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Golden Visa
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Golden Residence Permit Program

Portugal

An EU residence permit with visa-free Schengen travel, a low presence requirement and a path to citizenship, from a qualifying investment of EUR 200,000.

EUR 200,000	14 days	5 years	10 years
Minimum qualifying investment	Presence in the first two years	Until permanent residence is possible	Legal residence before citizenship

Why Portugal

With its rich history, Portugal is considered one of the world's most globalized nations and is ranked among the top 10 countries on the Global Peace Index. 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.

Key benefits

Schengen travel
Visa-free travel in Europe's Schengen Area, with the right to live, work, and study in Portugal.

Path to citizenship
Apply after 10 years of legal residence (7 for EU and CPLP nationals), keeping other citizenship(s).

Low presence
14 days during the first two years and 21 days for the subsequent three years.

Family reunification
Family members can be included, including a civil or same-gender partner.

Country profile

Population
11.4 million

Languages
Portuguese, with English widely spoken

Economy
Services and manufacturing-based

Currency
Euro

Program overview

- Qualifying investment from **EUR 200,000** (cultural donation in a low-density area) up to **EUR 500,000**
- The right to live, work, and study in Portugal
- Income-generating and recoverable investment options

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Qualifying options

Choose any one qualifying option from the capital transfer or business categories.

Option 1
Investment funds

EUR **500,000**

Fund or venture capital units with a five-year maturity and 60% in Portuguese-based companies; real estate excluded.

Option 2
Research activities

EUR **500,000**

In entities of the national scientific and technological system. **EUR 400,000** in a low population density area.

Option 3
Cultural donation

EUR **250,000**

Supporting artistic production or national cultural heritage. **EUR 200,000** in a low population density area.

Option 4
Company investment

EUR **500,000**

Incorporate or add capital to a Portuguese company, creating five permanent jobs (or keeping ten) for three years.

Option 5
Job creation

10 jobs

Creation of a minimum of ten new jobs, or eight new jobs in a low population density area.

Main applicant requirements

- A Portuguese taxpayer number and a bank account in Portugal
- Legal documents prepared with the Portugal team, remotely or in person
- A visit to the immigration office in Portugal to provide biometric data and original documents

A low population density area has under 100 inhabitants per km² or a GDP per capita below 75% of the national average.

Good to know

- The first residence permit is valid for two years and is renewable for three years.
- Permanent residence is possible after five years, and citizenship after 10 years (7 for EU and CPLP nationals).
- Fund investments need a maturity of at least five years, with at least 60% of the portfolio in Portuguese companies.

Your application journey

Onboarding

01 Client contacts Phoenix Immigration Consulting Services
02 Initial due diligence checks completed
03 Client agreement signed and retainer paid

Application

04 Legal documents, taxpayer number, chosen option and bank account
05 Investment finalized and personal documents collected
06 Application submitted online and accepted by the authority

Approval

07 Family visits Portugal to give biometrics and original documents
08 Application approved and residence card(s) paid
09 **Two-year residence permit issued, renewable for three years**

Talk to a Phoenix advisor

We assess your eligibility, compare the routes open to you and manage your application from first consultation to approval.

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