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**List of documents needed to apply for short term visa in China
(Seasonal work with a duration between 90 days)**

1. Visa application form (the form must be filled and signed by the applicant).
2. Two passport photos: both photos must be similar, colored, with no digital retouch, size 3.5*4.5 cm, high resolution, and should allow a clear identification of the applicant. Photos that may compromise the identification of the face, of parts of the face due to accessories such as caps, hats, beanies, hair, or earrings will not be admissible.
3. Passport: the date of expiration should not be inferior to 3 months counting after the date of return. Passport should have at least 2 empty pages available.
4. Passport copies: information pages and the pages with stamps.
5. Copies of the information pages, and visas from previous passports.
6. (*Non-Chinese applicants only*): legal copy of valid proofs of residence in China, such as the “Foreigner's Visa” or “Foreigner's Resident Permit” with a date of expiration of more than 3 month counting after the date of exit from Portuguese territory.
7. Applicant's criminal record certificate issued by his/her home country's competent authority. In case the applicant has been living in a foreign country for more than a year, the criminal record certificate shall be issued by the authorities of the country of residence. The certificate should be issued no more than 90 days preceding the date of the visa application and must be certified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and legalized by the Portuguese embassy or consulate.
8. Signed authorization form allowing the Portuguese Immigration and Borders Service (SEF) to consult the applicant's criminal record certificate in Portugal (not applicable to applicants under 16 y/o).
9. A valid and suitable travel medical insurance that covers medical expenses including urgent medical care and repatriation of remains in case of death.
10. Copy of return ticket.
11. Declaration of means of subsistence or liability/consent form (“*termo de responsabilidade*”), followed by other relevant financial documentation as *per* article 11 and 52 of Law no. 23/2007 and Decree no. 1563/2007. To evaluate the means of subsistence, earnings resulting from the employment contract or promissory contract will be considered.
12. Proof of accommodation in Portugal (or liability/consent form).



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13. Employment contract / promissory contract for seasonal work signed by both the applicant and a Portuguese seasonal work provider / employer. The document should mention the work address, schedule and a complete description of the working activities, as well as the duration of the contract, the wage and the duration of paid vacations that the applicant may enjoy under Portuguese law.

13.1. If the type of work is specifically regulated by law, the applicant should meet all necessary requirements established under Portuguese legislation.

14. Documentation proving that the applicant has adequate protection in case of illness or suitable medical/health insurance coverage.

15. Declaration issued by the competent Portuguese authorities certifying that the applicant fulfills all the necessary requirements associated with his profession and its regulations in Portugal (only if applicable).

Notes:

Notwithstanding the possibility of a shorter decision for the visa application, according to Portuguese law the decision period pertaining to national residence visas may take up to 60 days and the decision period pertaining to national short-term visas may take up to 30 days. However, if SEF requests additional documentation or information the decision period is frozen until the documentation or information in question is submitted by the applicant.

If in the last 5 years the applicant has successfully applied for a short-term visa for seasonal work for a period of up to 90 days and if he has complied with all legal requirements while living in Portugal, upon submitting a new similar visa request, he/she may benefit from a simplified set of procedures. Namely, he/she shall be exempt from providing proof of accommodation and a return ticket. The decision regarding the issuance of the visa must take 15 days only (maximum).

Industries encompassed: Agriculture, livestock, hunting activities, forests, fishing, hotels, restaurants, food industry, beverage industry, tabaco industry, wholesale and retail, construction work and land transportation.

The Embassy of Portugal in Beijing upholds the right to request additional information or documentation and schedule an interview if needed.

By failing to provide all the requested documents, the documentation shall be returned to the applicant without analysis by the competent Portuguese authorities. On the other hand, the submission of all requested documents does not grant the automatic issuing of a visa.