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**List of documents needed to apply for residence visa in China
(National visa D7-Fixed residency for retirement purposes, religious
purposes or people living out from individual revenues)**

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. Proof of accommodation in Portugal (or liability/consent form) – lease contract with a duration of at least one year.
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.



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12. Proof that the applicant owns a bank account at a Portuguese bank or an affidavit (“*Declaração de compromisso de honra*”) stating the intention to open a bank account in Portugal.

13. Proof of financial resources available in Portugal, such as a bank statement mentioning the ownership of a bank account, with the account number and balance.

14. (*Religious purposes*):

14.1. Declaration issued by a Portuguese parish or religious community. Please note that the issuer should be based in Portugal and recognized by the Portuguese legal system.

15. (*Retirement*):

15.1. Declaration issued by the Social Security or appointed authority in the relevant country mentioning the applicant’s pension monthly amount. This declaration must be translated to Portuguese 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.

15.2. Pension’s payment record during the last year (monthly), along with a bank statement that confirms the deposits in question.

15.3. Proof of retirement. This document should be translated to Portuguese and certified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China and legalized by the Portuguese Embassy or consulate.

16. (*Living from individual revenues*):

16.1. Real Estate Revenues: Property ownership record/certificate and lease contract celebrated at least one year before the date of the visa application. All documents should be legalized by the Portuguese Embassy or consulate.

16.2. Financial investments: declaration by the third party in charge of managing the applicant financial investments, stating the revenues (specifically, the profits) during the last two years. All documents should be legalized by the Portuguese Embassy or consulate.

16.3. Bank deposits: bank statement issued by the applicant’s bank concerning the financial activities of the last two years. The document should mention the account number, balance, and net profit. All documents should be legalized by the Portuguese Embassy or consulate.

16.4. Intellectual property: Proof of registration of a literary, artistic or scientific work and relevant documentation that proves copyright revenues earned by the applicant. All documents should be legalized by the Portuguese Embassy or consulate.



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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.

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.

After all visa analysis procedures are completed, only the passport shall be returned to the applicant. Therefore, it is advised that the applicant keep a copy of all the documents submitted.