

## RESIDENCE VISA FOR INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY, MIGRANT ENTREPRENEURS AND STARTUP VISA PROGRAMS (D2)

<https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/pt/vistos-nacionais/documentacao-instrutoria/residencia#exerc%C3%ADcio-de-atividade-profissional-independente-ou-para-imigrantes-empresendedores>

<b>Applicant's name and surname:</b>		
<b>Reason for traveling to Portugal:</b>		
<b>Email address:</b>	<b>Mobile:</b>	
<b>GENERAL REQUIREMENTS</b>		
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<a href="#">National Visa application form</a> fully completed and duly signed by the applicant. For minors or legally incapacitated applicants, the form must be signed by both parents or by the legal guardian. <b>2 Photos</b> , passport type, recent, and in good condition, to identify the applicant.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Passport</b> must be valid for at least 90 days beyond the 120-day residence visa period, counted from the applicant's intended date of entry into Portugal. A photocopy of the biographical data page must also be included.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Proof of regular status</b> (if applicable) residence permit for the United Kingdom endorsed in the passport, issued as a biometric card (BRP) or as a digital share-code. The document must be valid for at least 120 days beyond the applicant's intended date of entry into Portugal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Valid travel insurance</b> must cover necessary medical expenses, including urgent medical assistance and potential repatriation, for the full duration of the residence visa (120 days), counted from the applicant's intended date of entry into Portugal. British nationals who meet the criteria may apply for an <a href="#">S1 form</a> which must be duly certified by the relevant authorities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Criminal record certificate (for applicants aged 16 and over)</b> issued within the last 90 days by the competent authority of the applicant's country of residence in the past year, duly legalised by Hague Apostille or, where applicable, by the competent Portuguese diplomatic authority. Applicants who have resided in the U.K. during the past year must provide a <a href="#">police certificate issued by the ACRO Criminal Records Office</a> . This document must be legalised with the Hague Apostille, obtained through the <a href="#">UK Legalisation Office</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Personal statement</b> must be signed by the applicant and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A clear explanation of the reason(s) for the application.</li> <li>• The full address of the applicant's accommodation in Portugal, including the postcode.</li> <li>• Details of the conditions for the intended stay.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Proof of financial resources may be demonstrated through one of the following</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank statements for the last three months, showing a minimum available balance of at least €920; or</li> <li>• A <a href="#">term of responsibility</a> signed by the workers' reception entity. The signature must be duly certified by a Notary, Lawyer or Solicitor. The Term of Responsibility must be accompanied by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A copy of the sponsor's passport or ID, and Portuguese residence permit (if applicable).</li> <li>○ Bank statements for the last three months of the sponsor.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Proof of accommodation in Portugal may be demonstrated through one of the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deeds of property in Portugal in the applicant's name; or</li> <li>• A rental agreement for a property in Portugal, with a minimum duration of 12 months from the intended date of arrival in Portugal, along with proof of its registration with the relevant <a href="#">Portuguese tax authorities</a>; or</li> <li>• A <a href="#">term of responsibility</a>, completed and signed by the host in Portugal. The host's signature must be duly certified by a Notary, Lawyer or Solicitor accompanied by:</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A copy of the host's passport or ID, and Portuguese residence permit (if applicable).</li> <li>○ The host's property deeds or rental agreement in their name, confirming ownership or lawful use of the property.</li> <li>○ Notarised authorisation issued by the landlord, together with a copy of the landlord's identification document (where authorisation for accommodation of third parties is required).</li> </ul>		
<b>SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS</b>		
<p><b>Independent Work Activity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service provision contract with a Portuguese entity.</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of a <b>business duly registered in Portugal</b> within the scope of independent professional activity, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Limited Company (<i>Sociedade por Quotas</i>).</li> <li>○ Sole Proprietorship (<i>Sociedade Unipessoal</i>).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Supporting documents (as applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up-to-date and valid Permanent Certificate of the Commercial Registry (<i>Certidão Permanente</i>).</li> <li>• Business Plan.</li> <li>• Self-Employment Registration Certificate.</li> <li>• Partnership Agreement (<i>Contrato de Sociedade</i>).</li> <li>• Central Registry of Beneficial Owners (<i>RCBE</i>).</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Migrant Entrepreneur:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of a <b>business duly registered in Portugal</b>, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Limited Company (<i>Sociedade por Quotas</i>).</li> <li>○ Sole Proprietorship (<i>Sociedade Unipessoal</i>).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Supporting documents (as applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up-to-date and valid Permanent Certificate of the Commercial Registry (<i>Certidão Permanente</i>).</li> <li>• Business Plan.</li> <li>• Self-Employment Registration Certificate</li> <li>• Partnership Agreement (<i>Contrato de Sociedade</i>).</li> <li>• Central Registry of Beneficial Owners (<i>RCBE</i>).</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A declaration from the applicant confirming that an investment operation has been carried out or will be carried out in Portugal, specifying its nature, value, and duration; and</li> <li>• Proof that the investment operation has been carried out; or</li> <li>• Proof of financial means available in Portugal, including funds held with a Portuguese financial institution, together with evidence of the intention to carry out a clearly identified and described investment in Portuguese territory.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Startup Visa Program:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declaration from IAPMEI (Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation, I.P.), proving that an incubation contract has been signed with a certified incubator, under the terms of the applicable legislation.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>RESIDENCE VISA FOR INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY, MIGRANT ENTREPRENEURS AND STARTUP VISA PROGRAMS – CPLP MOBILITY AGREEMENT</b>		
<p><b>CPLP citizens (from Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, São Tomé and Príncipe, East Timor and Equatorial Guinea), are exempted from presenting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• travel insurance.</li> <li>• specific documents.</li> </ul> <p><b>CPLP citizens are also exempt from presenting evidence of means of subsistence upon presentation of a term of responsibility recognised by a Notary, Lawyer or Solicitor in the following terms:</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Presentation of a term with a recognized signature issued by the host entity for interns or workers, as well as by the organization responsible for student exchange or volunteer programs; or,</li> <li>b) Presentation of a term of responsibility, with a recognized signature, signed by a Portuguese citizen or a foreign citizen, with a residence permit in Portugal, which guarantees food and accommodation for the visa applicant, as well as the replacement of removal costs, in case of irregular stay. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Income Tax Return (IRS) of the subscriber (last year available); and</li> <li>ii. Bank statements of the subscriber (last 3 months).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |  |
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## Residence Visa – Key Information

### Purpose and Validity

- Intended for applicants wishing to stay in Portugal for over 1 year.
- Initial validity: 120 days, allowing up to two entries into Portugal.
- After arrival, the applicant must attend an AIMA appointment in Portugal to obtain a residence permit.
- The Consulate-General does not schedule or reschedule AIMA appointments; applicants must contact AIMA directly.
- More information: [AIMA - Residence Permits](#).

### Processing Time

- Standard processing time: 60 days.
- Extended processing may be requested where justified.
- More information: [MNE - National Visas Deadlines](#).

### Work Documentation

All employment contracts or promissory employment contracts must comply with Article 5 of the Portuguese Labour Code and must include the following elements:

- Full identification, signatures, and domicile of both parties, including the company's Collective Person Identification Number (NIPC), where applicable.
- Explicit reference to the intended work visa, residence permit, or authorised stay in Portugal.
- Description of the employer's economic activity.
- Description of the employee's role and corresponding remuneration, which must be above the Portuguese national minimum wage, including indication of payment periodicity and method.
- Place of work and normal working hours.
- Start date of employment (which must be at least 15 days after submission of the visa application) and end date, where applicable.
- Reference to annual leave entitlement and meal allowance, where applicable.
- Reference to Christmas and holiday allowances, where applicable.

All employment contracts must be signed by the employee and by a duly authorised representative of the employer. The employer's signature must be formally certified by a Notary, Registry Office, Solicitor, Lawyer, or Chamber of Commerce.

### Public Documents and Legalisation

All public documents must be legalised according to applicable conventions (e.g., Hague Apostille) or through the relevant Portuguese diplomatic representation in the issuing country. This includes, but not limited to:

- Civil Registry documents (birth, marriage certificates, and others).
- Criminal record certificates.
- Professional certificates and diplomas.

UK public documents must be legalised via the [UK Legalisation Office](#). Certified translations are required for documents not issued in English or Portuguese.

### Financial Resources

- Must comply with the requirements set out in Ordinance nº 1563/2007 of 6 December.

### General Rules

- Incomplete applications may result in refusal; fees are non-refundable.
- The Consulate reserves the right to request additional documentation.
- Submission of all documents does not guarantee approval.
- Applicants should consult: [National Legislation](#).

