

E4 CHECKLIST: TEMPORARY STAY VISA FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, ACADEMIC TEACHING OR HIGHLY QUALIFIED ACTIVITY

ACADEMIC TEACHING OR HIGHLY QUALIFIED ACTIVITY
Personal details of the applicant (as per the passport)
Name:
Surname:
Passport number:
Date of birth:
Contact details of the applicant
E-mail address:
Please carefully read the following information: Submit the documents in the exact order given below. Do not staple any document. All supporting documents must be in A4 size paper.
E4 VISA: What it is?

The **E4 temporary stay visa** is aimed at foreign citizens who need to stay temporarily in Portugal for scientific research, academic teaching or highly qualified activity purposes. The temporary stay visa is a multiple entry visa valid for up to one year.

What is the standard processing time of a E4 visa application?

The **standard processing time** of a E4 visa application is **30 (thirty) calendar days**. This period starts counting **only** when the application reaches the Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi (the visa application will need up to two working days to reach the Consular Section Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi) and that public holidays of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi as announced on its website will not count as working days.

<u>Can my family members apply for the visa for accompanying family members (EF) while</u> <u>I apply for the E4 visa?</u>

Yes. The E4 visa does grant the right to the family member(s) of the E4 visa applicant to apply together with him/her for the temporary visa for accompanying family members (EF). Family members of the E4 applicant do not need an appointment at VFS, although they should submit their applications at the same time (the E4 and EF visa application(s), which will be assessed together).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS		
If not otherwise noted, submittal of copies of the original document are sufficient. Please note that the Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi does not return original documents if you do not provide a copy. Please mark on the right column if you submitted the document / form or not	YES	NO

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<u>Portuguese visa original application form</u> duly filled in and signed by the applicant.		
The visa application form is free of charge and can be downloaded from the website: https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/images/formulario-visto-nacional-en.pdf		
Each applicant shall submit a complete and signed application form individually. Please submit all pages of the application form.		
 Valid national passport: Issued within the last 10 years and with at least 3 months validity after the scheduled return. Passports with observations regarding the front data page (biographical data) will not be accepted. Passports must have at least two empty pages to affix visa. Handwritten passports or passports that contains a manual entry made after 01/04/2010 where the biographical data (name, place, date of birth and sex) were changed will not be accepted. Applicants from Bangladesh and Sri Lanka whose holders need their passports to travel back to their countries must submit a copy in colours of the biographical data page. This copy must not have stamps covering the information of the biographical data page. 		
 Proof of legal residence: If the applicant is not a national of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives, please note that evidence of his/her legal residence in any of these countries (residence permit) must be submitted. Please visit the following link for more details: RESIDENCY CRITERIA 		
 2 passport size pictures: White background, not older than 6 months (size 35-40 mm in width, not copied or scanned picture). One picture must be pasted on the application. One picture has to be clipped on the last page of the passport. Stappled of pinned pictures cannot be accepted. For more details refer to: https://www.icao.int/Security/mrtd/Downloads/Technical%20Reports/Annex A-Photograph Guidelines.pdf 		
Copy of the return transport ticket issued and/or booked on the name of the applicant.		
 Travel Insurance (original): Please refer to the list of approved Indian travel insurances: https://www.vfsglobal.com/one-pager/portugal/india/english/pdf/TRAVEL-MEDICAL.pdf 		

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SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS	
• The presentation of a <u>sponsorship letter</u> , with a legalized signature, issued by the host entity.	
 The means derived from an employment contract or a promise of employment contract, a proposal or a service contract or scientific research scholarship; or, 	
 All documents must be originals, in format A4, with stamp and signature of the Bank. 	
<u>Proof of financial means:</u> For the purpose of proof of means of support, the following will be considered:	
where the applicant has resided for over a year. Please note: a. Applicants from India or Indian nationals: the Police Clearance Certificate (PCC) issued from the nearest Regional Passport Office. This document must be apostilled (Hague Apostille). For further information, kindly check the official information provided by the Indian authorities: https://www.mea.gov.in/apostille-menu.htm b. Applicants from Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and the Maldives: the Police Clearance Certificate must be legalised previously by both the correspondent Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the respective embassy in New Delhi (document must be legalised already at the moment of submitting the application).	
Police Clearance Certificate issued by the competent authority (is only considered valid up to three months after the date of issuance) of the country of the applicant's nationality or of the country where the applicant has resided for over a year.	
 Applicants from outside India, should get their travel insurances in their country of residence. Minimum coverage of 30,000 Euro / 50,000 USD / 50,000 CHF per person. Coverage of all expenses which might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention and/or emergency hospital treatment. The insurance has to cover the entire stay in Portugal. The document must be original and should have a QR code to be verified, in order to be considered valid. 	
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 Invitation letter issued by a research center, namely through a proposal or an employment contract, a proposal or contract for providing service, or scientific research scholarship, recognized by the Ministry of Education of Portugal or by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education of Portugal, stating the duration and the salary. 			
 Hold a proposal or an employment contract or a proposal or service contract for academic teaching purposes in a higher education institution or for a highly qualified activity in Portugal. 			
Additional documents the applicant wants to submit (please note that VFS is not authorized to refuse acceptance of documents the applicant wants to submit but are not mentioned on the checklist):			

General remarks of the Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi:

- Submission of the above-mentioned mandatory documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted. The required documents must be submitted with the visa application (documents sent through e-mail or post to the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi are not accepted, unless if required).
- The Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi reserves the right to ask for additional documents and/or for a personal interview. The Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi is not however obliged to ask for submittal of documents already mentioned on this list before denying an application.
- Submission of incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of an application.
- Please note that the standard processing time of a E4 visa application is 30 (thirty) calendar days. This period starts counting only when the application reaches the Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi (the visa application will need up to two working days to reach the Consular Section Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi) and that public holidays of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi as announced on its website will not count as working days.
- This period can be prolonged by the Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi if deemed necessary for a personal interview, scrutiny of bank documents and/or verification of any other supporting documents, among other reasons.
- Visa applications should be submitted in advance to ensure time for competent authorities to deliver a decision.
- A booked flight ticket does not result in a preferred processing of the application.

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- All documents, forms and declarations must be submitted either in Portuguese or English.
 All documents, forms and declarations not in Portuguese or English have to be submitted with proper Portuguese or English translation. Failing to provide proper translation will result in the document, form or declaration considered "missing".
- The refusal of the visa application does not entail the reimbursement of the visa fees.
- Consult the legislation in force at the following hyperlink: https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/national-visas/national-legislation

<u>Declaration of the visa applicant (to be signed by the parent(s) submitting the application if applicant is a minor)</u>

I have taken note of the general and special remarks as mentioned on checklist.

I have been informed that VFS Global does not have any influence on the decision about a visa application and only the information provided by the Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi must be taken as official.

I confirm that the VFS officer has noted all documents submitted by me and that I want the application in its present form to be forwarded to the Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi.

I am aware that original documents not submitted with a copy will be kept by the Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi.

Date:

Name, Surname of the applicant:

Passport number:

Signature of the applicant:

Confirmation of VFS on the day of submittal Date of submittal: ______ VFS VAC in _____ Application submitted: I confirm that above this checklist has been filled out together with and signed in front of me by the applicant at today's appointment at the above VAC. VFS Officer Full Name: ______ Signature: ______

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DECLARATION

Name:	
Surna	me:
Declar	re that:
missin	rish my visa application to be examined by the Consular Post despite the good documents marked in the attached checklist which may lead to the ion of the visa application.
□ I he	reby acknowledge that:
-	The Job Seeker Visa does not provide the possibility to apply for a family member accompanying visa. Failure to submit all the necessary documents may lead to the rejection of the visa application. The Consular Post reserves the right to request supplementary documents if necessary. If the Consular Post requests additional documents or missing documents from the applicant, the examination of the application is suspended until its submission. Even if all the requested documents are submitted, it does not imply that a visa will automatically be granted. The visa fee is not refunded if the visa is refused. Any false statement will result in the refusal of the visa application or the annulment of a visa that has already been granted and may subject me to legal action under Portuguese law. All communications and notifications regarding the visa application may be sent to the electronic address indicated in field 19 of the visa application form, and shall be considered to have been made, pursuant to and for the purposes of article 113 (5 and 6) of the Code of Administrative Procedure, in the moment the applicant access to the specific mail sent or, in the event of no access to the electronic mailbox, on the fifth working day after it is sent.
Date: _	
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