



RESIDENCE VISA FOR RESEARCH, STUDY, HIGHER EDUCATION, STUDENTS EXCHANGE, INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTARY WORK (D4)

<https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/pt/vistos-nacionais/documentacao-instrutoria/residencia#investiga%C3%A7%C3%A3o-estudo-interc%C3%A2mbio-de-estudantes-de-ensino-secund%C3%A1rio-est%C3%A1gio-e-voluntariado>

Applicant's name and surname:		
Email address: Direct phone contact:		
Reason for traveling to Portugal:		
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS		
	YES	NO
National Visa application form , filled and duly signed by applicant (for minors and incapacitated, forms should be signed by the legal guardian) - see here	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Photos , even, passport type, recent and in good condition to identify the applicant.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal statement explaining the reason(s) for applying for a National Visa to Portugal, which should reference address of stay and sources of income, if applicable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passport valid for 3 months after the end of the requested visa (120 days). Photocopy of passport (biographic page)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of regular situation in case of residence in a country other than the country of current nationality - UK Residence permit (if applicable), endorsed in the passport, issued as a biometrics card, or digital share code, valid beyond the date of expiry of the visa (120 days).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travel insurance valid for the duration of the visa (120 days), starting from the date the applicant intends to arrive in Portugal, and covering necessary medical expenses, including urgent medical assistance and possible repatriation . British nationals may present the S1 Form (stamped at the bottom by the relevant authority) as proof of valid travel insurance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criminal record certificate , issued within the past 3 months 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, with the Hague Apostille or legalised. Only the ACRO certificate, with the Hague Apostille, can be accepted as a UK Criminal Record Certificate. The Hague Apostille for UK public documents can be obtained through the Legalization Office: https://www.gov.uk/get-document-legalised	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of accommodation in Portugal for a minimum of 1 year , from intended date of arrival in Portugal: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deeds of property in Portugal in the name of the applicant; or• Rental agreement of property in Portugal and proof of registration of rental agreement with the relevant tax authorities (AT); or	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Term of responsibility</u> filled and signed by host/institution. When sponsored by a private citizen, the term of responsibility must also be accompanied with a copy of the host's passport/ID, Portuguese residence permit (if applicable), property deeds/rental agreement with the host's name, notarised authorization from the landlord and identification document of the landlord (if authorization is required for guests). The <u>Term of Responsibility</u> concerning the conditions of stay within Portuguese territory will only be accepted if the subscriber's signature is duly recognized by a Notary that serves the sponsor's legal area of residence. <p>Other lengths and accommodation types may be considered for students and interns, including confirmed hotel or homestay/Airbnb bookings covering the minimum period of 1 month, starting from intended date of arrival in Portugal (subject to analysis of all documents provided).</p>		
<p>Proof of financial resources/means of subsistence (https://vis-tos.mne.gov.pt/en/national-visas/necessary-documentation/means-of-subsistence):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last 3 months of bank statements, showing an available bank balance equal or superior to the Portuguese minimum monthly salary, multiplied by the number of months the applicant intends to stay in Portugal (up to 12 months); or • <u>Term of responsibility</u> filled and signed by sponsor/institution, which guarantees food and accommodation for the visa applicant, as well as the replacement of removal costs, in case of irregular stay. When sponsored by a private citizen, the term of responsibility must also be accompanied by a copy of the host's passport/ID, Portuguese residence permit (if applicable), last 3 months of bank statements and latest Income Tax Return (IRS) of the subscriber (if applicable). The <u>Term of Responsibility</u> concerning the conditions of stay within Portuguese territory will only be accepted if the subscriber's signature is duly recognized by a Notary that serves the sponsor's legal area of residence. <p>For the purposes of proof of financial resources/means of subsistence, the means derived from a contract or promise of an employment contract, grants or scholarships, can be considered, but applicants must still provide an available bank balance equal to at least one Portuguese minimum monthly salary.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS		
<p>Research purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment contract or hosting agreement with the research centre or university; or, • Letter of acceptance from the research centre or the higher education institution and proof of scholarship or research grant; or, • Sponsorship letter signed by the research centre or higher education institution guaranteeing their admission and living expenses. <p>Researchers admitted to a research centre or higher education institution officially recognized under the terms of the legislation in force (Article 91-B of Law 23/2007) are exempt from presenting health insurance or equivalent, employment contract or convention, travel insurance and means of subsistence.</p> <p>Whenever the applicant is the beneficiary of a study or research grant, he is exempt from presenting the document proving admission, as well as proof of sufficient means of subsistence, provided he informs the Consular Post of this fact.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p>Higher education purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Higher education students admitted to a higher education institution officially recognized under the terms of the legislation in force (Article 91-B of Law 23/2007) are exempt from presenting health insurance or equivalent, from proving admission conditions or how they were accepted in a higher education institution, travel insurance or financial resources/means of subsistence.</p> <p>Students benefiting from a scholarship, as well as beneficiaries of a scholarship awarded by Camões – Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua, are exempt from presenting the document proving admission and proof of sufficient financial resources/means of subsistence.</p> <p>Applicants for residence visas who are third-country nationals of Portuguese speaking countries are exempt from proof of financial resources/means of subsistence when admitted to a higher education institution.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Secondary or Professional Education purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; • Must be 14 to 21 years of age; • Proof of hosting by a family or having secured accommodation in suitable facilities, within the educational establishment or elsewhere; • 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. <p>In the case of student exchange, proof of financial resources/means of subsistence can be carried out by submitting a statement of responsibility by the organization responsible for student exchange programs.</p> <p>All students benefiting from – Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua are exempt from presenting the document proving admission and proof of sufficient financial resources/means of subsistence.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>For internship purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of internship acceptance by the certified host entity; and, • 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. <p>Proof of financial resources/means of subsistence can be done through the presentation of a term of responsibility with a recognized signature issued by the host entity for interns/trainees.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>For volunteer work purposes:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; and, Subscription of civil liability insurance by the host entity, except in the case of volunteers participating in the European Voluntary Service. <p>Proof of financial resources/means of subsistence can be done by submitting a statement of responsibility, with a legalised signature, by the organization responsible for volunteer programs.</p>		
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR MINORS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unabridged birth certificate showing biological parents names; if the birth certificate is not in English or Portuguese, then a translation by a certified translator is also required. Original passports of both parents or certified copy of the biodata page of the passports. Letter of consent of parental authority or legal guardian <p>In the case of sole custody, the following documents must be submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> birth certificate mentioning one parent in English or Portuguese; or death certificate of absent parent in English or Portuguese; or court ruling in English or Portuguese. <p>Application forms should be signed by the parent holding parental responsibility or legal guardian.</p> <p>When minors are not travelling with both parents, or are travelling with a third person, a travel authorization, with legalized signature, of one or both parents respectively, or a court order, is required.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CPLP MOBILITY AGREEMENT		
<p>CPLP citizens (from Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, São Tomé and Príncipe, East Timor and Equatorial Guinea), are exempted from presenting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> travel insurance, return transport ticket, specific documents <p>CPLP citizens are also exempt from presenting evidence of means of subsistence upon presentation of a term of responsibility recognised by a notary, in the following terms:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of a term signed by the host entity for interns or workers, or by the organization responsible for student exchange or volunteer programs, or Presentation of a term of responsibility, 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, accompanied by a copy of the sponsor's passport/ID., residence permit (if applicable), last 3 months of bank statements and most recent IRS declaration (if applicable). 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

- A Residence Visa is for applicants that wish to stay in Portugal for more than 1 year. The applicant will initially be granted a visa valid for 120 days with up to two entrances into Portugal, followed by an appointment with AIMA in Portugal, to acquire a Residence Permit. More information regarding Residence Permits can be found in the following link: <https://aima.gov.pt/pt/viver/autorizacao-de-residencia-regime-e-requisitos-gerais-art-o-77-o-n-o-1> (The Consulate has no say or control over AIMA appointments for Residence Permit, and for more information regarding the required documents or re-scheduling, applicants should reach out to AIMA directly.)
- A Residence visa application can take 60 days for a decision, but an extended period of analysis may be requested in justified circumstances: <https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/national-visas/general-information/deadlines>
- All work contracts or promissory work contracts should be duly registered with the relevant authorities and include: the identification, signatures and domicile of both parties; worker's activity and corresponding remuneration, place and normal working period; work start date and end date (if applicable); mention of vacation days and food allowance (if applicable); Christmas and holiday allowance (if applicable).
- All public documents must be legalized per conventions in place, including, but not limited to, Civil Registry documentation, such as marriage and birth certificates, Criminal Record Certificates, professional certificates and diplomas. This legalization can be made through the Apostille (if applicable) or by utilizing the relevant Portuguese Consulate/service that serves the place of origin of the document in question: <https://portaldascomunidades.mne.gov.pt/pt/rede-consular>. **Public documents from the United Kingdom, including the Criminal Record Certificate (ACRO) and Civil Registry documentation, must be legalized through the Apostille, which can be obtained from the Legalization Office: <https://www.gov.uk/get-document-legalised>.** Certified translations are also required for documents not written in English or Portuguese.
- The Term of Responsibility concerning the conditions of stay within Portuguese territory will only be accepted if the subscriber's signature is duly recognized by a Notary that serves the sponsor's legal area of residence.
- Failure to submit all the necessary documents may lead to the rejection of the visa application.
- The Consular Post reserves the right to request documents other than those mentioned above whenever deemed convenient.
- Even if all the requested documents are presented, it doesn't imply the automatic granting of the visa.
- Refusal of the visa application shall not entitle to a reimbursement of the visa fee.
- Consult the legislation in force in <https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/national-visas/national-legislation>
- Financial resources: Ordinance nº 1563 /2007, of the 6th of December

Remarks (to be filled by the relevant officer responsible for receiving the application):	
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