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NOTE

# Portuguese coming from India



Portuguese nationality can be granted to citizens born in **Goa, Daman, Diu, Dadrá and Nagar Aveli**, or born in another country, if their parents were born in one of the former territories during the period of Portuguese sovereignty.

## SCOPE:

The territory of the Portuguese State of India was integrated into the present Republic of India on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1961.

Therefore, all **births occurring at least until December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1961** in **Goa, Damão, Diu, Dadrá and Nagar Aveli**, are considered **Portuguese citizens**, that is, citizens born in Portuguese India on a date prior to its integration into the territory of the Indian Union.

However, the territories of **Goa, Daman, Diu, Dadrá and Nagar Aveli**

were (legally) Portuguese territories until June 3, 1975.

Thus, **Portuguese citizens may also be those who were born there before June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1975** and who, under the Portuguese laws then in effect, were Portuguese *jure soli* - **this circumstance must be analyzed on a case-by-case basis.**

Citizens born in the territories of Goa, Damão, Diu, Dadrá and Nagar Aveli, who prove their status as Portuguese citizens, should proceed with the integration of their birth records in the Portuguese Civil Registry.

## PROCEDURES:

### > Birth Transcription

If they were born in the former Portuguese territories of Goa, Daman, Diu, Dadra and Nagar Aveli during the

period of Portuguese sovereignty, and have the Birth Certificate issued by the Local Entities.

The Applicant with a Birth Certificate issued by the Local Authorities of India should proceed to transcribe his/her birth at the Central Registry Office.

**OR**

> **Birth Registration**

If the Applicant's parents were born in the former Portuguese territories of Goa, Daman, Diu, Dadra and Nagar Aveli during the period of Portuguese sovereignty, even if the Applicant was born in another country.

The parents must transcribe their respective births to Portugal and their respective marriage.

In the event of the parents death, their direct descendants have legitimacy to submit the request, but specific documents are required for this purpose.

Afterwards the Applicant will be able to register his birth at the Central Registry Office.

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