

LIVE AND WORK IN PORTUGAL

Visas and Resident Permits

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FOREIGNERS AUTHORIZED STAY IN PORTUGAL

The stay, residence and work in Portugal depends, in each case, on the verification of specific requirements according to the nationality country.



EU, IS, LI, NO, AD E
CH NATIONALS

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR CITIZENS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (CRUE)

The regularly stay of EU, IS, LI, NO, AD and CH nationals in Portugal for a period longer than 3 months depends only on the application for the **Certificate of Registration for Citizens of the European Union (CRUE)**.

Expiry: 5 years. After this period, the applicant may submit an application for a residence permit at SEF's;

Decision Time Limit over the request: at the moment;

Responsible Entities: Municipal Council of the respective area of residence;

Formalities: may depend on the competent Municipal Council, however in general the applicant shall present:

- Valid citizen card/ passport;
- Declaration under commitment of honor that the applicant is employed or is self employed in Portugal;
- Declaration under commitment of honor that the applicant has sufficient means of subsistence to live in Portugal;
- Health insurance;

Reunification: CRUE grants the right for family reunification;

FOREIGN
CITIZENSVISA FOR RESIDENCY PERMIT
PURPOSES CHARACTERISTICS

The **Visa for Residency Permit Purposes** allows the foreign citizen to legally enter Portugal in order to obtain a **Residency Permit**.

Expiry: 4 months (with two authorized entrances in Portuguese territory) – the entrances number shall always be confirmed in the visa;

Decision Time Limit over the request : 60 days;

Responsible Entities: the Portuguese consular post of the respective area of residence;

D2

Residency visa for
independent professional
activity purposes

*(Art.º 60.º
Lei n.º 23/2007)*

D3

Residency visa for
subordinate professional
activity purposes

*(Art.º 59.º
Lei n.º 23/2007)*

D7

Residency visa for retirement
purposes or for people living
out of individual revenue

*(Art.º 58.º/ n.º3
Lei n.º 23/2007)*

FOREIGN
CITIZENS

HOW TO OBTAIN A VISA RESIDENCY
PERMIT

Verification of the applicant's
eligibility and identification
of the specific visa to apply
for

Coordination with the
competent authorities over
the fulfillment of the
necessary requirements

Application analysis and
collection of biometric data
by the competent consular
post

Visa
issuance

The applicant passport is delivered at
the same time as the remaining
documents and returned only after visa
issuance

After visa's approval this should be
issued in the maximum term of 90
days

Whenever travel's date is referred in
the visa application the schedule for
obtaining the **residence permit** is
communicated to the applicant at the
consular post

The documents required for the residence visa application are:

- Official request form;
- Passport;
- Two equal passport photos, up-to-date and with enough quality to identify the applicant;
- Valid travel insurance, allowing medical coverage, including medical emergencies and repatriation;
- Request for criminal record enquiry by the Immigration and Border Services (SEF);
- Criminal record certificate from the country of origin or the country where the applicant is residing for over a year;
- Proof of accommodation;
- Proof of means of subsistence specific for each visa application;

At their discretion, the consular post may request for additional documents or clarifications, beyond the ones listed here.

FOREIGN
CITIZENS

APPLY FOR RESIDENCY VISA REQUIRED
DOCUMENTATION

Additionally to the previously referred documents, for each specific visa the applicant should also present:

D2 Visa

- Articles of Incorporation;
- Contract or written service provider proposal for liberal professions;

D3 Visa

- Work contract, work promise;
- Declaration issued by the Portuguese Employment and Training Institute (IEFP) - n/a for applications submitted in 2021;
- Professional certificate (if applicable);

D7 Visa

- Document certifying retirement amount; or
- Document certifying revenue from movable and immovable property; intellectual or financial assets.

FOREIGN
CITIZENS

RESIDENCE PERMIT CHARACTERISTICS

The **Residence Permit** allows the foreign citizens to legally live and work in Portugal and grants them rights and obligations.

Expiry: 1 year and renewable for successive periods of 2 years – exceptionally during 2021 the residence permits issued are valid for 2 years and renewable for periods of 3 years.

Renewal deadline: up to thirty days before residence permit deadline;

Decision Time Limit over the request: 90 days counted from SEF's meeting if all requirements are fulfilled;

Responsible Entities: Portuguese Foreigners and Borders Service (SEF);

Employed Workers

*(Art.º 88.º/n.º 1
Lei n.º 23/2007)*

Self - Employed Workers

*(Art.º 89.º/n.º 1
Lei n.º 23/2007)*

Retired people and people living out of individual revenue

*(Art.º 66.º/n.º 1
Lei n.º 23/2007)*

FOREIGN
CITIZENS

HOW TO OBTAIN A
RESIDENCY PERMIT

Arrival in Portugal
with visa

Schedule SEF's meeting for
submission of
documentation

Application analysis by the
entity

Temporary Residence Permit
issuance

Before proceeding with the scheduling,
the applicant has to confirm the need to
move along with the procedure

Following the delivery of the
documentation the Residence Permit
must be issued within 90 days

Date scheduled for the meeting may
exceed visa deadline

FOREIGN
CITIZENS

APPLY FOR RESIDENCY PERMIT
REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The documents required for the residency permit application are:

- Passport;
- Valid residency visa;
- Proof of accommodation;
- Proof of means of subsistence
- Request for criminal record enquiry by the Immigration and Border Services (SEF);
- Supporting document with the necessary information for checking the registration within tax authority;
- Supporting document with the necessary information for checking social security registration;
- Health insurance or Portuguese Healthcare System registration;

At their discretion, SEF may request for additional documents or clarifications.

FOREIGN
CITIZENS

APPLY FOR RESIDENCY PERMIT
REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Additionally to the previously referred documents, for each specific residency permit the applicant should also present:

Employed Workers

- Work contract under the law in force;
- Supporting document with the necessary information for checking the regular payment of social security;

Self -Employed Workers

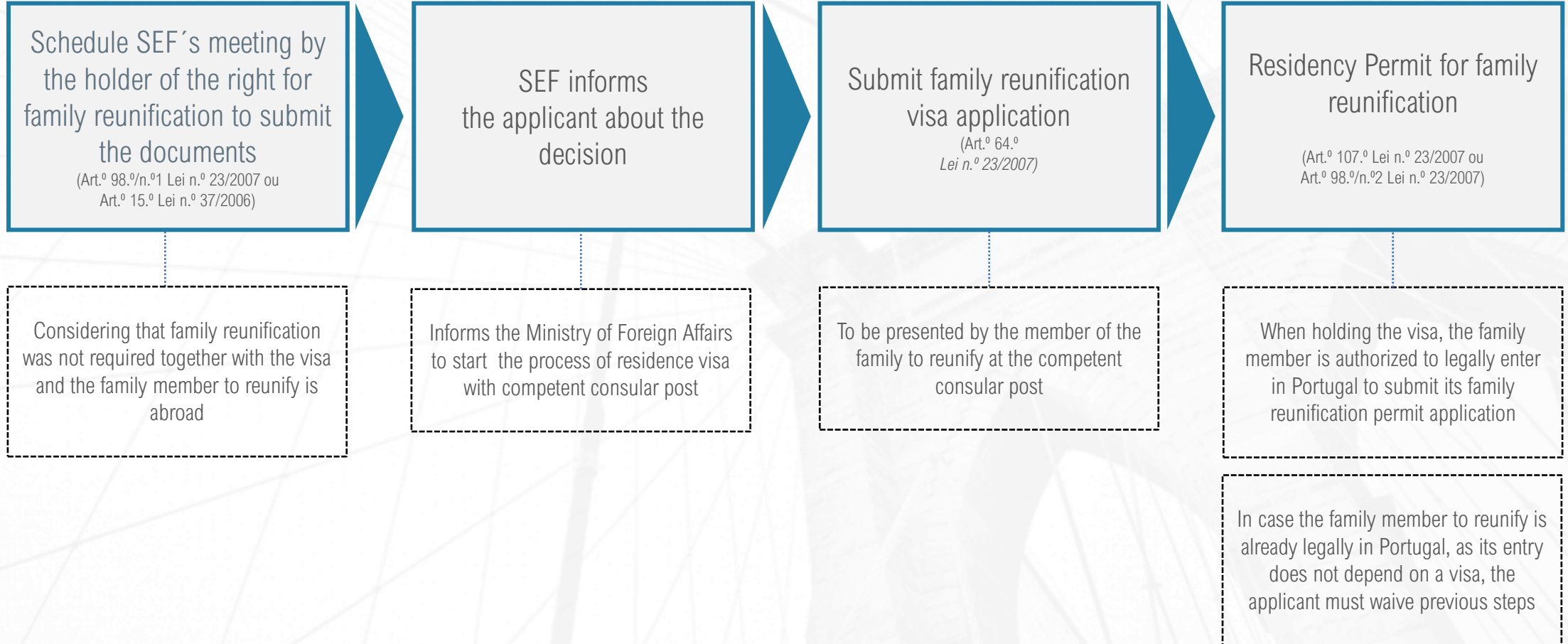
- Evidence of a Company owned by the applicant incorporation; or
- Service contract with a company as a liberal professional; or
- Supporting document with the necessary information for checking the registration within tax authority as a self-employed;

Retired people or people living out of individual revenue

- Retirement proof; or
- Proof of the revenue from movable and immovable property; intellectual or financial assets;

FAMILY REUNIFICATION

HOW TO APPLY FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION





FAMILY
REUNIFICATION

FAMILY
REUNIFICATION APPLICATION

The **application for family reunification** is submitted by the holder of the right to family reunification at SEF and is only applicable when the family member to reunify is abroad.

Are entitled to **family reunification**, by reference to the holder of the right to family reunification:

- The spouse;
- Underage or incapacitated children;
- Children who are of age and study in a Portuguese teaching institution;
- Parents of the applicant or the respective spouse provided they are dependent on either of them;
- Underage siblings, provided they are dependent on the applicant;
- Civil partner provided the union is legally recognized.

FAMILY
REUNIFICATION

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REUNIFICATION APPLICATION

Documents:

- Documentary proof certifying the entitlement to Family Reunification;
- Authenticated copies of the identification documents of the applicant's family members;
- Proof of accommodation;
- Proof of means of subsistence
- Extract from the judicial record in the country of origin or of provenance of the family member;

Decision Time Limit over the request: 30 days;

Responsible Entities: Portuguese Foreigners and Borders Service (SEF);

FAMILY
REUNIFICATION

APPLY FOR A
FAMILY REUNIFICATION VISA

The **visa for family reunification request** depends on the application for family reunification being approved by SEF.

Following, the family member shall present themselves at the competent consular post in order to require for the **visa for family reunification purposes**.

Valid for a period of: 4 months (with two authorized entrances in Portugal) – the entrances number shall be confirmed in the visa;

Decision Time Limit over the request 60 days;

Responsible Entities: the Portuguese consular post of the respective area of residence (when applicable);

FAMILY
REUNIFICATION

APPLY FOR A
FAMILY REUNIFICATION VISA

Documents:

- Official request form;
- Passport;
- Two passport photos, up-to-date and with enough quality to identify the applicant;
- Valid travel insurance, allowing medical coverage, including medical emergencies and repatriation;
- Proof of being in a regular situation when from a different nationality than that of the country where the visa is being applied for;
- Request for criminal record enquiry by the Immigration and Border Services (SEF);
- Criminal record certificate from the country of origin or the country where the applicant is residing for over a year;
- Proof of accommodation;
- Proof of means of subsistence;
- Notification of approval of family reunification provided by SEF;
- Authenticated supporting documents proving the family links invoked

At their discretion, the consular post may request for additional documents or clarifications.

FAMILY
REUNIFICATION

RESIDENCY PERMIT FOR FAMILY
REUNIFICATION

The **Residence Permit for family reunification** allows its holder, following the issuance of the visa, or in particular cases without the need for a visa, to live legally in Portugal in order to be with the family member that is already legally in the country.

Valid for a period of: the same as the family member entitled to family reunification;

Renewal deadline: up to thirty days before residence permit deadline;

Decision Time Limit over the request: 90 days counted from SEF's meeting if all requirements are fulfilled;

Entity responsible for the service: Portuguese Foreigners and Borders Service (SEF);

FAMILY
REUNIFICATION

RESIDENCY PERMIT FOR FAMILY
REUNIFICATION

In case of a **Residence Permit for a family member who is already legally in Portugal**, because he/she comes from a country that does not require a visa, the following documents must be attached to the Residency Permit request:

- Documentary proof certifying the entitlement to Family Reunification;
- Passport original and a copy;
- Proof of accommodation;
- Proof of means of subsistence
- Extract from the judicial record in the country of origin or of provenance of the family member;
- Criminal record certificate from the country of origin or the country where the applicant is residing for over a year;
- Authenticated supporting documents proving the family links invoked;
- Proof of legal entrance in national territory;

FEES

Residency Visa

90€;

In situations where visa applications are filed with a partner entity of the consular post, a fee charged by these entities will be added to this amount.

Residency Permit

- 83,30€ - request reception and analysis;
- 72,20€ - for each temporary residence permit;
- 39,10€ - forms and stickers;
- 8,70€ - residency permit mailing;

Registration Certificate For Eu Citizen

- 15€;

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