

Visa & Resident Permit in Portugal

Non-European (Non-UE) citizens

Students coming from countries outside the EU, EEA, and Switzerland are required to ask for a Student Visa (longer than three months and up to one year) or a Residence Permit (for stays longer than one year).

Step 1: Request the Visa/Residence Permit

Schedule an appointment at the Portuguese embassy or consulate in your home country as soon as you receive the Acceptance Letter.

Step 2: Documents

These are the main documents requested for the visa application:

- Valid passport;
- Copy of the Residence Permit issued by other Member State of his/her residence, valid for the totality of the period of stay;
- Health Insurance of evidence in which he/she is covered by the National Health Service;
- Evidence of the means of subsistence;
- Evidence of having been admitted in a higher education institution under an EU mobility programme or an agreement with the higher education institution of origin;
- Evidence of tuition payment, if applicable.

Depending on your nationality, duration of stay and type of service you are applying for, additional documents may be required.

Renewing your VISA

You might need to renew your visa once in Portugal, as the first emission usually lasts for a period that might not cover the full duration of your studies. Upon arrival, book your appointment with SEF - Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras (Immigration and Borders Service) for renewal purposes, as times varies between two to five months to get an appointment.

You must book an appointment in a SEF delegation, which can be done in two ways:

1 - Telephone: +351 808 202 653

2 - Website: www.sef.pt

- Go to 'Online Services - Appointments and Automatic Renewals';
- Register on SEF's website;
- Access the online services to book your appointment.