

## RESIDENCY VISA FOR RESEARCH, STUDY, STUDENTS EXCHANGE, INTERNSHIP AND VOLUNTARY WORK

Applicant's name(s) and surname(s):		
Email address:		
Direct phone number:		
Purpose for traveling to Portugal:		
<b>GENERAL REQUIREMENTS</b>		
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>National Visa application</b> filled in and duly signed by the applicant (or by the legal guardian in case of minors or the disabled);	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2 identical passport-sized photographs</b> , recent and in good condition to identify the applicant (1 attached to the form).		
<b>Passport</b> or other travel document, valid for at least 3 months beyond the intended period of stay;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photocopy of passport (biographical data).		
<b>Proof of regular status</b> , if of other nationality than that of the country where applying for a visa, valid beyond the date of expiry of the visa you are applying for.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Valid travel insurance</b> , covering necessary medical expenses, including urgent medical assistance and possible repatriation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Police clearance certificate</b> , issued by the competent authority of the country of the applicant's nationality or of the country where the applicant has lived for over a year (not required for minors under sixteen years of age), with the Hague Apostille (if applicable) or legalised.		
<i>Note: Police clearance is required to be submitted with a UAE MoFA stamp and must be legalized by the Portuguese embassy prior to submitting an application to VFS; otherwise, it is not accepted.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>*Please note that an appointment at the Portuguese Embassy is mandatory for legalization purposes. The appointment needs to be made online through: <a href="https://agendamentos.mne.gov.pt/pt/login">https://agendamentos.mne.gov.pt/pt/login</a></i>		
<b>Proof of source of income:</b>  For the purposes of proof of means of support, the following must be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The means derived from grants, scholarships, employment contract or promise of employment contract;</li> <li>The presentation of a sponsorship letter, with a legalised signature, issued by the host organization for trainees or workers, as well as by the organization responsible for student exchange or volunteer programs.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Exemptions:</b> consult the specific section according to the purpose of stay.		
<b>SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS</b>		

<p><u>Research:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment contract or hosting agreement with the research centre or university; <b>or</b>,</li> <li>• Letter of acceptance from the research centre or the higher education institution and proof of scholarship or research grant; <b>or</b>,</li> <li>• Sponsorship letter signed by the research centre or higher education institution guaranteeing their admission and living expenses.</li> </ul> <p><b>Researchers admitted</b> to a research centre or higher education institution officially recognized <b>under the terms of the legislation in force (Article 91-B of Law 23/2007)</b> <b>are exempt from presenting:</b> health insurance or equivalent, employment contract or hosting agreement, travel insurance and means of support.</p> <p>Whenever the applicant is the <b>beneficiary of a study or research grant</b>, he is exempt from presenting the document proving admission, as well as proof of sufficient means of support, provided he informs the Consular Post of this fact.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Higher education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of fulfilment of admission criteria or acceptance to a higher education institution for a study program and proof of sufficient means of support to attend the study program.</li> </ul> <p><b>Higher education students admitted to a higher education institution officially recognized under the terms of the legislation in force (Article 91º-B of Law nº 23/2007) are exempt</b> from presenting health insurance or equivalent, from proving admission conditions or how they were accepted in a higher education institution, travel insurance or means of support.</p> <p>All the students benefiting from a scholarship, as well as beneficiaries of a <b>scholarship awarded by Camões – Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua</b> –, are exempt from presenting proof of admission and proof of sufficient means of support.</p> <p>Applicants for residence visas who are <b>third-country nationals of Portuguese speaking countries</b> are exempt from proof of means of support when admitted to a higher education institution.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Study in secondary or vocational education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of admission in a recognized education program equivalent to levels 2 and 3 of the international standard education classification, in a student exchange program or through individual admission to an educational project conducted by a recognized educational establishment;</li> <li>• Must be 14 to 21 years of age;</li> <li>• Proof of hosting by a family or having secured accommodation in suitable facilities, within the educational establishment or elsewhere;</li> <li>• Proof of admission to a course of qualification levels 4 or 5 of the National Qualifications Framework (QNQ) or training courses provided by educational or vocational training establishments, provided they have means of support, travel insurance and insurance of health.</li> </ul> <p>In the case of <b>student's exchange program</b>, proof of means of support can be carried out by submitting a statement of responsibility, with legalised signature, by the organization responsible for student exchange programs.</p> <p>All students benefiting from a <b>scholarship awarded by Camões – Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua</b> – are exempt from presenting proof of admission and proof of sufficient means of support.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p><u>Internship:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of internship acceptance by the certified host entity; <b>and</b>,</li> <li>• Theoretical and practical training contract, in the field of the applicant's higher education diploma or of the cycle of studies he is attending, which must contain: training program, duration and schedule of training, location and supervision conditions of the internship, characterization of the legal relationship between the trainee and the host entity, mention that the internship does not replace a job and that the host entity is responsible for reimbursing the state for living and removal expenses, if the trainee remains illegally in national territory.</li> </ul> <p><b>Proof of means of support</b> can be provided by submitting a sponsorship letter, with a legalised signature, by the host entity for trainees.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Voluntary work:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract with the host entity responsible for the volunteer program, with the duration, schedule, supervision conditions and guarantee that lodging and boarding will be covered, including a minimum amount of support allowance or pocket money; <b>and</b>,</li> <li>• Subscription of civil liability insurance by the host entity, except in the case of volunteers participating in the European Voluntary Service.</li> </ul> <p><b>Proof of means of support</b> can be provided by submitting a sponsorship letter, with a legalised signature, by the organization responsible for the volunteer program.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR MINORS</b></p>		
<p><b>Minors who are not traveling with both parents or are traveling with a third person:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a travel authorization issued by the parent with whom the minor is not traveling or by both parents, with a legalised signature; <b>or</b></li> <li>• a court decision (when applicable) authorizing the minor to travel and stay in Portugal for the foreseen period according to the purpose of stay, with the Hague Apostille (if applicable) or legalised; <b>and</b></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Photocopy of the parent's signed passport or national identity card.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>RESIDENCY VISA FOR RESEARCH, STUDY, STUDENTS EXCHANGE, INTERNSHIP AND VOLUNTARY WORK – CPLP MOBILITY AGREEMENT</b></p>		
<p><b>CPLP citizens are exempt from presenting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel insurance,</li> <li>• Return transport ticket; and</li> <li>• Means of support, <b>upon presentation of a sponsorship letter in the following terms:</b></li> </ul> <p>a) Presentation of a sponsorship letter, with a legalised signature, issued by the host organization for trainees or workers, as well as by the organization responsible for student exchange or volunteer programs; <b>or</b>,</p> <p>b) Presentation of a sponsorship letter, with a legalised signature, signed by a Portuguese or a foreign citizen with a residence permit in Portugal, covering lodging and boarding, as well as the replacement of removal costs, in case of irregular stay.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Notes:**

- 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.
- 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.
- Consult the legislation in force at <https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/national-visas/national-legislation>
- Means of support: Ordinance nº 1563/2007, of 6th of December.