



## **Portuguese “Residência” Visas** ***for non-EU retirees and those living from their own means***

These residence visas are for all foreign citizens who are not nationals of EU Member States, the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland who wish to reside in Portugal as being retired; or for religious purposes; or who are living from their own means.

Application must be made in person at a Portuguese consular post or through the embassy in the applicant’s country of origin.

The following are the required documents for the emission of the visa:

1. Visa Application Form from the Portuguese Embassy or “SEF” (Immigration and Borders Service);
2. Passport valid for more than 3 months beyond the planned departure date;
3. 1 photo, size 3 x 4 cm, colour and plain background, updated and recognisable to support the applicant's identification;
4. Proof of medical insurance which covers any necessary medical expenses including emergency medical assistance and possible repatriation;
5. Application for the applicant’s Criminal Record by “SEF”;
6. Criminal Record Certificate, issued in the previous 3 months, in the country of origin or where the applicant has lived for more than a year, authenticated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
7. Proof of accommodation: property deed or rental contract;
8. Proof of means of subsistence
  - a) If under the charge of a local:  
Terms of Responsibility from a Portuguese citizen or a foreign national resident in Portugal, with the accompanying IRS



income tax declaration of the responsible person together with a copy of the responsible individual's identity document.

b) If by one's own means:

Proof of means in the amount of at least €40 per day for the duration of the stay (in cash or credit card with information of the daily limits or updated bank account balance);

9. Proof of pension;  
or

10. Proof that the applicant has income that allows for subsistence in Portugal.

The cost of application is €90.00. Requests should be processed within 60 days. Prior to final approval, the visa candidate may travel to Portugal on a tourist visa and receive final approval through the local "SEF" office.

### ***Missionary applicants***

Those wishing to reside in Portugal for religious purposes must also offer proof of means as well as a declaration from the religious organisation or supporting community clarifying the applicant's status and purpose.

### **USEFUL CONTACTS**

- Portuguese Consular Posts available via internet;
- Directorate General for Consular Affairs and Portuguese Communities

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Schedule Weekdays from 09: 30h to 12: 30h.



The legal provisions are secured regarding equal treatment to foreign citizens, specifically in connection to:

- Social security,
- Fiscal benefits,
- Participation in unions,
- Recognition of diplomas,
- Certificates and other professional qualifications;

as well as the right of access to goods and services available to the general public and the application of provisions granting special rights.

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