



# The Portugal Golden Visa



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# What is the Portugal Golden Visa?

Launched in 2012, the Portugal Golden Visa is a residency permit programme that allows third-country nationals to live in Portugal. It is an attractive option for investors and their families because it offers a path to residency, and subsequent right to citizenship, in Portugal.

The Portugal Golden Visa Programme is open to investors in a wide range of sectors, including real estate, arts and culture, science and technology, sports, and others. The benefits include a renewable residency in Portugal. Under specific conditions, it is possible to apply for a Permanent Residency or Citizenship five years after obtaining the Golden Visa.

The programme has been made affordable, with a minimum investment threshold of €280,000. Applicants are required to hold the investment for at least five years.



# What are the benefits of Portuguese residency (“Golden Visa”)?

- Visa-free travel within the Schengen zone.
- Freedom to live, work, and study in Portugal.
- Option to become a “non-habitual resident” of Portugal for tax purposes to take advantage of the favourable tax regime for ten years.
- Option to obtain permanent residency five years after acquiring the Golden Visa.
- Option to apply for citizenship and acquire the fourth-strongest passport in the world.
- Freedom to live in the third safest country in the world.
- High-quality education and health care system.
- Investments can be made through a company of the investor or a third party.





## Why Portugal?

Portugal is seen as a safe and stable country with an excellent quality of life, making it an attractive place to live, work, and do business. The country has more than 30 coastal beaches and several enchanting towns. Portugal also holds 300 days of sunshine per year, making it an attractive destination for expatriates who wish to enjoy all four seasons.

Portugal has been a member of the European Union (EU) since 1986, and Portugal Golden Visa holders can enjoy the country's favourable relations with the EU. Portugal is also a Schengen and the United Nations member and a founding member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). It is a safe country with an enviable human rights record and a high standard of living.

The country has accessible world-class healthcare and educational systems. It also has 900 years of history and heritage, making it an exciting place to live and explore.

## Residency Rights

With the Portugal Golden Visa, applicants and their families can renew and retain residency with a physical presence of 14 days every two years for five years. The residency card is valid for and renewed every two years.

# Permanent Residency and Citizenship

## Requirements

### Portugal Permanent Residency

A permanent residency permit will be granted to foreign citizens who meet the following requirements:

- Hold a temporary residency permit (Golden Visa) for at least five years.
- Have not been sentenced for any crime punishable with imprisonment during the last five years.
- Have their own means of subsistence.
- Have their own accommodation.
- Have proficient knowledge of the Portuguese language (A2 international level).

### Portugal Full Citizenship

Portuguese Citizenship will be granted to foreign citizens that cumulatively meet the following requirements:

- Had a legal residency permit in Portuguese territory for a minimum of five years.
- Have proficient knowledge of the Portuguese language (A2 international level).
- Have not been convicted of a crime punishable under Portuguese Law with imprisonment up to a maximum of three years or more.

Been present in Portugal for a minimum of 14 days every 2 years



# Detailed Financial Options

Portugal provides convenient and various options when it comes to investing. The minimum investment varies based on the option chosen by the applicant. The investment must be maintained for five years.

## Real Estate

Purchase residential real estate in inland territories or the Autonomous Regions of the Azores and Madeira (excluding Porto and Lisbon) for a minimum of €500,000\*.

**OR**

Invest a minimum of €350,000\* in real estate at least 30 years old or located in an urban rehabilitation area.

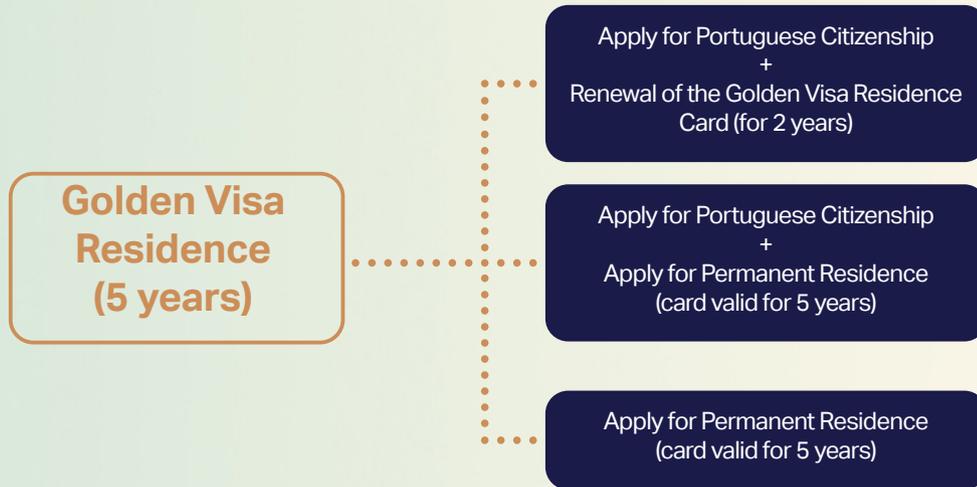
\*Note: The amounts are reduced by 20% if the property is located in low population density areas.

## Other Options

- Invest a minimum of €500,000 in acquiring units in investment funds or venture capital funds.  
**OR**
- Capital transfer of at least €1.5 million.  
**OR**
- Invest in research activities for a minimum of €500,000  
**OR**
- Incorporate a Portuguese company with a capital of €500,000 or invest into an existing company and create five jobs.  
**OR**
- Donate a minimum of €250,000\* in artistic and heritage support.



# 5 Years After Obtaining Golden Visa Residence Card



# Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Portugal Golden Visa Programme, applicants must:

- Be a non-EU/EEA/Swiss national.
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have a stable and regular source of income.
- Not have a history of criminal records.
- Make a qualifying investment in Portugal.
- Commit to maintaining the qualifying investment for at least five years.



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