



Living in Portugal



Who are we?

ACS Portugal Solutions is a consultancy firm specializing in legal and immigration services. Regardless of your nationality, our team of specialized lawyers provides personalized support tailored to each client in areas such as immigration, tax, real estate, corporate law, civil law, inheritance and succession, Portuguese nationality, and transitioning to life in Portugal.

In addition to Portuguese, our lawyers are fluent in English and Spanish, ensuring clear and effective communication.

Resolve your Portuguese legal matters with ease—right here in the US, with ACS Portugal Solutions.

Our Services and work method:

- ◆ Strategy and compliance meetings, whether in person or via conference call.
- ◆ Definition of the necessary strategy, leveraging our experience to anticipate potential issues based on the client's current situation and main objectives.
- ◆ Provision of comprehensive information regarding the required documentation and steps necessary to fulfil the requirements, addressing client needs from a 360-degree perspective.
- ◆ Organization of the necessary files for the residence permit application.
- ◆ Handling the submission and accompanying the residence permit process at SEF branches nationwide on behalf of the applicants.
- ◆ Providing a full estimated cost budget to the client from the outset.
- ◆ Following the initial assessment, we present clients with a specific action strategy and an adjusted budget tailored to their unique situation, based on the actions feasible at that time.
- ◆ We offer continuous follow-up throughout the process.

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For Those Living on Own Income

Who?

Foreign citizens seeking to reside in Portugal as retirees or living off their own income.

Why?

- ◆ Streamlined and less bureaucratic visa application process.
- ◆ Offers the flexibility to freely move around the Schengen area, invest, or work in Portugal or the EU
- ◆ Opportunity to obtain Citizenship or Permanent Residence Permit after holding a residency permit for five years (from the date of application)
- ◆ Access to health care and the educational system

General requirements

- ◆ Owned property or rental for a minimum of 1 year.
- ◆ No criminal record.
- ◆ Minimum amount of 9.840,00€ available in Portugal for spending purposes.

Family Reunification

- ◆ Minor or adult children must be single and enrolled in a school located in Portugal.

Additional Investment (for spending purposes):

- ◆ Adult Dependents: €4.500,00 per additional adult.
- ◆ Dependent Underage Children: €2.700,00 per child.

Initial Investment

- ◆ **Financial Subsistence:** A minimal amount of 9.840,00€ available in Portugal for spending purposes.
- ◆ **Government Fees:** €90.00 + €226.77 per applicant.

Tax Implications

- ◆ Given Portugal's residency-for-tax-purposes regulations, applicants may qualify as tax residents.
- ◆ Effects may be mitigated by the implementation of a double taxation agreement.
- ◆ It is advisable to conduct a personalized tax assessment.

How to Proceed

Procedure divided into

Step 1:
Start Residence Visa Application at the Portuguese Consulate in the Country of Residence.

Step 2:
Upon Visa issuance, schedule an appointment at ALMA for the first Residence Permit to be granted.

Renewal Eligibility

- ◆ Must not be absent from Portugal for 6 consecutive months or 8 interpolated months per Residency Permit.
- ◆ Maintenance of general requirements.

How long?

Time of Analysis by the Consulate

60 days

Validity of Residency Visa

120 days

Validity of First Residency Permit

2 years

Validity of Second and Subsequent Residency Permit(s)

3 years

Why is it our favourite?

With a straightforward application process, D7 allows individuals to establish legal residency in Portugal while benefitting from access to healthcare and education systems, also offering stability and access to the European Union.

Navigating the bureaucratic procedures by diligently meeting legal requirements from the outset, is key to a seamless transition into this new chapter of life.

D8 VISA

Remote professional activities ‘Digital Nomads’

Who?

- ◆ Foreign citizens seeking to perform professional activities remotely, outside the Portuguese national territory.

Why?

- ◆ Offers the flexibility to freely move around Schengen area, invest, or work in Portugal or the EU
- ◆ Opportunity to obtain Citizenship or Permanent Residence Permit after holding a residency permit for five years (from the date of application)
- ◆ Access to health care and the educational system

General requirements

- ◆ Owned property or rental for a minimum of 1 year.
- ◆ No criminal record.
- ◆ Income from the past 3 months must amount to at least €3.280,00 derived from a valid employment, business, or service agreement.
- ◆ Document attesting fiscal residence.

Family Reunification

- ◆ Minor or adult children must be single and enrolled in a school located in Portugal.

Additional Investment (for spending purposes):

- ◆ Adult Dependents: €4.500,00 per additional adult.
- ◆ Dependent Underage Children: €2.700,00 per child.

Initial Investment

- ◆ Government Fees: €90.00 + €226.77 per applicant.

Tax Implications

- ◆ Applicants will qualify as tax residents from the outset by declaration.
- ◆ Effects may be mitigated by the implementation of a double taxation agreement.
- ◆ It is advisable to conduct a personalized tax assessment.

How to Proceed

Procedure divided into

Step 1:
Start Residence Visa Application at the Portuguese Consulate in the Country of Residence.

Step 2:
Upon Visa issuance, schedule an appointment at AIMA for the first Residence Permit to be granted.

Renewal Eligibility

- ◆ Must not be absent from Portugal for 6 consecutive months or 8 interpolated months per Residency Permit.
- ◆ Maintenance of general requirements.

How long?

Time of Analysis by the Consulate

60 days

Validity of Residency Visa

120 days

Validity of First Residency Permit

2 years

Validity of Second and Subsequent Residency Permit(s)

3 years

D2 VISA

Professional Activity Or Migrant Entrepreneurs And Start-up Visa Program

Who?

- ◆ Foreign citizens seeking to exercise an independent activity or invest in Portugal or have been accepted by the StartUP Visa Program.

Why?

- ◆ Offers the flexibility to freely move around Schengen area, invest, or work in Portugal or the EU
- ◆ Opportunity to obtain Citizenship or Permanent Residence Permit after holding a residency permit for five years (from the date of application)
- ◆ Access to health care and educational system
- ◆ Possibility of accessing EU funds and/ or tax benefits depending on the company's activity.

General requirements

- ◆ Owned property or rental for a minimum of 1 year.
- ◆ No criminal record.
- ◆ Minimum of €3.280,00 for independent workers and €9.840,00 for investors, available in Portugal for spending purposes. These funds can stem from a work contract, a promise of an employment contract, society contract, or service provider contract.

Family Reunification

- ◆ Minor or adult children must be single and enrolled in a school located in Portugal.
- Additional Investment (for spending purposes):**
- ◆ Adult Dependents: €4,500.00 per additional adult.
 - ◆ Dependent Underage Children: €2.700,00 per child.

Initial Investment

- ◆ Financial Subsistence: Minimum of €3,280.00 for independent workers. Minimum of €9,840.00 for investors.
- ◆ Government Fees: €90.00 + €226.77 per applicant.

Tax Implications

- ◆ Given Portugal's residency-for-tax-purposes regulations, applicants may personally qualify as tax residents. Regardless, dividends or income paid to the partners by the Portuguese company will be taxed in Portugal, whether they are a tax resident or a non-resident.
- ◆ Portuguese Company will pay taxes in Portugal (17% – 21%)
- ◆ Effects may be mitigated by the implementation of a double taxation agreement.
- ◆ It is advisable to conduct a personalized tax assessment.

How to Proceed

Procedure divided into

Step 1:
Start Residence Visa Application at the Portuguese Consulate in the Country of Residence.

Step 2:
Upon Visa issuance, schedule an appointment at AIMA for the first Residence Permit to be granted.

Renewal Eligibility

- ◆ Must not be absent from Portugal for 6 consecutive months or 8 interpolated months per Residency Permit.
- ◆ Maintenance of general requirements.

How long?

Time of Analysis by the Consulate

60 days

Validity of Residency Visa

120 days

Validity of First Residency Permit

2 years

Validity of Second and Subsequent Residency Permit(s)

3 years

Golden Visa /ARI For Investors

Who?

- ◆ Foreign citizens seeking to obtain a Residency Permit in Portugal for investment purposes, without the necessity of physical residency in the country.

Why?

- ◆ The most streamlined and less bureaucratic visa application process of all
- ◆ Only having to spend 7 days in a row or 14 days interpolated in Portugal
- ◆ Offers the flexibility to freely move around the Schengen area, invest, or work in Portugal or the EU
- ◆ Opportunity to obtain Citizenship or Permanent Residence Permit after holding a residency permit for five years (from the date of application)
- ◆ Access to health care and educational system
- ◆ Family Reunification even when children are studying abroad under the same investment
- ◆ Possibility of accessing EU funds and/ or tax benefits depending on the company's activity.

General Requirements and Investment Commitment:

- ◆ No criminal record.
- ◆ Investing in Portugal whether by:
- ◆ Creating between 8 to 10 new permanent employment positions either
- ◆ Considering minimal wage employment position by 2024 alone, estimate starting at around €140.000,00 for the first year (around €700.000,00 total 5-year investment)
- ◆ Transfer of capital amounting to €250,000.00 or more, invested in or supporting artistic production, rehabilitation, and maintenance of the national cultural heritage
- ◆ Transfer of capital amounting to €500.000,00 or more, invested in public or private scientific research activities conducted within the national scientific and technological framework
- ◆ Transfer of capital amounting to €500.000,00 or more, for the acquisition of non-real estate qualified investment funds or venture capital funds
- ◆ Transfer of capital amounting to €500,000.00 or more, intended for starting a company resulting in the creation of 5 new employments, or for reinforcing capital in an already existing company, resulting in the creation of 5 permanent jobs or the maintenance of at least 10 jobs (with a minimum of 5 permanent jobs) for at least 3 years.

Family Reunification

- ◆ Family members benefit from the main applicant's investment and apply simultaneously.
- ◆ Minor or single adult children can be enrolled in a school located abroad.

Government Fees:

- ◆ First Residency permit: €8.503,85 per applicant.
 - ◆ Renewal: €4.639,53 per applicant.
- NOTE: 25% discount by digital application approved but not regulated

Tax Implications

- ◆ Due to the minimal duration of stay in Portuguese territory, the applicant will not be considered a taxpayer.

How to Proceed

Procedure divided into

One single step:

Application can be done directly in Portugal without the need for a prior visa issued at the Consulate.

Renewal Eligibility

- ◆ Having stayed in Portugal for a minimal period of 7 days in a row or 14 days interpolated
- ◆ Maintenance of the investment
- ◆ Commitment to maintain the investment for the remaining period until the 5 years total.

How long?

Validity of First Residency Permit

2 years

Validity of Second and Subsequent Residency Permit(s)

3 years



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