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Residence Visa

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// It is necessary to obtain a **Residence Visa**: the procedure begins at the Embassy, Consular Post or Portuguese Consular Section of the area of residence of the country of origin;

// The Residence Visa gives its holder the right to obtain a **Residence Permit** from the Foreigners and Borders Service (“SEF”), as well as to **apply for family reunification**;

// Currently the law provides for the existence of the following Residence Visas:

- › Visa for the exercise of a **subordinate or independent professional activity, study**, unpaid professional internship or volunteer work;
- › Visa for the performance of research or highly qualified activities;
- › Visa for **pensioners**;
- › Visa of **movable property, real estate or intellectual property income**;
- › Visa of **financial investments income**.

CONVERSION OF A VISA INTO A RESIDENCE PERMIT IN PORTUGAL

// Visas are valid for 4 (four) months, during which period its holder must travel to Portugal;

// The Residence Permit is **valid for one (1) year, renewable for successive periods of 2 (two) years**;



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// Maintaining the Residence Permit requires that the holders are not absent from the country for more than six consecutive months, or eight months interpolated over the whole period of validity of the Permit.

FAMILY REUNIFICATION

// Once the Residence Permit has been issued, one can begin the procedure for the issuance of the residence permit on behalf of family members covered by the Family Reunification Program;

// **The right to reunification covers:**

- a) The spouse;
- b) Minor or disabled children and adopted minor children;
- c) Adult children, who are dependent on the couple or on one of the spouses, who are single and studying at an educational institution in Portugal;
- d) First degree ascendants in the direct line of the resident or respective spouse, provided they are dependent on him/her;
- e) Minor siblings, provided they are dependent on the resident.

RENEWAL OF THE RESIDENCE PERMIT

// The renewal of the temporary Residence Permit must be requested by any interested party within 30 days before the expiry of its validity;

// The Residence Permit shall only be renewed to third-country nationals who demonstrate that they continue to fulfil the conditions for the granting of the Residence Permit, have subsistence and accommodation means, have fulfilled their tax obligations and social security obligations and have not been sentenced to fines or penalties which, individually or cumulatively, exceed one year of imprisonment or suspended execution;

// The renewed Residence Permit is valid for two years and is renewable.

ASSOCIATED COSTS

// Currently, in the light of current legislation, obtaining a Visa and later converting it into Residence Permit in Portugal, may entail the following administrative costs:

- › Obtaining a visa at the competent Consulate.
- › Obtaining a Residence Permit in Portugal – between € 85 to € 190;
- › Request for Family Reunification – around € 70 (per each member of the family);
- › Renewal of Residence Permits – around € 35.

DOCUMENTATION

Documentation required in Portugal:

// Copy of the passport or other valid travel document;

// Proof of means of subsistence;

// Proof of accommodation in Portugal;

// Health insurance;

// Documents that were the basis for obtaining the appropriate Visa.

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