

Top Residency Options for Investors and Expats

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Portuguese residency highlights

- Multiple paths for residence + E.U. passport in five years
- Tax breaks for expats
- No wealth, estate or gift tax
- Excellent quality of life and health care
- Affordable lifestyle

Topics

- Short Stays vs Residency vs Investment
- Residency Permits & Golden Visa

Portuguese Citizenship

Relocating to Portugal Why and how?



Portugal for the investor

- Real estate market revival
 - Highest volume and number of transactions
 - High ROI
 - Tax incentives for short term and long rentals
- Corporation tax exemption: dividends and capital gains on shares
- Highly skilled and educated workforce
- Competitive labour cost

Portugal for the expatriate

- Low cost of living
- Diverse landscape | Excellent climate
- Historic cities, culture and excellent infrastructures
- Free Healthcare System
- Direct flights to America, Africa and Asia

Alternative Perspectives Targets and routes



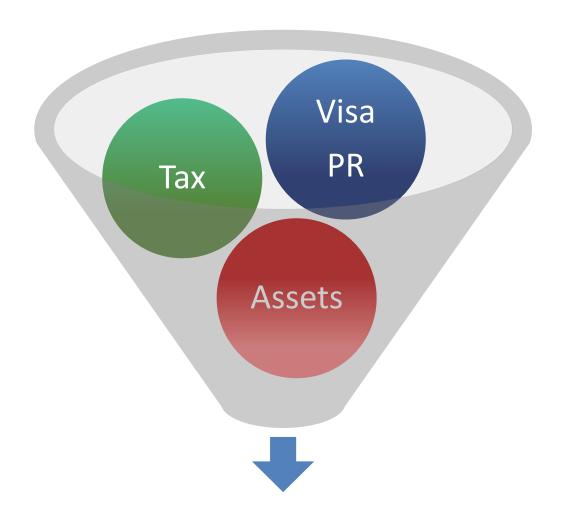
Objectives and paths

Investor Non resident

- Real estate investments
- Visa with low stay requirements
- Second passport

Expat Resident

- Low cost of living and low to nil tax
- Visa with high stay requirements
- Second passport



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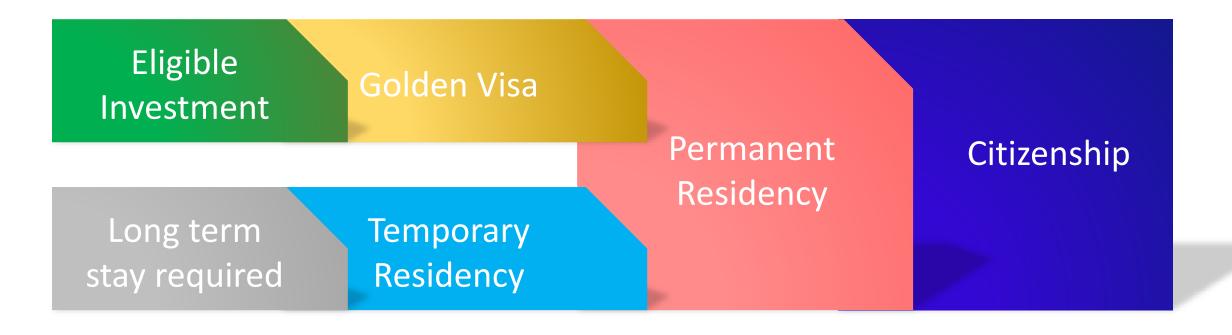
 Entering – for a single purpose

 Staying – fixed or indefinite length of time

Tax Residence – taxing rights



Types of residency



Short stays Toe in the water



Short stay visa

- Visa free scheme
- Valid Passport at least 3 months after the end of stay
- Minors
- Visiting other EU countries
- Travel insurance
- Renewals

Residency in the EU Golden Visa **PIERP**



A. Golden Visa

- <u>Investment</u> residency permit for non E.U. citizens
- Access to Schengen Area
- Low stay periods
- Residency Permit & Citizenship
- Restrictions were introduced in 2022



GV Real Estate Investments

- Standard minimum investment Euro 500,000
- Lower thresholds:
 - <u>Euro 350,000</u> > 30 years or in an urban rehabilitation area.
 - 20% discount for property in low density areas.
- Restrictions 2022 Eligibility restricted to the Azores and Madeira Autonomous Regions or inland districts, as per specific ordinances
- Investment in commercial property is not geographically limited.



GV Business Investments



- Capital investment (shares or corporate capitalization) €1,5M
- Corporation \in 500,000 + 5 jobs (3 years)
- Creation of at least 10 jobs
- Investment or venture capital funds
 - € 500,000
 - Capitalization of SMEs + 60% Invested in PT

GV Other Investments

• Funding scientific research – € 500,000

- Sponsorship € 250,000
 - Art production or restoration of national cultural heritage

Restrictions



- EU, EEA or Swiss citizen
- Criminal convictions of a crime punishable with imprisonment for more than one year, or on grounds of terrorism, violent crime or organized crime
- Ban from entering the Portuguese territory
- Alerts in the Schengen Information System or the Portuguese Customs and Borders Authorities' Integrated Information System

B. Temporary Residence Permits

- Employees
- College Professors and Researchers
- Self-employed individuals & Entrepreneurs
- Students
- Family regrouping
- Passive Income Earner Residence Permit

The PIERP

- Passive Income Earner Residence Permit
- Minimum income per month
- Start application before travelling to Portugal
- Two stage process Entry Visa + Residence Permit
- Minimum stay requirements



The process Structures & Timings



The process

Obtain professional advice and legal representation

Trigger the investment process

• File documentation and apply

Minimum Stay + Apply for Renewals



Structuring the investment

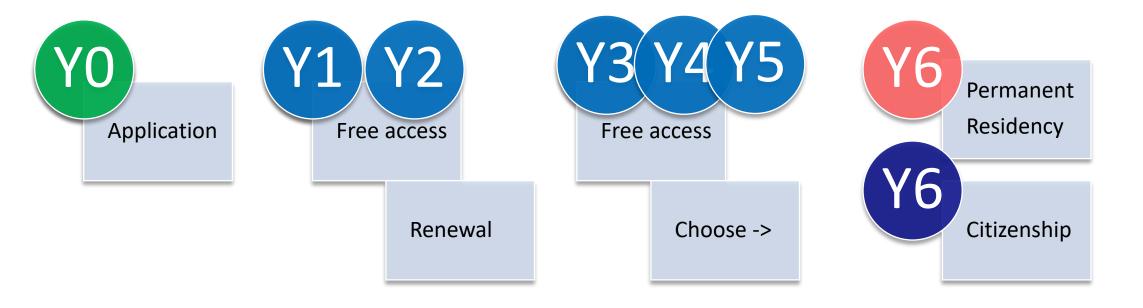
- Initial steps depend on the:
 - Type of investment real estate or financial assets;
 - Type of investment vehicle Corporate vehicle or individual.

International tax considerations.

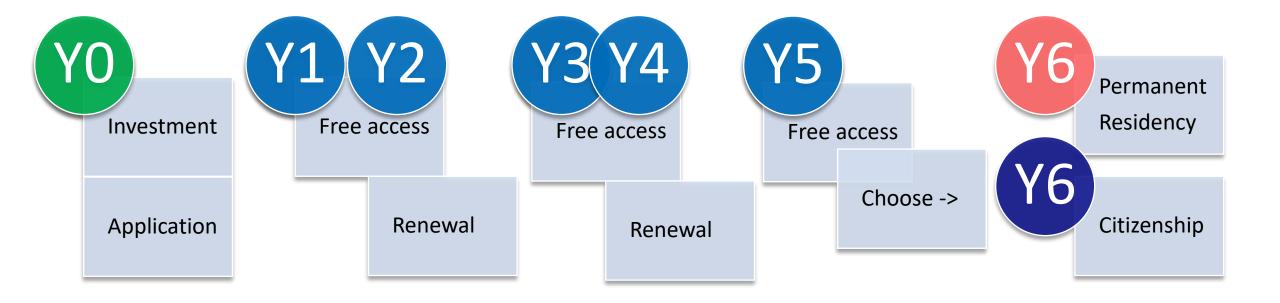


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Portuguese Citizenship Second passport and a backup plan



Paths to citizenship

- Naturalization
 - Portuguese ancestry (1st, 2nd degree)
 - Marriage or civil partnership (3 years)
- Residence in Portugal
 - Legal Five years
 - Illegal Ten years
- Sephardic Jewish Ancestry
- Communities of Portuguese Ancestry



Sephardic Jewish Ancestry

Adults;



Evidence of Portuguese Sephardic ancestry;

Effective connection to Portugal.*



Benefits

- Multiple citizenship allowed
- No citizenship or wealth tax
- E.U. member Schengen area
- Access to 185 countries visa free
- Whitelisted jurisdiction



Summary

• Short Stay Visa – Stays up to 90 days (extendable + 90 days*)

• Golden Visa + Permanent residency permit

• Temporary Residency Permit + Permanent residency permit

Timings



Three months prior to departure

- Seek professional coordinated advice
- Establish your plan
- Collect all the necessary documents
- Find lodging in Portugal Rental or Ownership
- Apply for a Visa / Residency Permit

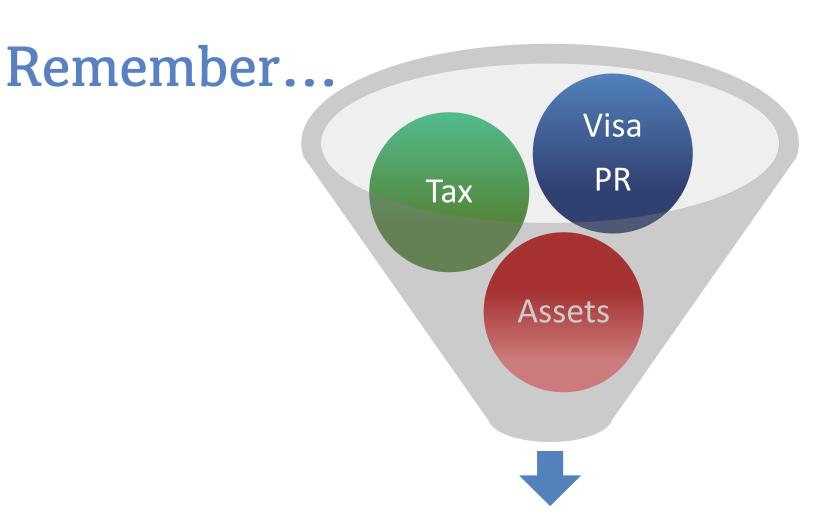
Two weeks prior to departure

- Obtain a Portuguese Taxpayer Number
- Appoint a fiscal representative
- Collect your Visa
- Ship your personal belongings
- File an exit tax return

Arrival

- Open a Portuguese bank account
- Implement your tax plan
- Utility contracts and shipped personal belongings
- Register at the local Town Hall
- Collect your Residency Permit





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In a nutshell



- Plan ahead
- Full time residency vs Investing
- Minimum stay requirements
- Path to citizenship Second passport
- In a safe harbor.

Questions & Answers





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