

D6 CHECKLIST: FAMILY REUNIFICATION

Personal details of the applicant (as per the passport)

Name: _____

Surname: _____

Passport number: _____

Date of birth: _____

Contact details of the applicant

E-mail address: _____

Telephone no.: _____

Please carefully read the following information:

- Please submit the documents in the exact order given below.
- Please do not staple any document.

D6 VISA: What it is?

Some family members (specifically identified in the law, see below) of foreign nationals (foreign nationals who are already living in Portugal and who are holders of a valid residency permit issued by the Portuguese authorities) are entitled to family reunification (which means they can join them in Portugal and apply for residency); in which case they should apply for a D6 visa.

For that purpose and prior to submitting a D6 visa, it is mandatory that the foreign national living in Portugal and holder of a valid residency permit issued by the Portuguese authorities request for family reunification in favour of his/her family members, to the Agency for Integration, Migration and Asylum (AIMA) – the new agency responsible for the reception, integration and asylum of migrants since 29/10/2023, which was created with the abolition of the Immigration and Border Services (SEF) and the restructuring of the border control system in Portugal. Kindly consult: <https://aima.gov.pt/>

Only the following family members of the foreign national living in Portugal and holder of a valid residence permit issued by the Portuguese authorities **are entitled to apply for family reunification (D6 visa):**

- The **spouse (or the partner** in the case of a non-marital partnership, provided that non-marital partnerships are recognised by law in the country of the national);
- The **children under the age of 18 years old**, either of the applicant or of his/her spouse, as well as minors adopted by the applicant and/or by his/her spouse, as a result of a decision by the authority competent authority of the country of origin, provided that the law of that country recognises to the adopted rights and duties identical to those of natural filiation and which the decision is recognised by Portugal;
- The **children older than 18 years old**, provided that they are **financially dependent of the main visa applicant** and/or his/her spouse, and provided that they are **single** and are **studying at an educational institution in Portugal**;
- The **children older than 18 years old**, provided that they are **financially dependent of the main visa applicant** and/or his/her spouse, and provided that they are **single** and are **they are studying**, as long as the holder of the right to family reunion is the bearer of a residence permit issued under the article 90.º-A (Decree-Law no. 90/2022, of 30th December);
- The **direct ascendants (parents) of the main applicant or the direct ascendants (parents) of his/her spouse**, as long as they **financially dependent on the applicant**



<p>(or financially dependent on the spouse);</p> <p>➤ Siblings of the main applicant, as long as they are minors and are under the guardianship of the main applicant, in accordance with the decision made by the competent authority of the country of origin and as long as this decision is recognised by Portugal.</p> <p>As for any residence visa, the D6 visa grants two entries in Portugal to the visa holder, being valid for a period of four months (120 days). During that period, the visa holder is required to apply for a residency permit with the competent Portuguese authorities: https://aima.gov.pt/</p> <p><u>What is the standard processing time of a D6 visa application?</u> The standard processing time of a D6 visa application is 60 (sixty) days, which may be prolonged if necessary. Please note that this period starts counting only when the application reaches the Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa (the visa application will need up to two working days to reach the Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa) and that public holidays of the Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa as announced on its website will not count as working days.</p>		
<u>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS</u>	YES	NO
<p>If not otherwise noted, submittal of the original documents is sufficient. Please note that the Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa does not return original documents if you do not provide a copy.</p> <p>Please mark on the right column if you submitted the document / form or not!</p>		
<p><u>Portuguese visa original application form</u> duly filled in and signed by the applicant.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Each applicant shall submit a complete and signed application form individually.</p> <p>Please submit all pages of the application form.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Valid national passport:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 the visa. ➤ Handwritten passports or passports that contain 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. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Previous passport/s:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If any, irrespective of its condition, bound together with rubber band, not stapled (in case lost a note is required). 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



<p>Previous Occidental visas, if any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Clear photocopies of all previous Schengen Visas; if stamped on another passport, together with photocopies of the first page (bio-data) and last page of the passport.➤ Clear photocopies of UK, USA or Canada visas, if any.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Previous refused visas, if any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ If you have been refused a visa by an Embassy or High Commission, a refusal notice or a written explanation about the reasons of refusal is needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Proof of legal residence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ If the applicant is not a national of India, evidence of his/her legal residence in this country (residence permit) must be submitted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>2 passport size pictures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 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. Stapled or pinned pictures cannot be accepted.➤ For more details refer to: https://www.icao.int/Security/mrtd/Downloads/Technical%20Reports/Annex_A-Photograph_Guidelines.pdf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Personal covering letter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Original letter in which the applicant introduces themselves, explains the reasons for applying for a D6 visa and clearly identifies the area(s) and field(s) of work he/she has experience in. The covering letter should also state the names and passport numbers, and relation to accompanying travellers. If applying through another Mission, details should be provided.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Travel Insurance (ORIGINAL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Please refer to the list of approved Indian travel insurances:➤ https://www.vfsglobal.com/one-pager/portugal/india/english/pdf/updated_tmi_iist.pdf➤ 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 must cover the entire stay in Portugal.➤ The document must be original and should have a QR code to be verified, to be considered valid.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Transport document/flight reservation: ➤ Flight reservation with the name of the traveller, showing the date of entry in Portugal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police Clearance Certificate issued by the competent authority of the country of the applicant's nationality or of the country where the applicant has resided for over a year. Please note: a. Applicants from India or Indian nationals: the Police Clearance Certificate (PCC) should be issued from the nearest Regional Passport Office. This document must be apostilled (Hague Apostille). The PCC is only considered valid for upto three months from the date of issue and should be presented in original. For further information, kindly check the official information provided by the Indian authorities: https://www.mea.gov.in/apostille-menu.htm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting documents regarding accommodation (proof of private accommodation in Portugal for the period in which the visa will be valid – 120 days)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of financial resources for the period of at least 12 months, under the provisions laid out on the n.º 2 of article 2 of Ordinance n.º 1563/2007, of 11 December. For such purpose, applicants must submit the original bank statements (stamped and signed by the bank) of the previous six months as well as the ITRs of the previous three years. For the purposes of proof of means of subsistence, the funds arising from a contract or promise of an employment contract must be considered. Proof of the financial resources may be also waived off upon the presentation of a term of responsibility, in original, signed by either the Portuguese citizen or a foreign citizen legally living in Portugal, through which he/she declares to be able to support the visa applicant by providing food and accommodation in Portugal, as well as to pay any repatriation costs in case of irregular stay. The document can be downloaded here: https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/images/termo_responsabilidade_aima_2024_2.pdf To be considered valid, the document and the signature of the citizen who signs it must be duly recognised by a lawyer or notary or registry office authorised to carry on activities in Portugal. A copy of the Portuguese citizen's ID, who signs the document, must also be submitted, or, should the document be signed by a foreign citizen legally living in Portugal, a copy of his/her residence card is mandatory.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Birth certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



MINORS

- **If the minor is travelling with only one parent**, written consent of the other parent or guardian, certified by a public notary, except in cases of a parent having sole custody or guardianship of the minor, in which case a court order or other proof of sole custody or guardianship must be provided – duly legalised by a public notary;
- **If the minor is travelling alone (without parents)**, written consent, certified by public notary, of both parents or guardians having custody or guardianship of the minor.
- **Copy of identification document(s)** (with signature and photograph) of the parent(s)/guardian(s) having custody/guardianship of the applicant duly legalised by a public notary;

SPECIFIC D6 DOCUMENTS

Notification issued by the Agency for Integration, Migration and Asylum (AIMA), regarding the approval of the family reunification.

The D6 family reunification visa application must be submitted within the deadline of 90 days following the date of issuance of the notification by AIMA. Failure to submit the D6 visa application within this period implies the expiry of the decision to recognise the right to family reunification.

Proof of the family affiliation/links:

- a. Depending on the family relationship, it is mandatory to present proof of family links through an official document issued by the competent authorities of the country of the national:**
- **Birth Certificate/Marriage Certificate/Legal Guardianship;**
 - **In applicable cases, proof of financial dependence is mandatory;**
 - **In applicable cases (children above the age of 18), enrolment in a public institution in Portugal is mandatory**

The documents issued in India are only considered valid if they are duly legalised with the Hague Apostille. Documents issued by the Indian authorities need to be attested first by competent State / Union Territory Department where the document was issued; and then by the Ministry of External Affairs of India with the Hague Apostille.



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 Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa:

- Submission of the above-mentioned mandatory documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted. The required documents have to be submitted with the visa application (documents sent through e-mail or post to the Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa are not accepted, unless if required).
- The Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa reserves the right to ask for additional documents and/or for a personal interview. The Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa 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 D6 visa application is of 60 (sixty) days. This period starts counting **only** when the application reaches the Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa (the visa application will need up to two working days to reach the Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa) and that public holidays of the Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa as announced on its website will not count as working days.
- This period can be prolonged by the Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa if deemed necessary for a personal interview, scrutiny/verification 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.
- 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>



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

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 Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa 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 Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa. I am aware that original documents not submitted with a copy will be kept by the Consulate-General of Portugal in Goa.

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: