

Citizens of the EU/ EEA/ Switzerland

Which citizens enjoy the right of entry, stay and residence in Portugal?

They enjoy the rights referred to by nationals of all European Union countries who move or reside in Portugal, as well as the family members who accompany them or who join them, as well as members of the States Parties to the Convention. The European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway), the Principality of Andorra and Switzerland and members of their families, as well as family members of national citizens, irrespective of their nationality.

I am a citizen of the EU / EEA / Switzerland and intend to go on vacation to Portugal and stay in the country for a period of less than three months. What do I need to enter Portugal?

You can enter Portugal by simply presenting a valid identity card or passport and without any entry visa or equivalent formality.

I am a citizen of the EU / EEA / Switzerland and intend to stay in Portugal for more than three months. What should I do?

In order to formalize your right of residence, you must, within 30 days after the entry into Portugal, request a registration certificate for citizens of the EU / EEA / Switzerland from the City Hall of your area of residence.

I am a EU / EEA / Swiss national of a EU / EEA / Switzerland national and intend to stay in Portugal to accompany my family relative for more than three months. Should I formalize my right to reside in the country?

Yes. If you are a spouse, you live in consensual union, descendant up to the age of 21, a descendant over 21 years old who is the holder of the right or who is still the ascendant of the holder of the right of residence, and intends to remain in Portugal for more of three months, must, within a period of 30 days after three months of the entry, request the registration certificate for EU citizen / EU / EEA / Swiss national from the Town Hall of his / her area of residence.

I am a citizen of the EU / EEA / Switzerland and I want my family relative from a non-EU country to reside with me in Portugal. What should I do to enter Portugal?

If your third-country national family member is your spouse, your partner (s) with whom you are living together, your descendant up to the age of 21, your (your) who is over 21 years of age, or his or her ascendant who is in charge and is outside the national territory, is admitted to Portugal on presentation of a valid passport, subject only to the obligation the entry into force of the EU visa.

I am a EU / EEA / Switzerland citizen and intend to have my family relative from a non-EU country, who is in Portugal, lives with me. What should he/she do?

Your third-country family member (spouse, partner with whom you live together, descendant up to the age of 21, a descendant over 21 years old or dependent on you) must formalize within 30 days after the entry into Portugal, to the Foreigners and Borders Service, a residence card for a third-country national of the EU / EEA / Switzerland.

I am a national of the EU / EEA / Switzerland, holder of an EU citizen registration permit living legally in the country for more than five years. Can I request a permanent residence permit? Where?

Yes. The EU citizen's permanent residence permit can be requested by you and your family members after five consecutive years of living legally in Portugal. This request must be formalized at the Foreigners and Borders Service.

» I am a holder of a permanent residence permit for EU / EEA / Swiss citizens. Can I renew its validity?

Yes. You must apply to the Foreigners and Borders Service to renew your permanent residence permit before expiry.

I am a national of a third State, holding a residence card of a third-country national of the EU / EEA / Switzerland national who has been living legally in the country for more than five years. Can I apply for a permanent residence permit? Where?

Yes. The permanent residence card for a national of a third-country national of the EU / EEA / Switzerland can be requested after five consecutive years to live legally in Portugal. This request must be formalized at the Foreigners and Borders Service.

I am a holder of a permanent residence card for a third-country national of the EU / EEA / Switzerland. Can I renew its validity?

Yes. You must request the renewal of your permanent residence card before expiration with the Foreigners and Borders Service.

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