


RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT

Portugal Golden Visa

EU residency with a path to Portuguese citizenship after 10 years (nationality law revised 2026). Only 7 days minimum stay per year. From €500,000 investment fund or research activity.

MINIMUM INVESTMENT
€500,000
PROCESSING TIME
12–18 months
PATH TO CITIZENSHIP
10 years
OVERVIEW

Portugal's Autorização de Residência para Atividade de Investimento (ARI) — commonly known as the Golden Visa — was relaunched in 2024 with a revised set of qualifying investment categories. The real estate route for residential property has been removed, but investment funds, research activities, and cultural/artistic contributions remain eligible.

INVESTMENT ROUTES
Qualifying Investment Fund
EUR 500,000

Investment in a qualifying fund regulated by the Portuguese Securities Market Commission (CMVM). The fund must be domiciled in Portugal, have a minimum 5-year lock-up...

Research & Development Activity
EUR 500,000

Investment in scientific research activities conducted by public or private R&D institutions in Portugal. Well-suited to investors with interests in biotech, tech, or...

Arts / Cultural Heritage Donation
EUR 250,000

Donation to support arts production, restoration of national heritage, or cultural activities. The lowest investment threshold, but subject to government approval of the...

KEY BENEFITS

- Full EU residency — live, work, study across all 27 EU states
- Schengen Area visa-free travel from day one
- Only 7 days minimum stay per year required
- Path to citizenship after 10 years (nationality law revised 2026)
- Entire family included in one application

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS
1
Investment Identification

We identify qualifying CMVM-regulated funds that match your risk profile and investment horizon. We conduct due diligence on the...

3
Investment Execution

Fund subscription is completed. Proof of investment is obtained from the fund manager for inclusion in the ARI application.

5
Biometric Appointment

You attend a biometric appointment at AIMA in Portugal. Most clients combine this with a short trip to Portugal.

2
NIF & Bank Account

We obtain your Portuguese tax number (NIF) and open a Portuguese bank account — both required before the investment can be made.

4
ARI Application Submission

Application submitted to AIMA (Agência para a Integração, Migrações e Asilo). Processing takes 12–18 months; an immediate...

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Residence Card Issued

Golden Visa residence card issued for 2 years, renewable for 2-year periods. After 10 years of legal residency, Portuguese...

