3) The foreign officer can stay in the country holding his Passport with the official visa or the temporary student visa, according to the following regulations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:
- a) Foreigners who enter Brazil with the official visa must register at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by officially contacting embassy, in order to receive the CIE;
- b) Foreigners who enter Brazil with the temporary student visa must register at the Ministry of Justice, until the 30<sup>th</sup> day after entering the country, to receive the RNE; and

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- c) the temporary student visa is valid for one year and the request for extension must be made 30 days before the end of these period, at the Federal Police or at the Ministry of Justice General Protocol, with the following documents:
  - request at the site www.mj.org.br;
  - school results test and school registration guaranty declaration;
  - certified copy of the RNE;
- clear and complete certified copy of the passport (including the blank sheets) or the used travel document; and
- proof of payment of the GRU (Federal Tax Payment Form)/ Fund for Equipping and Operation of the Federal Police Activities (FUNAPOL)
- 4) The RNE is issued by the Itamaraty. For that, the foreigner officer, if he wants help from EsAO to obtain this document, must make his request at the Academic Board, filling in the form with the following documents of his own and his dependent relatives:

FOR the foreign officer	FOR the foreign officer's FAMILY
	MEMBER
- 2 (two) copies of the data page of the passport	- 2 (two) copies of the data page of the
(the page with the photo);	passport (the page with the photo);
- 2 (two) copies of the passport's visa page;	- 2 (two) copies of the passport's visa page;
- 2 (two) copies of the passport's entry stamp	- 2 (two) copies of the passport's entry stamp
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- 2 (two) photos 3x4;	- 2 (two) photos 3x4;
	- 2 (two) copies of the marriage certificate
	(for the dependents); and
	- 2 (two) copies of the birth certificate (for

# c. Arrival in Brazil

1) By plane

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If the foreign officer arrives by plane and needs transportation, he may ask for help on the telephone numbers shown in item 6. Upon contact, he must inform the time of arrival, date, flight number, and the air company. He must also inform the school about any changes regarding the schedule of flight arrival. It is advisable that the foreign officer should make an effort to get to the school on working day and hours: from Monday to Thursday – from 8 am to 4:30 pm and on Fridays from 8 am to 12pm.

## 2) By land

It is advisable that the foreign officer who uses his own car should get a GPS indicating the easiest and safest way through main roads and obey the Brazilian Traffic Regulations, especially because of radar detectors

## d. Lodging

- It is possible to check prices, addresses, services and photos of hotels in Rio de Janeiro on the following sites: <a href="www.booking.com">www.booking.com</a>; <a

# e. Residence

## 1) Temporary billeting

Temporary billeting can be offered exclusively to the military at EsAO, when there are vacancies. In this case, this service must be used strictly following the rules listed in the Standardized Procedures. There is no availability for foreign officers' family members. It is a service available only for foreign officers.

EsAO has billeting facilities for 18 students endowed with tv set, air-conditioning, fridge, microwave and washing machine. In case you need billeting at EsAO, make your request in advance to check availability.

# 2) Renting

EsAO recommends the following residential districts:



- Vila Valqueire located nearly 5 Km away from Vila Militar, with a rental price of approximately R\$ 1.800,00 (U\$ 500,00). It is a zone where one there are many schools, bakeries, supermarkets and other retailers selling at reasonable prices.
- Barra da Tijuca located nearly 20 km away fromVila Militar. Approximate rental price is R\$ 2.000,00 (U\$ 600,00). Commuting from Barra da Tijuca to EsAO was greatly improved after the construction of Transolímpica Avenue, which directly connects Vila Militar to Barra in less than 30 minutes. One of its main attractions is a 20-km seaside pavement with beautiful beaches on display
- Zona Sul (Copacabana, Flamengo, Botafogo e Leblon) located nearly 40 Km away from Vila Militar. Rental price is nearly R\$ 2.000,00 (U\$ 600,00). It is known for its vibrant nightlife and its famous beaches, among which Copacabana, Ipanema and Leblon
- At Web site <u>www.zapimoveis.com.br</u>, you can do a research regarding rental prices. It can be possible to check other details on the apartment/ house such as area, number of rooms, and location, besides photographs.

#### 4. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

# a. Beginning of the course

The course at EsAO begins on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2017, by when new candidates must have already reported. The foreign student can start his activities by taking a Portuguese Language and Brazilian Culture Course (EIPA), if his country deems it necessary.

The goals of this course are:

- improve the writing and speaking skills in Portuguese Language;
- learn important facts about the Brazilian Army (EB) regarding culture, history and geography; and
  - be familiar with military terms and expressions used in the Brazilian Army.

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The course is given by the Brazilian Army Language Center (CIDEx), located at the Fort Duque de Caxias. In case the foreign student registers for this course, he must mandatorily take a Portuguese placement test at the military attaché's office in his home country, so his proficiency in Portuguese can be assessed and his language training can be adequately planned by CIDEx.

Friendly Nations which opt not to send their candidates to EIPA, take the responsibility to prepare them for the required language proficiency levels to attend the academic activities at EsAO.

# b. Uniforms, supplies and gear

The foreign officer must wear his/her uniform during school activities according to its counterpart in the Brazilian Army.

The foreign officers can borrow and receive gears and supplies needed for the course if they are available.

- 1) The most frequent uniforms at EsAO are as follows:
  - for instruction, classes and Tactical Exercises (ET Exercícios Táticos): combat uniform;
  - in weekly parades, which normally takes place on Friday: service uniform;
  - for physical exercises: physical training uniform; and
  - at cerimonies and special events: mess uniform.
- 2) The student officer must carry the following gear for the Tactical Exercises:
  - combat belt;
  - combat suspender; and
  - canteen and canteen holder.

# c. Physical Activities

- Besides the instruction activities, the course has the psychomotor evaluation, undertaken three times a year, in which the student officer does 12-minutes-running, push-ups, sit-ups and chin-up tests.
  - The marks and the performance are available on www.taf.ensino.eb.br.

#### 5. USEFUL INFORMATION

### a. Health Care

The foreign officer can use the army health care, as stated in the following regulation *Portaria* Normativa Interministerial nº 850 MD/MRE, de 12 de junho de 2009 - "Dispõe sobre a prestação de assistência à saúde, pelo Hospital das Forças Armadas e pelas Organizações Militares de Saúde das

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Forças Armadas, aos Adidos Militares, Adjuntos e Auxiliares estrangeiros acreditados no Brasil e respectivos dependentes e dá outras providências".

At first, the principle of reciprocity will be adopted as for the medical care provided by the Friendly Nations and the financial compensation for the service.

The foreign officer can return to his home country to be treated or to provide care to a family member, since he is explicitly authorized by his home country and after the acknowledgment of the Brazilian Army Staff - *Estado Maior do Exército (EME)* 

The details about the how to use the service Mediacal Units are in the Standardized Procedures.

Phone numbers of the major medical units:

- Hospital Central do Exército (HCE): 3891 7000
- Hospital Geral do Rio de Janeiro (HGeRJ): 2457 1715
- Odontoclínica Central do Exército (OCEx): 2505 4875

Phone numbers of major private hospitals:

- Copa D'Or: 2545 3600

- Barra D'Or: 2430 3600

- São Miguel: 2701 1313

### b. Banks

In the School area there is one *Banco do Brasil* agency. Nearby, in *Vila Militar*, there are the other banks: *Banco do Brasil*, *Banco Itaú*, *Banco Bradesco*, *Caixa Econômica Federal e Banco Santander*.

### c. Educational institutions

1) Preschool and elementary schools

There are quality schools in the neighborhood of Vila Militar. Prices vary from R\$500,00 to R\$ 1,000.00

There are very good schools in the districts near *Vila Militar*. The prices vary from about R\$ 500,00 (U\$ 150.00) to R\$ 1.000 (U\$ 300.00). For More information, visit the pages of each school on the internet.

The list below shows some suggestions, with their respective districts, address, distance from EsAO and homepage.

- Colégio Aplicação (Vila Militar 0,50 Km): www.colegioecursoaplicação.com.br;
- Colégio Pentágono (Vila Valqueire 4,6 km): www.pentagono.g12.br;
- Colégio Elite (Vila Valqueire 3,5 km): www.sistemaeliterio.com.br;
- Centro Educacional Santa Mônica (Ribeiro 3,9 km): www.santamonicace.com.br;
- Colégio Prioridade Hum (Realengo 5,2 km): www.prioridadehum.com.br;

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- Colégio Francisco de Assis CFA Realengo 3,7 km): www.cfa-rj.com.br; e
- Colégio Realengo (Realengo 3,0 km): www.colegiorealengo.br.

## 2) University education

There are several colleges in the vicinity of Vila Militar, offering many courses.

- Faculdades São José: www.saojose.br;
- Universidade Estácio de Sá: www.portal.estacio.br;
- Universidade Castelo Branco: www.castelobranco.br; e

# 3) Language courses

In Vila Valqueire and Realengo, which are districts located 5 km away from *Vila Militar*, there are the some language courses:

- Cultura Inglesa: www.culturainglesa.com.br;
- Fisk: www.fisk.com.br;
- Wizard: www.wizard.com.br;
- Wise up: www.wiseup.com.br; e
- CCAA: www.ccaa.com.br.

## d. Commerce

*Vila Militar* mini-shopping mall, next to the 1<sup>st</sup> Army Division Headquarters(1<sup>a</sup> DE), has small shops conveniently located to make servicemen' life easier. Besides, there are one bakery, one launderette and some military supplies shops in *Vila Militar*.

# 1) Shopping Centers

The nearest shopping centers next to Vila Militar are the following:

- Guadalupe Shopping (3,5 km): <u>www.guadalupeshopping.com.br</u>;
- Parque Shopping Sulacap (4,0 km) www.parqueshoppingsulacap.com.br;
- Madureira Shopping (6,3 km): www.madureirashopping.com.br;
- Bangu Shopping (7,0 km): www.bangushopping.com;
- Via Brasil Shopping (9,5 km): www.shoppingviabrasil.com.br; e
- Norte Shopping (12 km): www.norteshopping.com.br.

# 2) Supermarkets

In Vila Militar there are the following supermarkets:

- Prezunic (2,0 km): Avenida Marechal Fontenele, 5.100 – Sulacap;

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- Carrefour (4,0 km): Avenida Marechal Fontenele, 3555 Sulacap;
- Supermercado Guanabara (3 km): Estrada Intendente. Magalhães, 1236 Vila Valqueire;
- Atacadão (3,6 km): Avenida Brasil, 22.950 Guadalupe;
- Prezunic (3,6 km): Avenida Brasil, 22963 Guadalupe; e
  - Extra Supermercados (4,0 km): Rua das Rosas, 52 Vila Valqueire.

# 3) Street markets

- There's a weekly street market in Marechal Hermes every Thursday and every Sunday another one on *Avenida Jambeiro*, *Vila Valqueire* district.

# 6. CONTACTS

EsAO page: www.esao.ensino.eb.br

Phone number: +55 21 2450 8500 Ramal 8103

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