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Individual Entrepreneur/ Highly Qualified Activity

D2 / D3



Overview

In general terms, the residence visa is valid for two entries in Portuguese territory and valid for a period of 120 days (4 months). After the visa is issued and within its validity period, an automatic appointment will be scheduled by AIMA / SEF services.

There is a variety of options regarding residence visas according to the Portuguese Law.

The residence visa is valid for 2 entries in Portuguese territory and valid for a period of 120 days (4 months). After the visa is issued and within its validity period, an automatic appointment will be scheduled by SEF¹ services. By the time of SEF appointment, the applicant must be physically present in Portugal to submit remaining documentation and collection of biometrics. The residence permit/card is issued in Portugal according to the type of visa granted and is valid for a period of 2 years, renewable for 3 years.

¹ Foreigners and Borders Services ("Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras" – SEF), entity responsible for the analysis of the processes regarding residence permits in Portugal.

Requirements

D2 Residency Visa for Independent Service Providers/Entrepreneurs and D3 Residency Visa for Highly Qualified Professionals.

D2 Residency Visa for Independent Service Providers/Entrepreneurs

Service Providers

- a) Services agreement or promissory services agreement with a Portuguese company;
- b) To be qualified to exercise the activity, whenever applicable.

Entrepreneurs - Startup Visa Program

- a) Intend to develop business activities in Portugal to produce innovative goods and services;
- b) Open or relocate companies and/or projects in Portugal focused on technology and knowledge, with a perspective of developing innovative products;
- c) It is necessary to attract one or more certified incubators to receive the innovative project;
- d) Have the potential to create qualified employment in Portugal;
- e) Have the potential to attain, 5 years after the incubation period, a turnover over € 325.000 per year, and/or assets value over € 325.000 per year.

D3 Residency Visa for Highly Qualified Professionals

- a) Exercise a highly qualified activity according to the Portuguese Law;
- b) Academic background (superior degree) or minimum professional experience of 5 years;
- c) Employment Agreement or Promissory Employment Agreement signed for a minimum period of 12 months;
- d) If hired by Portuguese Company with Tech Visa Certificate, a copy of said certificate;
- e) Services agreement or promissory services agreement with a Portuguese company;
- f) Minimum salary amount – for the definition of this amount, please note there are different requirements according to Portuguese Law. Normally, an annual amount of € 25.000 does not raise questions with SEF.

Timeline

After five years of legal residency, the applicant will be eligible to apply for permanent residency or citizenship in Portugal.

D2 Residency Visa for Independent Service Providers/Entrepreneurs

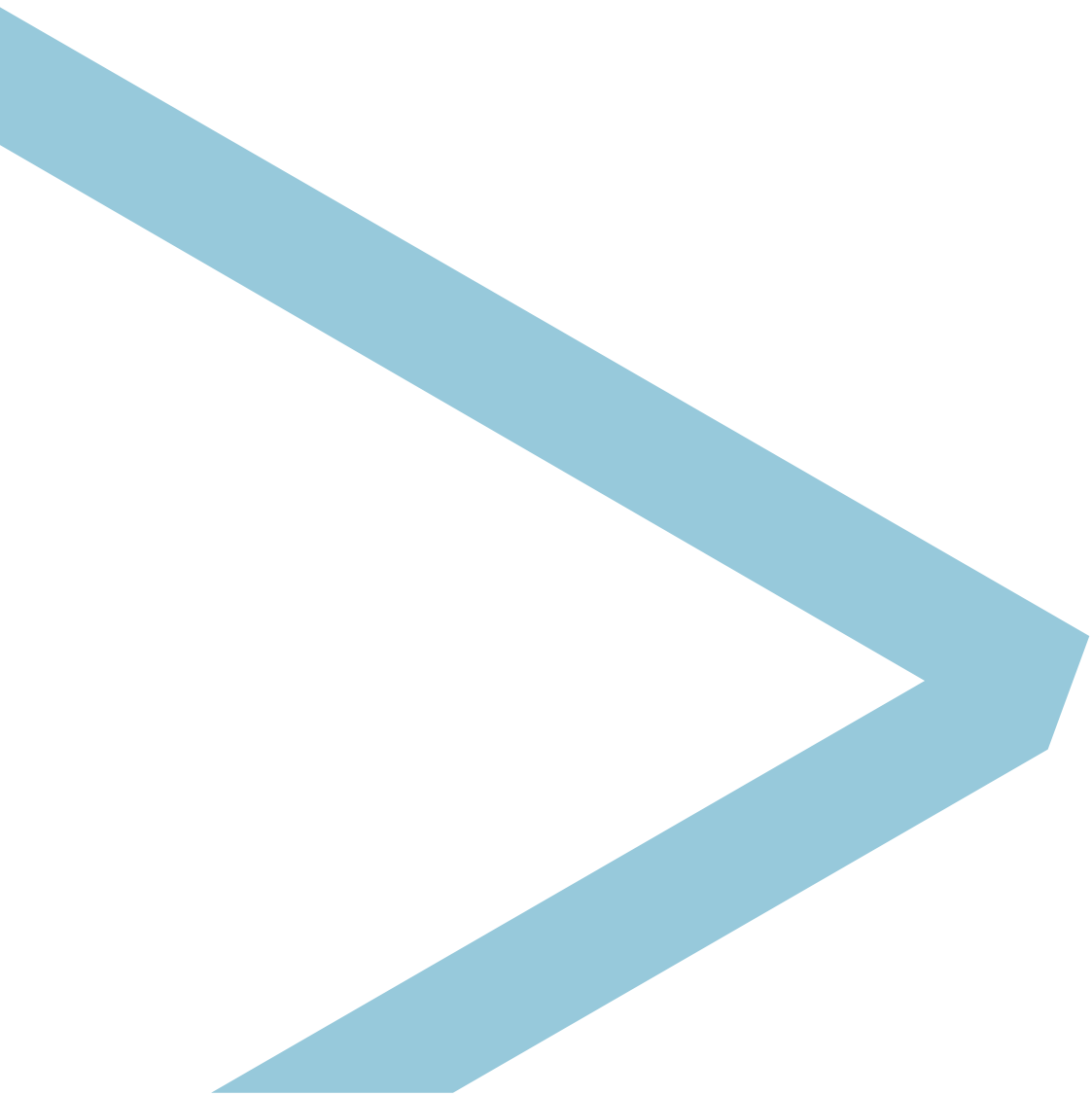
60 days (legal deadline) for the visa to be issued counting from the date of submission of the visa application. Please note there may be some delays.

D3 Residency Visa for Highly Qualified Professionals

30 days (legal deadline) for the visa to be issued counting from the date of submission of the visa application. Please note there may be some delays.

Passive Income

D7



Overview

In general terms, the residence visa is valid for two entries in Portuguese territory and valid for a period of 120 days (4 months). After the visa is issued and within its validity period, an automatic appointment will be scheduled by AIMA /SEF services.

The D7 Residence Visa was conceived for the following groups of applicants:


- a) Retired foreign citizens;
- b) Foreign citizens who live from income from movable or immovable property or from intellectual property;
- c) Foreign citizens who live from income from financial investments;
- d) Foreign citizens earning their own income as freelancers, for example.

By the time of the SEF appointment, the applicant must be physically present in Portugal to submit remaining documentation and to collect biometric data.

The residence permit/card is issued in Portugal according to the type of visa granted and is valid for a period of 2 years, renewable for 3 years.

Requirements / Documentation

Depending on the country of origin, the visa request may be submitted **online** (E-Visa Portal), at the Consulate or external service provider (**VFS Global**) of the area of residence, with the following general documentation (all documents must be translated to Portuguese):





Valid identification documents: ID card from country of origin, 2 photographs and proof of residence in the country of origin (e.g.: lease agreement, public deed of purchase of property or utility bills);



Valid travel document: Passport² (original document as well as integral copy of all pages);



Reservation of the round trip flights;



Authorization for SEF to consult Portuguese criminal record;



Letter explaining the reasons to move to Portugal;



Criminal record³ - Apostilled or notarized, duly translated to Portuguese (the translation also notarized and apostilled);

² The passport must be valid for more than 3 months, after the visa expiration date.

³ The criminal record certificate shall have been issued for less than 90 days by the competent authority from the country of nationality or of the country where the applicant has been living for more than 1 year.



International travel medical insurance (travel medical insurance covering the entire period of intended stay, valid for all Schengen States and covering any expenses which might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention, emergency hospital treatment or death during the stay. The minimum coverage must be of €30.000);



Proof of means of subsistence (last tax declaration or bank statement from the last 6 months in the country of origin);



Proof of activity/income (church certificate, pension funds, rental income, receipts from activity/business or income from financial applications);



Proof of accommodation in Portugal (certified copy of the lease agreement for a minimum period of 12 months or certified copy of the public deed of purchase of property);

Proof of transfer of funds
to Portuguese bank account:

I)

Main applicant:

9.120k

EUR



II)

Dependents (if adults) 50%:

4.560k

EUR



III)

Dependents (if children under 18 years old
or adult children depending on the main
applicant) 30%:

2.736k

EUR



Timeline

After 5 years of legal residency, the applicant will be eligible to apply for permanent residency or citizenship in Portugal.

01

Residence visa application

02

Visa is issued (up to 60 days)

Visa

60 days (legal deadline) for the visa to be issued counting from the date of submission of the visa application. Please note there may be some delays.

Residence Permit/Card

SEF can take up to 90 days to send the card to the applicant's address in Portugal.

03

Move to Portugal

04

SEF's appointment

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Residence card is issued
and sent to PT address

Legal Services

D7 Visa request in your country of origin
and Residence Permit in Portugal.

1. D7 Visa request in your country of origin

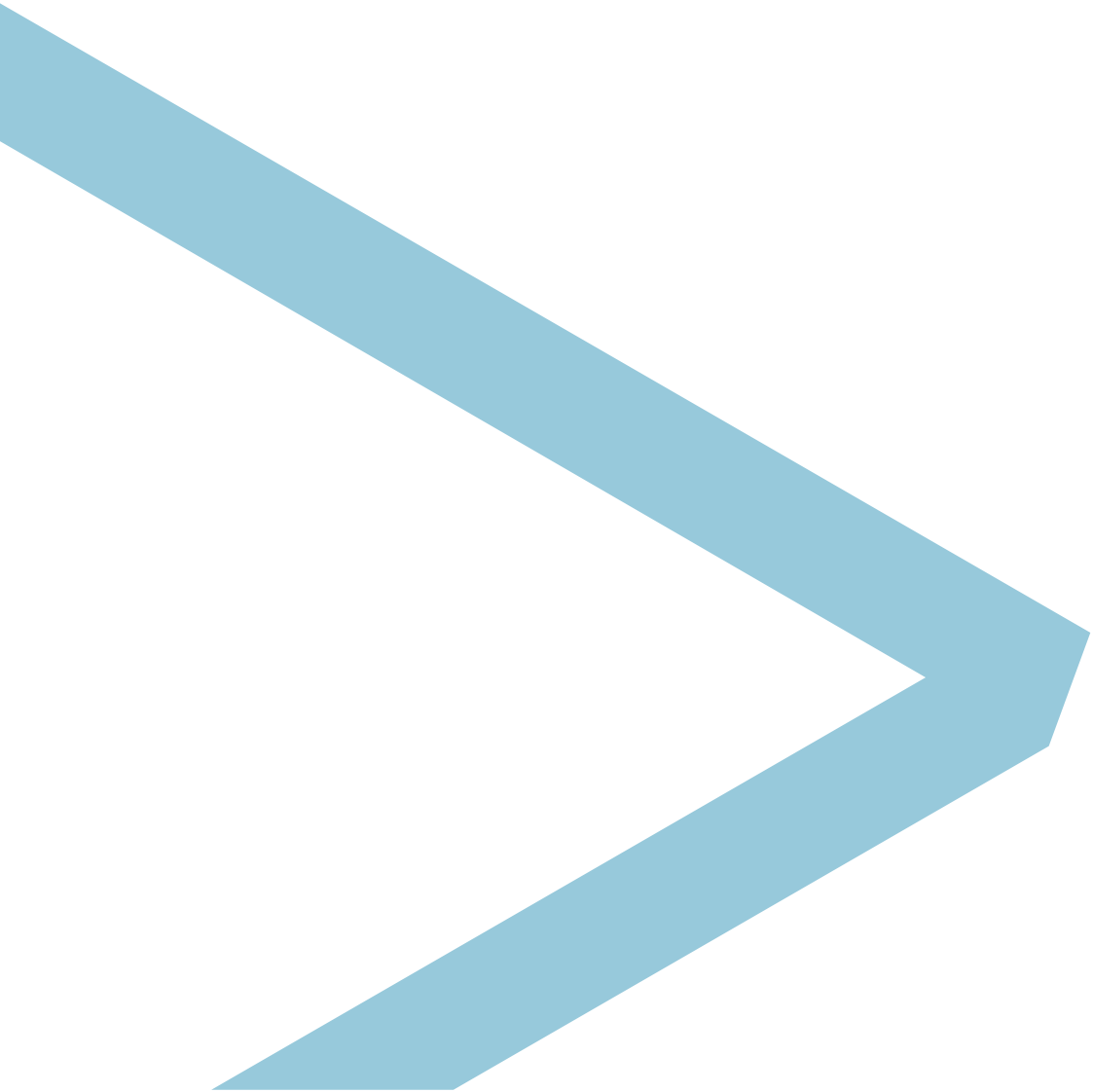
- a) Portuguese Tax Identification Number (NIF) and Opening of Portuguese bank account;
- b) Explanation of the D7 visa process;
- c) List of documentation necessary to submit the visa request in country of origin;
- d) Registration in online E-Visa Platform and upload of necessary documents, whenever applicable;
- e) Fill out necessary forms;
- f) Information regarding the appointment in Foreigners and Borders Services ("Serviços de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras – AIMA/SEF), entity responsible for the analysis of the processes regarding residence permits in Portugal, for the submission of the residence permit request.

2. Residence Permit in Portugal

- a) List of documents necessary for your appointment in AIMA/SEF, as well as your family's;
- b) Review of entire documentation prior to SEF appointments for the submission of the residency permit requests;
- c) Travel to SEF to accompany you in the appointment;
- d) Follow-up of the process until the issuing of the residence permit.

Digital Nomad

D8



Overview

In general terms, the residence visa is valid for two entries in Portuguese territory and valid for a period of 120 days (4 months). After the visa is issued and within its validity period, an automatic appointment will be scheduled by AIMA/SEF services.

The D8 Residence Visa was conceived for the following groups of applicants:

- a) Citizens that receive incomes from work contract or service agreement with a minimum amount of 3.040,00 € per month;
- b) Activity is exercised in a remote basis.

By the time of the SEF appointment, the applicant must be physically present in Portugal to submit remaining documentation and to collect biometric data.

The residence permit/card is issued in Portugal according to the type of visa granted and is valid for a period of 2 years, renewable for 3 years.

Requirements / Documentation

Depending on the country of origin, the visa request may be submitted **online** (E-Visa Portal), at the Consulate or external service provider (**VFS Global**) of the area of residence, with the following general documentation (all documents must be translated to Portuguese).

The application may also be submitted without the previous submission of the visa in the embassies (through an appointment in Portugal).



Valid identification documents: ID card from country of origin, 2 photographs and proof of residence in the country of origin (e.g.: lease agreement, public deed of purchase of property or utility bills);



Valid travel document: Passport² (original document as well as integral copy of all pages);



Reservation of the round trip flights;



Authorization for SEF to consult Portuguese criminal record;



Letter explaining the reasons to move to Portugal;



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Requirements / Documentation



International travel medical insurance (travel medical insurance covering the entire period of intended stay, valid for all Schengen States and covering any expenses which might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention, emergency hospital treatment or death during the stay. The minimum coverage must be of €30.000);



Proof of means of subsistence (last tax declaration or bank statement from the last 6 months in the country of origin);



Proof of remote activity by showing a work contract or service agreement and a declaration from the employer attesting that the activity is provided in a remote basis;



Proof of accommodation in Portugal (certified copy of the lease agreement for a minimum period of 12 months or certified copy of the public deed of purchase of property);

Timeline

After 5 years of legal residency, the applicant will be eligible to apply for permanent residency or citizenship in Portugal.

01

Residence visa application

02

Visa is issued (up to 60 days)

Visa

60 days (legal deadline) for the visa to be issued counting from the date of submission of the visa application. Please note there may be some delays.

Residence Permit/Card

SEF can take up to 90 days to send the card to the applicant's address in Portugal.

03

Move to Portugal

04

AIMA/SEF's appointment

05

Residence card is issued and sent to PT address

Legal Services

DB Visa request in your country of origin or directly in Portugal.

1. D8 Visa request in your country of origin

- a) Portuguese Tax Identification Number (NIF) and Opening of Portuguese bank account;
- b) Explanation of the D8 visa process;
- c) List of documentation necessary to submit the visa request in country of origin;
- d) Registration in online E-Visa Platform and upload of necessary documents, whenever applicable;
- e) Fill out necessary forms;
- f) Information regarding the appointment in Foreigners and Borders Services (AIMA/SEF), entity responsible for the analysis of the processes regarding residence permits in Portugal, for the submission of the residence permit request.

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- a) List of documents necessary for your appointment in AIMA/SEF, as well as your family's;
- b) Review of entire documentation prior to SEF appointments for the submission of the residency permit requests;
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- d) Follow-up of the process until the issuing of the residence permit.

We are pleased that you have asked **Mendes Leal Lawyers**, to serve as counsel for the acquisition of your Residence Permit. This document will give you the needed details of program and the needed documents for both the investor and the dependants.

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