



RESIDENCY VISA & FAMILY REUNIFICATION

If one partner becomes a civil resident in Portugal, the other partner, as a third-country national, is also eligible for Portuguese civil residency under the statute of “*family reunification*” even if they are not married but have been living together at the same address for more than two years. The following documents can serve as proof of this cohabitation status:

- An affidavit of residency sworn in the competent parish council (*Junta de Freguesia*) before two locally resident witnesses.
- A declaration of honor signed by both partners of the union, stating that they have been living together at the same address for more than two years;
- Recent copies of both birth certificates (within the previous 6 months), attesting to the civil status of both partners (ie. that neither has been a spouse in a prior undissolved marriage).

To move forward with the *residência* process, the following additional documents must be presented to “SEF” (*Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras*):

- Certified copy of Passport;
- *Residência* (partner);
- Marriage Certificate (original); proof of cohabitation (see above);
- Criminal registry (Portugal + former countries of residence);
- Portuguese Fiscal Number (NIF);
- Proof of subsistence (copy of a recent Portuguese bank statement);
- Proof of address (utility bill, property deed or rental contract).