

New legal provisions provide the possibility for those who pursue investment activities in Portugal to apply for a Residence Permit, for example, those who transfer capital, create jobs or acquire real estate.

The holders of a Golden Residence Permit for the purposes of investment activity have the right to family regrouping, and may gain access to a permanent residence permit, as well as to Portuguese citizenship in accordance with the current legal provisions.



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The information provided herewith does not preclude consultation of:

Act n. 29/2012, of the 9th August, Article 90-A

Order 11820-A/2012 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, of the 4th September 2012

Order 1661-A/2013 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, of the 28th January 2013

Ordinance on setting the administrative fees nº305 – A/2012, of the 4th October 2012

For more information:

If you are abroad:

- Portuguese Diplomatic or Consular Posts
- aicep Portugal Global - Trade & Investment Agency

If you are in Portugal:

- Regional Directorates and Delegations of the Portuguese Immigration and Borders Service
- Contact Centre of the Portuguese Immigration and Borders Service

Websites of the:

Portuguese Communities

www.secomunidades.pt

aicep Portugal Global Trade & Investment Agency

www.portugalglobal.pt

Portuguese Immigration and Borders Service

www.sef.pt



GOLDEN RESIDENCE PERMIT PROGRAMME



Who may apply?

Third State citizens involved in an investment activity, either individually or through a company conducting, at least, one of the following operations in national territory for a minimum period of five years:

- I) Capital transfer with a value equal to or above 1 million Euros;
- II) Creation of, at least, 10 job positions;
- III) Acquisition of real estate with a value equal to or above 500 thousand Euros.

It covers shareholders of companies already set up in Portugal, or in another EU State, with a stable residence in Portugal and with tax obligations fulfilled.

Where do I apply?

Online at:

- I. www.sef.pt

Provided all legal requirements are fulfilled, SEF will notify the applicant to grant a Golden Residence Permit.



Or

- II. At the Portuguese Diplomatic or Consular Posts.

Or

- III. At Regional Directorate and Regional Delegation of the Immigration and Borders Service [SEF] in Portugal.

Documents

- Passport or another valid travelling document;
- Proof of legal entry and permanence in national territory;
- Proof of health insurance;
- Signed application enabling consultation of the Portuguese Criminal Record by SEF;
- Criminal Record Certificate from the relevant authority of the applicant's home country or from any other country where he / she resided for over a year;
- As means of evidence of compliance with tax obligations, the applicant shall deliver a declaration proving the absence of debts issued by the Inland Revenue and Customs Authority and by the Social Security.

Requirements on the Investment Activity

- Performing an investment activity for a minimum period of five years attested by a bona fide declaration signed by the applicant.

Capital transfer with a value equal to or above 1 million Euros

Provide evidence of having invested the minimum amount required, including stocks or shares of companies.

- Declaration of a financial institution authorized to exercise its activity in Portugal certifying: the effective transfer of capital in the amount of not less than € 1 million, to an account demonstrating the investor is the sole or first holder of capital; or, the acquisition of stocks or shares of companies, and
- An up-to-date certificate issued by the Commercial Register, certifying that the applicant holds a share in the capital of a company.

Creation of, at least, 10 job positions

Provide evidence of having created 10 job positions and registered the employees in the Social Security.

- An up-to-date certificate issued by the Social Security.

Acquisition of real estate with a value equal to or above 500 thousand Euros

Provide evidence of having the ownership of real estate property.

- Public deed or promissory share-purchase agreement of the property, with a declaration of an authorized financial institution to exercise its activity in Portugal stating the effective transfer of capital to its acquisition or to execute as a down payment of the promise to purchase in equal or superior value of 500 thousand Euros, and

- An up-to-date certificate issued by the Real Estate Registry, which must always be, in the case of contract-promise and where legally feasible, the respective register.

Other requirements under General Law:

- Applicants must not have been convicted of a crime punishable with deprivation of liberty exceeding one year
- Applicants must not be subject of an entry ban in national territory following a removal order from the country
- Applicants must not be subject of alerts in the Schengen Information System
- Applicants must not be subject of alerts in SEF's Information Integrated System issued for purposes of non-admission

Family Reunification

The holders of Golden Residence Permit for Investment Activity may apply for family reunification under the provisions of the General Law.