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NATIONAL VISA D7

RETIREMENT, RELIGIOUS PURPOSE OR INDIVIDUAL INCOME



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## 1. NATIONAL VISA – D7

The Portuguese legislation foresees a national visa, called D7 Visa, for foreign citizens who wish to live in Portugal as retired, for religious purposes or on their own income.

This visa allows its holder and his/her family to enter Portuguese territory and to obtain a valid residence permit to live in Portugal.

## 2. GENERAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

National Application Form:

- Valid passport;
- Travel Medical Insurance – Valid to cover the expenses necessary for medical reasons, including urgent medical care and possible repatriation in case of death;
- Certificate of criminal record - issued by the competent authority of the country of nationality of the applicant or the country of residence for more than one year;
- Permission for consultation of the Portuguese criminal record.

### **3. SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

#### **3.1 For Retirement Purposes**

- Document certifying retirement, and respective incomes.

#### **3.2 For People Living out from Personal Incomes**

- Document certifying the income from movable and immovable property, intellectual or financial assets.

#### **3.3 For Religious Purposes**

- Certificate of activity issued by the church or congregation, provided that such church or congregation is recognized by the Portuguese legal system.

#### 4. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

The applicant needs to prove a regular and reliable income, resulting from his own resources, allowing him to reside in Portugal. The minimum income varies according to the number of applicants per family, as follows:

- First adult (applicant): 100% of the current minimum wage (635 EUR) = 7.620 EUR/year;
- Second adult (spouse or equivalent): 50% of the current minimum wage (317,50 EUR) = 3.810 EUR/year;
- Children under the age of 18: 30% of the minimum wage in force (190,50 EUR) = 2.286 EUR/year.

## 5. PROCEDURE

The procedure to obtain a legal residence can be split in different two stages:

**5.1** The first stage takes place at the Portugal visa application center (Global VFS Portal) at the country of residence - the applicant will need to obtain all the necessary documentation for the D7 visa application, as well as fulfill the forms, declarations and authorizations indicated for that purpose, which shall be submitted at the visa application center nearest to the applicant's residence, as appointed by VSF Global. After the analysis, the applicant will be notified for a personal interview and, if the application is approved, the Consulate of Portugal will issue the Visa that will be included in the applicant's Passport, allowing him to travel to Portugal. This Visa is a temporary document, valid for 4 months, and shall be converted into a residence permit in Portugal during that period of time.

**5.2** The second stage takes place at the Immigration and Border Services (SEF), in Portugal. After the visa is granted, the applicant needs to schedule an appointment with SEF to present the visa and deliver some complementary documentation during a personal interview. After the analysis of the process, SEF will approve the application for residence based on the D7 Visa, and issues a Residence Card for the name of the applicant.

## 6. VALIDITY OF RESIDENCE PERMIT

The Residence Permit for D7 Visa holders is temporary and has an initial validity of 1 year. At the end of the first year, it can be renewed, if the requirements are maintained, becoming valid for 2 years, also renewable in the same conditions.

After 5 years of legal residence permit in Portugal, the applicant may choose to i) apply for a Permanent Residence Permit, which will be valid for 5 years, or, ii) request the Portuguese citizenship - provided that some legal requirements are fulfilled.



## 7. PERMANENCY IN PORTUGAL

The Residence Permit may be cancelled if the applicant is absent from Portugal for a period of 6 consecutive months or 8 non-consecutive months during the period of validity of the residence card.

## 8. FAMILY REUNION

The holder of a Residence Permit is entitled to have his family members (or equivalent) regrouped in Portugal. Such family members will be entitled to live together with the applicant in Portugal, during the validity of the applicant's residence permit. For this specific purpose, the following family members can be included:

- The spouse or equivalent;
- Children of the couple or of one of the spouses, under 18 years old;
- Children between 18 and 24 years old, provided they are fully dependent on the couple or of one of the spouses, as long as they are not married and are studying in an educational establishment in Portugal;
- The parents of the applicant or of the spouse, as long as they are fully dependent on them;
- Minor siblings, as long as they are under the tutelage of the resident, in accordance with a decision issued by the competent authority of the country of origin.

The request for family reunification takes place in Portugal, in SEF, and the applicant must prove the relationship with the family members, together with the means of subsistence and accommodation for all the family members. If the application is approved, the family member will also receive a Residence Card, which will follow the validity date of the applicant's card.

## **9. POSSIBILITY TO WORK WITH THE D7 VISA**

The legislation in force does not preclude the possibility of the residence permit holders being able to work or study in Portugal, without any need for an additional visa or authorization.

## **10. ANTAS DA CUNHA ECIJA IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT**

Our law firm has a department and specialized immigration department, fully able to provide all the legal support during the application of the Visa and to obtain the Residence Permit in Portugal.

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