

PORTUGAL

Golden Visa Program

Program Highlights

Program Established: 2012

Type: Golden Visa

Starting From: EUR 250,000

Process: 12 months from submission of application

Investment Type(s): Capital Transfer, Investment Funds

The Portugal Golden Residence Permit Program, commonly referred to as the Portugal Golden Visa, is a residency by investment initiative tailored for non-EU nationals. Established as a five-year program, it grants participants the opportunity to obtain Portuguese residency through various qualifying investments.

Portugal's full membership in the EU ensures that holders of the residence permit enjoy the benefits of visa-free travel within the Schengen Area. This feature is particularly appealing to investors seeking ease of mobility across Europe.

One of the program's attractive features is its minimal residency requirement. Over the five-year period, participants are only required to spend an average of seven days per year in Portugal. This flexibility allows investors to manage their international commitments while benefiting from Portuguese residency.

About Portugal



Portugal is renowned for its outstanding global reputation as one of the world's most peaceful and globalized nations. It offers a high quality of life, achieving a very high Human Development Index ranking. As one of Europe's oldest nations, Portugal boasts a rich history, vibrant culture, exceptional cuisine, breathtaking beaches, and picturesque countryside.

Location: Southwestern Europe

Capital: Lisbon

Area: 92,090 sq. km

Population: 10.355.493

Official Language: Portuguese

Currency: Euro

Founded: 1143

Organizations: The United Nations (UN), European Union (EU), North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Eurozone, OECT, Schengen Area, World Trade Organization

Program Benefits

- Freedom to travel visa-free throughout Europe's Schengen Area and the privilege to reside, work, and pursue studies in Portugal
- Ability to apply for citizenship after five years of legal residency, while retaining other citizenship(s)
- Minimal physical presence requirement (seven days in the first year of residency and 14 days in each subsequent year, which can contribute towards citizenship eligibility after five years)
- Outstanding international and Portuguese educational institutions
- Superior standard of living, local gastronomy and wines, diverse cultural heritage, mild climate, and high security levels
- Internationally recognized healthcare facilities and hospitals



Eligibility Criteria

Applicants can choose any one investment option in from the below choices:

1. **EUR 500,000** for the acquisition of investment fund or venture capital fund units committed to the capitalization of companies incorporated under the Portuguese law, with a maturity of at least five years and with at least 60% of the investment portfolio in companies with a registered office in the national territory (real estate entities do not apply)
2. **EUR 500,000** for research activities of public or private entities that are part of the national scientific and technological system
3. **EUR 250,000** in support of artistic production or in the recovery or maintenance of national cultural heritage



Procedures and Estimate Timelines

To obtain a Portugal Golden Visa, applicants must first select an investment option such as real estate or capital transfer, and compile necessary documentation including proof of investment and a clean criminal record. The application is then submitted to the Portuguese Immigration and Borders Service (SEF). Upon acceptance, biometric data must be provided within a specified timeframe, usually within weeks.

STAGE 1

Investment

Month 2-3

Client qualification, KYC, banking due diligence and initial investment process.
Submission of online application

STAGE 2

Residency Approval

Month 8-10

Submission of biometric application at AIMA. Applicant will be required to travel to Portugal for 2 business days.

STAGE 3

Residency Card Collection

Month 10-12

Final approval and issuance of residency cards.

Temporary Residence permit are renewed at the end of year 2 & 4





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