



Portugal

Golden Residence Permit Program

With its rich history, Portugal is considered one of the world's most globalized nations and is ranked third-safest country in the world on the Global Peace Index 2020. It is the world's largest supplier of cork and enjoys the benefits of a strong tourism industry. Portugal has produced streamlined legislation to create an efficient process by which non-EU citizens may obtain a residence permit based on investment.

Population: 10.3 million

Languages: Portuguese, with English widely spoken

Economy: Business-oriented services and manufacturing-based

Currency: Euro

Program overview

- Minimum contribution of EUR 250,000
- Processing time of three–eight months
- The right to live, work, and study in Portugal



Key benefits



Visa-free travel in Europe's Schengen Area



Low physical presence requirement (seven days during the first year of residence and 14 days for the two subsequent years)



Excellent international and Portuguese schools and universities



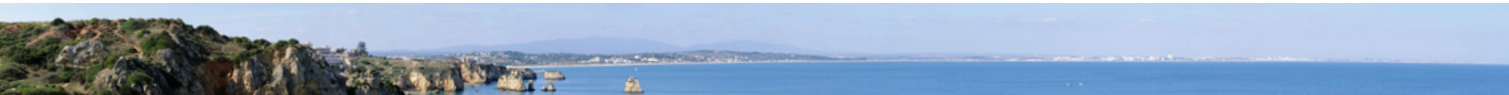
Eligibility to apply for citizenship after five years as a legal resident while keeping other citizenship(s)



High quality of life, local cuisine and wines, rich culture, mild climate, and a high level of security




International quality healthcare clinics and hospitals



Procedures

The residence permit allows free circulation in Europe's Schengen Area and only requires an average stay of seven days per year in Portugal over this period, which can also count towards citizenship eligibility after five years. After the residence permit has been received, the client will need to provide biometric data and updated original documents at each renewal.

- 1 Client contacts *Henley & Partners*
 - 2 Initial due diligence checks completed
 - 3 Client agreement signed and retainer paid
 - 4 Main applicant visits Portugal to start the legal process (sign powers of attorney), choose the qualifying option, and open a bank account
 - 5 Investment finalized and documents collected
 - 6 Application submitted to the online platform and accepted by government authority
 - 7 Client visits Portugal again, with family, to conclude the application process — provide biometric data and original documents
 - 8 Three–eight-month process
 - 9 Application approved
-  One-year residence permit issued, renewable for two subsequent periods of two years (client can thereafter either extend the permit again, apply for permanent residence, or apply for citizenship)

About us

Henley & Partners is the global leader in residence and citizenship planning. Each year, hundreds of wealthy individuals and their advisors rely on our expertise and experience in this area. The firm's highly qualified professionals work together as one team in over 30 offices worldwide. The firm also runs a leading government advisory practice that has raised more than USD 8 billion in foreign direct investment.

Main applicant requirements

Choose any one of the qualifying options in any of the below categories:



Capital transfer

- EUR 1 million minimum capital transfer into a Portuguese bank account or approved investments
- EUR 350,000 for research activities of public or private entities that are part of the national scientific and technological system*
- EUR 250,000 in support of artistic production or in the recovery or maintenance of national cultural heritage*
- EUR 350,000 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 that have a head office in the national territory



Property acquisition

- EUR 500,000 minimum real estate purchase*
- EUR 350,000 minimum real estate purchase for the refurbishment of properties older than 30 years or in an area of urban regeneration, including the cost of renovations*



Business

- Creation of a minimum of 10 new jobs*
- EUR 350,000 for the incorporation or increase of the share capital of a company that is registered in Portugal, creating or maintaining a minimum of five permanent jobs for a period of three years

*For all the above options, the threshold will be reduced by 20% should the funds be committed to a low population density area, defined as less than 100 inhabitants per km² or with a GDP per capita below 75% of the national average.