Which route can your documents prove?

Use this with the guide at ecuapass.com/blog/when-to-compare-retirement-rentista-professional-ecuador-visas. It organizes facts for a route comparison. It is not an eligibility decision and does not replace the current official checklist.

A. YOUR SNAPSHOT

Citizenship

Where you are now

Target move window

Who is included in the application (spouse, children, other dependents)

Routes you believe are possible today

B. INCOME ROUTE (PENSIONER OR RENTISTA) — WHAT CAN YOU ALREADY PROVE?

1. Income sources

Income source 1 (agency / payer)

Income source 2 (agency / payer)

2. Monthly amount and currency (each source)

Amount(s) and currency

As of (date)

3. Does the amount clear the current benchmark for your filing year?

Benchmark applied (3 x SBU)

Your conclusion

4. Evidence you can obtain

Official letter from the paying agency

Months of payment history / statements available

Letter shows recipient, type, amount, frequency

Letter date and validity window

5. If your amount just changed: new rate, effective date, and what the statements still show

The credential route and the two-column count

The professional route adds a credential chain on top of identity, background and means-of-living records. Record what exists today, not what you expect to be able to get later.

C. CREDENTIAL (DEGREE) ROUTE — WHAT EXISTS TODAY?

Qualification and field of study

Institution and country

Year awarded and study modality (in person / online)

Original credential or diploma in hand? (yes / no / must be ordered)

Academic records available? (transcript, duration, field-of-study letters)

Registration / recognition status with the education authority

Authentication status

Translation status

D. COUNT THE MISSING PIECES

INCOME ROUTE

Written evidence items you already hold

Items that depend on an agency or institution

Items that expire or need a validity window

Unknowns to resolve with the authority

Count of items missing

DEGREE ROUTE

Written evidence items you already hold

Items that depend on an agency or institution

Items that expire or need a validity window

Unknowns to resolve with the authority

Count of items missing

Route to prepare first, and why

Next actions and open questions

Give every open item an owner and a next action. Resolve the unknowns before ordering authentication, translations or couriers.

E. NEXT ACTIONS

Action	Owner	Due	Status

F. QUESTIONS TO RESOLVE WITH THE AUTHORITY OR YOUR ADVISER

G. WHAT I WILL NOT DO UNTIL THE ROUTE IS CONFIRMED

Sources checked September 21, 2026

Current SBU 2026: $482 per month (Ministerial Agreement MDT-2025-195); pensioner-route benchmark used in EcuaPass guides: 3 x SBU = $1,446 per month in 2026. Professional route: qualifying credential plus registration through the education authority, with identity, background and means-of-living records. Public visa procedure charges: $50 application / $270 issuance. Confirm the live schedule and checklist before payment at ecuapass.com/visa-costs.

Want personal help with your next steps?

Talk to Chip about your route, documents, and timing. Agree on the scope and costs of any assistance before work begins.
Start your intake: ecuapass.com/intake
This worksheet is general planning information, not legal advice, and does not determine eligibility or guarantee an outcome.