Portugal
Golden Residence Permit Programme

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Portugal is a Western European nation on the Iberian Peninsula, bordered by Spain and the Atlantic Ocean.

It launched the Golden Residence Permit Programme in October 2012 and operates one of Europe's most established residence by investment routes after more than 13 years, granting non-European nationals the right to live, work, study and travel freely across the Schengen Area.

Country Facts

- Languages: **Portuguese**
- Currency: **Euro (EUR)**
- Population: **Approximately 10.6 million**
- Capital: **Lisbon**

Programme Overview

- Minimum investment from EUR 250,000
- Processing time three to six months to approval in principle
- Initial residence permit valid for two years, renewable for consecutive five-year periods
- Eligibility for permanent residence after five years of legal residence
- Pathway to Portuguese citizenship subject to language, integration and other naturalisation requirements
- Full Schengen Area travel rights with the residence permit
- Minimum stay requirement of seven days in year one, then 14 days every subsequent two-year period
- No language requirement for residence
- Family reunification covers spouse, dependent children and dependent parents
- Mandatory biometrics and interview for the main applicant
- Open to non-EU, non-EEA and non-Swiss nationals (Russian and Belarusian nationals not eligible)

Family Inclusion

Spouse or civil partner; biological or adopted dependant children under 18; unmarried dependants 18+ in full-time education and supported by the main applicant or spouse; physically or mentally challenged dependants; dependent parents aged 65+.

Investment Routes

Investment Route	Minimum Contribution	Application Fee (per applicant)	Permit Issue Fee (per applicant)	Additional Info
Cultural and Artistic Heritage	**EUR 250,000**	**EUR 581.76**	**EUR 5,817.60**	Capital transfer to artistic production or recovery and maintenance of national cultural heritage. 20% reduction in low population density areas.
Scientific Research	**EUR 500,000**	**EUR 581.76**	**EUR 5,817.60**	Capital transfer to research activities of public or private entities within the national scientific and technological system.
Investment Funds	**EUR 500,000**	**EUR 581.76**	**EUR 5,817.60**	Qualifying Portuguese investment or venture capital funds with a maturity of at least five years and at least 60% of value in companies headquartered in Portugal.
Company Incorporation	**EUR 500,000**	**EUR 581.76**	**EUR 5,817.60**	Incorporate a Portuguese company creating five permanent jobs, or reinforce capital of an existing company creating five permanent jobs (or maintaining ten jobs with five permanent for three years). 20% reduction in low population density areas.
Job Creation	Create at least **10 jobs in** Portugal	**EUR 581.76**	**EUR 5,817.60**	Direct creation of at least ten jobs in Portugal. Threshold reduced to eight jobs in low population density areas.
Note: Permit renewal fee of EUR 2,908.80 per applicant applies for each renewal. Other fees apply, including banking fees, Schengen visa costs, translation and legalisation.				

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