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Golden Visa Program for Non-EU Citizens



Advantages

- Fast track for foreign investors from non-EU countries to obtain a residency permit in Portugal (“Golden Visa”)
- The investor can enter, live, work and study in Portugal
- Allows the investor to travel freely in the Schengen area
- Can include spouse, dependent children and parents
- Eligible to apply for Permanent Residence after 5 years
- Eligible to apply for Citizenship after 5 years

Requirements

- Make a qualifying investment in real-estate or in a qualifying Portuguese investment fund
- Must keep the Investment for a minimum of 5 years
- Funds for investment must come from abroad
- Proof that the applicant has no criminal record
- Must meet residency requirements in Portugal of:
 - 7 days during the first year, and
 - 14 days in each subsequent two-year period

Process

- Obtain Schengen visa to visit Portugal
- Select property (if applicable) and open bank account
- Meet all application documentation requirements
- Complete qualifying investment
- Submit Application to SEF Border & Immigration office
- Processing time between 3-6 months
- Following submission applicant must visit Portugal to submit biometric information
- After 5 years investor can apply for Permanent residency or Citizenship

Investment Options

- 1) A minimum of €500,000 (plus taxes) in Real-Estate
 - Purchase of one or multiple properties
 - All types of property qualify
 - May be used or rented outOR
- 2) A minimum of €350,000 in a Portuguese Investment fund
 - Minimum investment period of 5 years
 - Min. 60% of investment used for Portuguese companies

Obtaining Permanent Residence

- Have met the minimum residency requirements for 5 years
- Kept a clean criminal record
- Have sufficient funds and a place of residence in Portugal
- Proof of Portuguese language proficiency (CEFR A2)

Obtaining Portuguese Citizenship

- Have met the minimum residency requirements for 5 years
- Kept a clean criminal record
- Have sufficient funds and a place of residence in Portugal
- Proof of Portuguese language proficiency (CEFR A2)
- Must show a close connection to Portugal

Benefits of Citizenship

- Unrestricted right to live, work, study in Europe
- Access to free education within EU
- Possibility of visa-free travel to US & Canada