

PORTUGAL

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”)
- This residency permit allows the investor to enter and/or live, work and study in Portugal
- Allows the investor to travel freely the Schengen area
- Eligible for apply for Permanent Residence after 5 years
- Eligible to apply for Citizenship after 5 years residence

Requirements

- Non-EU citizens must make a qualifying investment to qualify to obtain a residency permit
- Be a Non-European Union citizen
- Must keep the Investment for a minimum period of 5 years
- Funds for investment must come from abroad
- Proof that the applicant has no criminal record
- Residency requirements in Portugal of 7 days during the first year, and 14 days in each subsequent two-year period

Process

- Complete purchase of qualifying property
- Application submitted at the Services of Foreigners and Borders (SEF)
- Processing time between 3-6 months
- Once the application is processed, the SEF will contact the investor’s legal representatives and set up an appointment with the investor (and family members) to collect signature and fingerprints
- After 5 years investor can apply for Permanent residency or citizenship

Investment Option

- Minimum investment of €500,000 (plus taxes)
- Purchase of one or multiple properties
- All types of property qualify
- Possibility of co-ownership
- Freedom to use or may be rented out

Getting the Permanent Residence

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

Getting the Portuguese Citizenship

- Applicant must have legally resided in Portugal for at least 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