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Portugal Corporate Mobility

Launch, invest, and grow your business in Portugal — Europe's hub for innovation and opportunity.

CAPITAL	CURRENCY	LANGUAGE
Lisbon	Euro (€)	Portuguese

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Portugal at a glance

CAPITAL **Lisbon**	POPULATION **10,300,000**
LANGUAGE **Portuguese**	CURRENCY **Euro (€)**
TIME ZONE **UTC+0**	CLIMATE **Mediterranean — mild winters and warm, sunny summers**
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Overview

Portugal offers one of Europe’s most business-friendly environments, combining a strong economy, high quality of life, and easy access to the EU market. The Portugal D2 Visa is designed for entrepreneurs, investors, and self-employed professionals who want to start or expand a business in Portugal. With affordable setup costs, an English-speaking workforce, and a pathway to Portuguese residency and citizenship, the D2 Entrepreneur Visa is a smart choice for those looking to live and do business in Europe.

Key points

- Fast company setup and transparent business regulations.
- Affordable operations and skilled, English-speaking professionals.
- Access to European, African, and Portuguese-speaking global markets.
- Government incentives, grants, and programs supporting entrepreneurs.
- Safe, sunny, and affordable living — ideal for families and professionals.

Portugal for business

Portugal's business and entrepreneur route is the **D2 visa**, covered in full on our Portugal D2 entrepreneur page. There is no separate corporate D2 — it is the same visa.

For the golden visa routes see capital transfer and business investment.

The citizenship timeline

Portugal changed its nationality law on **19 May 2026** (Lei Orgânica 1/2026). Naturalisation now requires **seven years** of legal residence for nationals of EU member states and Portuguese-speaking countries, and **ten years for everyone else — including Indian nationals**. It was five years for everyone before that date. Applications already pending on 19 May 2026 keep the old five-year rule.

Permanent residence is unaffected and remains five years (Lei 23/2007, art. 80.º).

If Portuguese citizenship on a five-year horizon is the reason you are considering this, plan on ten years instead, and weigh that before you commit.

Note also that India does not permit dual citizenship: acquiring Portuguese citizenship would end your Indian citizenship under Section 9(1) of the Citizenship Act 1955. Portuguese **residency** does not.

How the application works

1. **Prepare your application file with a concise business plan, financial proof, health insurance, and a clean background certificate.**
2. **Obtain your Portuguese Tax ID (NIF) and open a local bank account.**
3. **Register your business or outline your freelance activity in Portugal.**
4. **Submit your D2 Visa application at the nearest Portuguese Consulate.**
5. **Upon approval, travel to Portugal and apply for a residence permit through AIMA.**
6. **Maintain your business operations and renew your residence permit as required.**

General requirements

- Valid passport (minimum six months validity).
- Non-EU/EEA/Swiss nationality.
- Proof of business setup or intention to establish one in Portugal.
- Sustainable business plan contributing to Portugal’s economy.
- Personal means of subsistence — €11,040 a year for a single applicant in 2026 (12 × the €920 Portuguese minimum wage).
- Clean criminal record and valid health insurance.
- Accommodation proof in Portugal.

Sectors in demand

- Technology
- Tourism
- Finance
- Renewable Energy

Questions clients ask

What is the Portugal D2 Visa?

The D2 Visa is a residence visa for entrepreneurs, investors, or self-employed individuals who wish to establish or manage a business in Portugal.

Can I travel within Europe with a Portugal D2 Visa?

Yes. D2 Visa holders can travel freely across the Schengen region for short-term stays.

How long does it take to get the D2 Visa?

Processing times vary but typically take a few months, depending on documentation and business readiness.

Can my family join me in Portugal?

Yes. The D2 Visa allows family reunification, enabling spouses and dependents to reside in Portugal.

Can I apply for permanent residence or citizenship?

Permanent residence is available after five years of legal residence. Portuguese citizenship now requires ten years of legal residence for Indian nationals (seven for nationals of EU member states and Portuguese-speaking countries) under Lei Orgânica 1/2026, in force since 19 May 2026.

Official sources: Decreto-Lei n.º 14/2021 — golden visa fund route, €500,000; Decreto Regulamentar 84/2007, art. 65.º-C — physical presence; Lei Orgânica n.º 1/2026 — Diário da República.



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Discuss your Portugal options with our Dubai team

Tell us about your profile, family and timeline. We will compare the Portugal routes that fit you, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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