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## Visa Information

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### 1. ENTRY AND LEGAL STAY REQUIREMENTS

#### 1.1. EU MEMBER STATES CITIZENS

The right of entry, permanence and residence in Portugal covers **the citizens of the European Union (EU), of the European Economic Area (EEA), Principality of Andorra and of Switzerland**, as well as their respective family members.

- ✓ **If the period of stay is less than 3 months**, it is only mandatory to hold a valid Identity Card or Passport.
- ✓ **If the period of stay is superior to 3 months**, you are advised to apply for the Registration Certificate for Citizens of the EU/EEA/Switzerland

**The Registration certificate for citizens of the EU/EEA/Switzerland (*Certificado de Registo para cidadão da UE/EEE/Suíça*)** is the document that formalises the right of residence in Portugal and must be applied for by any EU/Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland citizen **that remains in Portugal for a period exceeding three months**.

Once the first three months of you entering the country are over, **you have a period of 30 days during which you must apply for the Registration Certificate. You can apply at the City Town Hall (*Camara Municipal*)** of your place of residence. **Documents and Requirements:**

1. A valid National Identity Card / Passport.
2. A written Affidavit declaring that you have a Professional activity as a worker or as self-employed in Portugal; or An Affidavit, declaring that you have sufficient funds for you and for your family, and that you are covered by health insurance when the same applies to Portuguese citizens in your country of origin;

**If you are a student:**

3. An Affidavit declaring that you are enrolled in an officially recognised school either public or private, and documental evidence – by means of an Affidavit or by other means of proof of your choice - that you hold sufficient funds to support yourself and your family, that you are covered by health insurance when the same applies to Portuguese citizens in your country of origin.

As a rule, this Certificate is issued immediately upon request. It costs approx. € 15,00

#### 1.2. NON-EU NATIONALS

##### 1.2.1. PASSPORT VALIDITY

If you are planning to travel to an EU country (except Ireland), or Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino or Vatican City, you must follow the [Schengen area passport requirements](#).

**YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE:**

- ✓ Issued less than 10 years before the date you enter the country (check the 'date of issue').
- ✓ Valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date').
- ✓ You must check if your passport meets these requirements before you travel.

- ✓ Contact the embassy of the country you intend to visit if you think that your passport does not meet both these requirements.

## 1.2.2. VISAS

If you plan to live in Portugal, you must meet all visa requirements before you travel.

You are advised to read:

- ✓ the Portuguese government's [entry requirements for Portugal](#)
- ✓ more information about visas on the [Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs' page](#), please, check with the [Portuguese Embassy in your country of residence](#) what type of visa and/or work permit you may need;
- ✓ the [Portuguese Border and Immigration \(SEF\) website](#) for [information on residency and working in Portugal](#)

### SCHENGEN VISA FOR A SHORT STAY

The Schengen Visa is an authorization issued by a Member State for the purpose of airport transit or short stays in the territory of one or more Member States, allowing the holder to present himself at the external border. The Schengen visa is intended for short stays of up to 90 days in each 180-day period and can be granted for the purposes of tourism, family visit, business, seasonal work, transit, among others.

### PLEASE, CHECK IF YOU NEED A VISA, ACCORDING TO YOUR NATIONALITY:

[Who needs a visa - General information - Short Stay Visas \(Schengen\) - Visa \(mne.gov.pt\)](#)

If you need to apply for a visa, please find a diplomatic/consular post in your residency area [the Portuguese Embassy in your country of residence](#).

**The applicant shall appear in person at the consular post of the applicant's area of residency.**

The visa request instruction should provide justification regarding the objective and conditions of stay. If necessary, the consular post may schedule an interview, in person, with the applicant, to be held within two weeks of the date of application. All documents are to be produced in their original form, including copies.

**A short-stay visa does not automatically confer the right to enter the Schengen area**, it only entitles its holder to present himself at a border post and apply for entry into the country [Article 30 of the Visa Code, article 5 of the Convention for the Application of the Schengen Agreement and article 6 of the Borders Code].

At the border, you may be required to present documentation related to the conditions of stay, for example, relating to the availability of sufficient means of subsistence to cover your stay and return trip, accommodation conditions and valid travel medical insurance.

### PORTUGUESE VISA FOR A LONGER STAY

**To stay longer, to work or study, for business travel or for other reasons, you will need to meet the Portuguese government's entry requirements.**

Long-stay visas, in compliance with existing domestic law, can be either temporary or for residency authorization purposes, depending on the duration of the stay and granting the visa holder an authorization to stay in the country according to different purposes: study, internship, work, medical treatment, among others.

### TEMPORARY STAY VISAS:

- ✓ allow entry and stay in Portugal for periods of over 3 months but less than a year
- ✓ are valid during the entire stay and allow for multiple entries
- ✓ for study programs, student exchange, training, unpaid internship, volunteer work purposes, as well as commitments pursuant to international agreements or conventions

### RESIDENCY VISAS:

- ✓ allow two entries and is valid for a period of 4 months
- ✓ Residency visa for research, study, high-school student exchange, internship and volunteer work purposes
- ✓ During that time, the holder of a residency visa is required to request a residency permit with the Immigration and Border Services (SEF)

### RESIDENCY PERMIT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS (long-term courses/ full cycles):

- ✓ During that time, the holder of a residency visa is required to request a residency permit with the Immigration and Border Services (SEF)
- ✓ You can find more detailed information on the Official Website of the Portuguese Immigration Service SEF [Article 91 – Residence Permit for higher education students – The Official Website of Portuguese Immigration \(sef.pt\)](#)
- ✓ **Note: Students of higher education holders of a residence permit issued by a Member State of the European Union and covered by European Union multilateral programmes with mobility measures, or by an agreement between the two or more institutions of higher education, are authorised to entry into national territory to study, partially, including to have a professional activity under article 97, for a maximum period of 360 days, provided SEF is informed until 30 days before the beginning of the mobility period. More information [Article 91-A – Mobility of higher education students – The Official Website of Portuguese Immigration \(sef.pt\)](#)**