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NATIONAL VISA

For overall information and the documentation required to apply for a Portuguese National Visa (Residence Visa or Temporary Stay) please read this document carefully and/or visit the Portuguese Foreign Office website (MNE):

English - <https://www.vistos.mne.pt/en/national-visas/general-information/type-of-visa>

Portuguese - <https://www.vistos.mne.pt/pt/vistos-nacionais/informacao-geral/tipo-de-visto>

A **Temporary Stay Visa** is used for stays of over 90 days and up to 1 year, with multiple entrances allowed into Portugal.

A **Residence Visa** is for applicants that wish to stay in Portugal for more than 1 year. The applicant will initially be granted a visa valid for 120 days with up to two entrances into Portugal, followed by an appointment with SEF (Portuguese Border Agency) in Portugal, to acquire a Residence Permit. More information regarding Residence Permits can be found in the links below:

<https://imigrante.sef.pt/en/solicitar/residir/>

<https://imigrante.sef.pt/en/direitos-deveres/>

(The Consulate has no say or control over SEF appointments for Residence Permit, and for more information regarding the required documents or rescheduling, applicants should reach out to [SEF](#) directly.)

A Temporary Stay visa application can take 30 days for a decision. A Residence visa application can take 60 days for a decision. More information regarding deadlines for National Visa applications can be found in the link below:

<https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/national-visas/general-information/deadlines>

More information regarding National visa fees can be found in the link below:

<https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/national-visas/general-information/fees>

(please note that there is also a [VFS](#) administrative fee for all visa requests)

UK nationals that resided in Portugal prior to the end of 2020 may be entitled to the right of residence under the terms of the Withdrawal Agreement. Please check the link below for more information:

<https://brexit.sef.pt/en/>

For **tax related inquiries** please check the link below, or reach out to the relevant tax authority ([Autoridade Tributária Portuguesa](#)):

https://info.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt/pt/docs/Conteudos_1pagina/Pages/portuguese-tax-system.aspx

Under the terms of paragraph 8 of article 16 of Decree-Law no. 10-A/2020 of 13 March 2020, which establishes exceptional and temporary measures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the validity of documents and visas related to the stay in Portuguese territory that have expired since 28 February 2020 has been extended until 31 December 2022 – this is also applicable to applicants that enter Portugal under visa exemption rules. The permits and visas regarding the stay in the national territory are still accepted under the same terms after 31st December 2022, as long as their holder submits supporting evidence that they already have an appointment for the corresponding renewal. For more information please check the link below:

<https://imigrante.sef.pt/en/covid-19/faqs/>

Note:

- *Failure to present all necessary documents may result in the visa application being refused.*
- *The Consular Post has the prerogative to request additional documents when it considers fit to do so.*
- *The presentation of all necessary documents in the visa application may not be construed as an automatic approval of the visa. The refusal of the visa request does not entail the reimbursement of the visa fees.*
- *Applicants can [appeal](#) refusal to grant a visa, in compliance with Portuguese domestic law.*

Available options being:

- *Issue a complaint, within 15 days following acknowledgment of refusal, against the issuer of the refusal (in compliance with article 191, Administrative Process Code (CPA));*
- *Appeal the decision of refusal, within three months following notification, (in compliance with article 59 Administrative Court Process Code, CPTA and paragraph 2 of artigo 193 CPA), to the Minister of Foreign Affairs - email din@mne.pt and/or vistos@mne.pt*
- *Bring an action to competent court (Administrative Court, Lisbon, Article 22 by suppletion, CPTA), within three months of notification of refusal (Articles 69 and 59 Administrative Court Process Code, CPTA) requesting the overruling of the refusal, and the granting of the required lawful act.*

The referred options are not mutually exclusive. As such, the applicant can appeal to the Minister and, depending on the results of such appeal, continue towards litigation (Paragraph 4, Article 59, CPTA).

The applicant can also appeal the decision and bring an action simultaneously to the administrative court, without waiting for the results of the appeal (in compliance with paragraph 5 of article 59 CPTA).

RESIDENCE VISA FOR THE EXERCISE OF A PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DONE REMOTELY - “DIGITAL NOMADS”- DR

(<https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/pt/vistos-nacionais/documentacao-instrutoria/residencia#visto-de-resid%C3%A2ncia-para-o-exerc%C3%ADcio-de-atividade-profissional-prestada-de-forma-remota-para-fora-do-territ%C3%B3rio-nacional-n%C3%B3mada-digital>)

1. Visa application form (see [here](#))

2. Personal statement

Signed personal statement explaining the reason(s) for applying for a National Visa to Portugal, which should reference address of stay and sources of income, if applicable.

3. Passport

Signed passport, with at least two blank pages for visa purposes, valid for a minimum of 6 months and issued within the last 10 years on the day of leaving the Schengen Area. Extended passports can only be accepted if they do not go beyond the 10-year validity.

4. Proof of being in a regular situation when from a different nationality than that of the country where the visa is being applied for - UK Residence permit (if applicable)

UK Residence permit, endorsed in the passport or issued as a Biometrics card, valid for at least 3 months.

5. 2 Photographs

6. Travel Insurance

Travel insurance valid for a minimum of 4 months (starting from the intended arrival into Portugal) – clearly showing the customer’s name - allowing medical coverage, including medical emergencies and repatriation. British nationals may present the S1 Form (stamped at the bottom by the relevant authority) as proof of valid travel insurance.

7. Criminal record certificate from the country of origin or the country where the applicant is residing for over a year (children under the age of 16 are exempt from producing a criminal record). Must be less than 4 months old.

UK criminal record (ACRO or DBS);

- ACRO - https://www.acro.police.uk/police_certificates.aspx

- DBS - <https://www.gov.uk/request-copy-criminal-record>

- Subject Access Requests (Scotland) - <https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/data-protection/subject-access-requests/>

8. [Request for criminal record enquiry by the Immigration and Border Services \(SEF\)](#)

9. Proof of accommodation

Proof of permanent accommodation or a minimum of 4 months. Proof of accommodation may be given through sponsorships (subject to analysis of the application), either from employers, schools, or by means of a signed official form ([certificate of board and lodging](#)), accompanied

with a copy of the host's passport bio page or valid identification document, proof of relationship if applicable, host's permit of stay in Portugal if applicable, and host's proof of address in Portugal (purchase or rental agreement for the property, utility bill with the host's name, etc.)

10. Proof of means of subsistence as stipulated by law (latest 3 months bank statements)

More information regarding proof of means of subsistence for National Visa can be found [here](#). The applicant must have access, shown in the latest 3 months bank statements, to the Portuguese Minimum Wage multiplied by the number of months the applicant will be staying, up to 12 months. Residence Visa applicants should provide funds for a minimum of 12 months. **Means obtained through employment may be taken into consideration.** Sources of income and sponsorships can be considered for purposes of proof of means of subsistence (subject to analysis of the application), which may include scholarships, sponsorship from employers, or a third person responsible for financially supporting the applicant. In the case of a third person sponsoring the applicant, the applicant should provide proof of relationship if applicable (registered partnership, birth certificate, etc.), sponsor's passport or valid identification document, sponsor's bank account statements for the last 3 months, and a signed statement of will ([term of responsibility](#)) from the sponsor to support the applicant.

11. Specific documentation related to the purpose of the stay

In case of subordinate work, one of the following documents:

- Work contract;
- Declaration by employer confirming the labour link;

In case of independent professional activity, one of the following documents:

- Society contract;
- Contract of services provision;
- Document attesting the services provided to one or more entities

Proof that the work can be performed remotely, if applicable (work contract, a declaration from the employer, etc.)

Proof of an average monthly income of the last three months (from subordinate or independent work activity) equivalent to the [Portuguese Minimum Wage](#) multiplied by 4, per month (payslips or work contracts)

Proof of fiscal residence in the UK (P60 or Tax Returns, for example)

TEMPORARY STAY VISA FOR THE EXERCISE OF A PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DONE REMOTELY - “DIGITAL NOMADS” - ER

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4. Transport document (return ticket)

5. Proof of being in a regular situation when from a different nationality than that of the country where the visa is being applied for - UK Residence permit (if applicable)

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Travel insurance valid for the whole of the stay (starting from the intended arrival into Portugal) – clearly showing the customer’s name - allowing medical coverage, including medical emergencies and repatriation. British nationals may present the S1 Form (stamped at the bottom by the relevant authority) as proof of valid travel insurance.

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