

# D8 CHECKLIST: RESIDENCE VISA FOR ACCOMPANYING FAMILY MEMBERS

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:

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

#### D8 VISA: What it is?

The **D8 visa** is a residence visa aimed at the family member(s) of the "main" residence visa applicant (for any residence visa category, except – job seeker visa – which does not entitle the family members to apply for a D8 visa), allowing them to also apply for residence in Portugal. The D8 visa is not intended for family members of legal residents in Portugal.

Therefore, the D8 visa application is assessed at the same time as that of the residence visa application of "main" family member. D8 applicants do not need to get an appointment at VFS to submit their visa application. Only the main residence visa must have an appointment and his/her family member(s)shall submit their visa application(s) on the same date.

## Only the following family members of the main residence visa applicant are entitled to apply for a D8 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 competent authority of the country of origin, provided that the law of that country recognises to the adopted the rights and duties identical to those of natural filiation, and in which the decision is recognized 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.°-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 are financially dependent on the applicant (or financially dependent on the spouse);
- > 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.

As for any residence visa, the D8 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: <a href="https://aima.gov.pt/pt/viver/autorizacao-de-residencia-regime-e-requisitos-gerais-art-o-77-o-n-o-1">https://aima.gov.pt/pt/viver/autorizacao-de-residencia-regime-e-requisitos-gerais-art-o-77-o-n-o-1</a>

#### What is the standard processing time of a D8 visa application?

The standard processing time of a D8 visa application is 60 (sixty) days, which may be prolonged if necessary. The D8 visa application is assessed together with the residence visa application of the main family member/main applicant. 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.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	YES	NO
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.  Please mark on the right column if you submitted the document / form or not!		
<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.		
<ul> <li>Valid national passport:         <ul> <li>Issued within the last 10 years and with at least 3 months validity after the scheduled return.</li> <li>Passports with observations regarding the front data page (biographical data) will not be accepted.</li> <li>Passports must have at least two empty pages to affix the visa.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Previous passport/s:</li> <li>If any, irrespective of its condition, bound together with rubber band, not stapled (in case lost a note is required).</li> </ul>		



<ul> <li>Previous Occidental visas, if any:</li> <li>➤ Clear photocopies of all previous Schengen Visas; if stamped on another passport, together with photocopies of the first page</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>(bio-data) and last page of the passport.</li><li>➤ Clear photocopies of UK, USA or Canada visas, if any.</li></ul>	
Previous refused visas, if any:  ➤ 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.	
<ul> <li>Proof of legal residence:</li> <li>If the applicant is not a national of India, evidence of his/her legal residence in this country (residence permit) must be submitted.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>2 passport size pictures:         <ul> <li>White background, not older than 6 months (size 35-40 mm in width, not copied or scanned picture).</li> <li>One picture must be pasted on the application.</li> <li>One picture has to be clipped on the last page of the passport. Stapled or pinned pictures cannot be accepted.</li> <li>For more details refer to: <a href="https://www.icao.int/Security/mrtd/Downloads/Technical%20Reports/Annex A-Photograph Guidelines.pdf">https://www.icao.int/Security/mrtd/Downloads/Technical%20Reports/Annex A-Photograph Guidelines.pdf</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Personal covering letter:  > Original letter in which the applicant introduces themselves, explains the reasons for applying for a D8 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.	
<b>Proof of financial resources</b> sufficient for the needs of the residence visa applicant and the accompanying family members during the intended period of stay or 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: <a href="https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/images/termo">https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/images/termo</a> responsabilidade aima 2024 2	

<u>.pdf</u>	
The "Statement of Responsibility" must be submitted with the sponsor/invitee the following supporting documents:  a. Declaração de IRS (Portuguese Income Tax Declaration) of the previous two years;  b. Salary Slips of the previous three months;  c. Portuguese bank statements of the previous three months;	
<ul> <li>d. Title of property in Portugal or rental contract (if sponsor/invitee is providing the accommodation).</li> </ul>	
e. Copy of the Portuguese citizen's ID, who signs the document, or, should the document be signed by a foreign citizen legally living in Portugal, a copy of his/her residence card is mandatory.	
To be considered valid, the "Statement of Responsibility" must be original, duly certified by a Portuguese Public Notary or lawyer or registry office authorised to carry on activities in Portugal.	
<ul> <li>Please refer to the list of approved Indian travel insurances: <a href="https://www.vfsglobal.com/one-pager/portugal/india/english/pdf/updated tmi iist.pdf">https://www.vfsglobal.com/one-pager/portugal/india/english/pdf/updated tmi iist.pdf</a></li> <li>Minimum coverage of 30,000 Euro / 50,000 USD / 50,000 CHF per person.</li> <li>Coverage of all expenses which might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention and/or emergency hospital treatment.</li> <li>The insurance must cover the entire stay in Portugal.</li> <li>The document must be original and should have a QR code to be verified, to be considered valid.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Transport document/flight reservation:</li> <li>Flight reservation with the name of the traveller, showing the date of entry in Portugal.</li> </ul>	
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: <a href="https://www.mea.gov.in/apostille-menu.htm">https://www.mea.gov.in/apostille-menu.htm</a>	
<b>Supporting documents regarding accommodation</b> (proof of private accommodation in Portugal for the period in which the visa will be valid – 120 days)	



Proof of family links and/or financial dependance with the main residence visa applicant:  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		
<ul><li>country of the national:</li><li>Birth Certificate/Marriage Certificate/Legal Guardianship;</li></ul>		
> <u>In applicable cases, proof of financial dependence is</u>		
<ul><li>mandatory;</li><li>In applicable cases (children above the age of 18),</li></ul>		
enrolment in a public institution in Portugal is		
<u>mandatory</u>		
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.		
Birth certificate		
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;		
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.
- > If the Consular Post requests additional documents or missing documents from the applicant, the examination of the application is suspended until their submission.
- 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, from the moment the applicant accesses the specific mail sent or, in the event of no access to the electronic mailbox, on the fifth working day after it is sent.
- ▶ Please note that the standard processing time of a D8 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: <a href="https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/national-visas/national-legislation">https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/national-visas/national-legislation</a>

## <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 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.

<u>Date:</u>



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: