PORTUGAL GOLDEN VISA

CURRENT REQUIREMENTS (MAY 2026)

OVERVIEW

The Portugal Golden Visa (Residence Programme) allows non-EU/EEA/Swiss citizens to obtain Portuguese residency (and citizenship later, if they wish) through qualifying investments. It provides the right to live, work, and study in Portugal, with a pathway to permanent residence and citizenship after 5 and 10 years respectively from the date of their first residency card.

1. QUALIFYING INVESTMENT OPTIONS

INVESTMENT FUNDS

Subscription of units into a qualifying Portuguese non-real estate collective investment fund

€500,000

COMMERCIAL COMPANY

- Newly incorporated company: creation of 5 permanent jobs; or
- Existing company: creation of 5 permanent jobs, or maintaining 10 jobs

€500,000

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Capital transfer to public of private scientific or technological research institution in Portugal
- €400,000 in a low-density area

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ARTISTIC PRODUCTIONS

- Capital transfer of €250,000 for investment in artistic productions reflecting national cultural heritage
- €200,000 in a low density area

€250,000

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT

NO LONGER ELIGIBLE

2. WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligible applicants include:

Non-EU/EEA/Swiss citizens

Main applicant plus family members:
- Spouse or partner
- Dependent children
- Dependent parents

3. KEY BENEFITS

- Residency rights in Portugal
- Right to live, work and study in Portugal
- Visa-free travel within the Schengen Area
- Low physical stay requirement
- Tax benefits upon distribution
- Access to Portuguese healthcare and education
- Family reunification
- Eligibility for permanent residence or citizenship
- Potential tax advantages for qualifying residents

4. APPLICATION PROCESS - MAIN STEPS

1. **MAKE INVESTMENT**
   Complete the chosen qualifying investment and obtain proof.
2. **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION**
   Submission of relevant information to immigration authorities.
3. **BIOMETRIC APPOINTMENT**
   Attend appointment in Portugal for biometric data collection.
4. **RESIDENCE PERMIT**
   If approved, receive a 2-year residence permit, renewable.

5. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants typically need:
- Clean criminal record
- Proof of eligible investment
- Open a Portuguese bank account

6. STAY & LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Minimum average stay of **7 days per year** in Portugal.

Pass an A2 Portuguese language test and provide genuine ties to Portugal.

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