

Costa Rica Digital Nomad Visa (Law No. 10008)

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Quality score: 57/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Costa Rica's 2021 nomad-visa law, in force since August 2022, requires \$3,000/month income and grants a renewable one-year stay with tax exemptions; DGME-sourced approvals rose from 114 in 2022 to 317 in 2023 before falling roughly 50% in 2024.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

[Dirección General de Migración y Extranjería \(DGME\) and Instituto Costarricense de Turismo \(ICT\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

[Instituto Costarricense de Turismo – Digital Nomad Requirements](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

[Delfino.cr – 2024 nomad visa approvals fell 50%](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

[La Nación – Economic impact per nomad](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

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