

Portugal D2 Visa Application Checklist

Overview

The D2 visa is designed for entrepreneurs, business owners, and investors who wish to establish or manage a business in Portugal. This checklist covers all essential documents and steps.

Required Documents

Personal Documentation

- ☐ Valid passport (must be valid for at least 3 months beyond intended stay)
- ☐ Two recent passport-sized photographs (ICAO standards)
- ☐ Completed and signed D2 visa application form
- ☐ Criminal record certificate from country of origin (issued within last 3 months, apostilled)
- ☐ Criminal record certificate from Portugal (if previously resided there)
- ☐ Birth certificate (apostilled and translated to Portuguese by certified translator)
- ☐ Marriage certificate (if applicable, apostilled and translated)
- ☐ Proof of civil status

Business Documentation

- ☐ Detailed business plan including:
 - Executive summary
 - Market analysis
 - Financial projections (minimum 3 years)
 - Proof of job creation potential (if applicable)
 - Business structure and operations plan
- ☐ Company registration documents (if company already established)
- ☐ Articles of incorporation (if applicable)
- ☐ Proof of business investment or capital (minimum €5,000 recommended)
- ☐ Bank statements showing sufficient funds for investment and living expenses
- ☐ Contract or lease agreement for business premises in Portugal
- ☐ Professional credentials, diplomas, or certifications relevant to the business
- ☐ Business licenses or permits (if required for your sector)

Financial Documentation

- ☐ Portuguese bank account statement showing sufficient funds

- ☐ Proof of income/financial means to support yourself and dependents
- ☐ Tax returns from previous years (if applicable)
- ☐ Letter from bank confirming financial standing
- ☐ Proof of transfer of investment funds to Portugal

Accommodation

- ☐ Proof of accommodation in Portugal:
 - Rental agreement, OR
 - Property deed, OR
 - Letter of invitation from host with property proof

Health Insurance

- ☐ Valid health insurance covering Portugal (minimum coverage as required by Portuguese law)
- ☐ Insurance policy must cover entire visa validity period

Additional Requirements

- ☐ Proof of payment of visa application fee
 - ☐ Portuguese tax number (NIF - Número de Identificação Fiscal)
 - ☐ Authorization for SEF to access criminal records
 - ☐ Cover letter explaining purpose of visa application and business intentions
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Application Process Steps

Before Application

- ☐ Prepare business plan and ensure it meets requirements
- ☐ Open Portuguese bank account
- ☐ Obtain Portuguese tax number (NIF)
- ☐ Secure business premises (lease or purchase)
- ☐ Gather and apostille all documents
- ☐ Get certified Portuguese translations of all documents not in Portuguese

Application Submission

- ☐ Schedule appointment at Portuguese consulate/embassy in your jurisdiction
- ☐ Submit complete application with all supporting documents
- ☐ Pay visa application fee
- ☐ Provide biometric data if required

After Submission

- ☐ Track application status
- ☐ Respond to any requests for additional information
- ☐ Attend interview if requested
- ☐ Collect visa once approved

Upon Arrival in Portugal

- ☐ Enter Portugal within visa validity period
 - ☐ Register with local municipality (Junta de Freguesia)
 - ☐ Apply for residence permit at SEF within 4 months of arrival
 - ☐ Register with Social Security
 - ☐ Register with Portuguese tax authority
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Important Notes

- Processing time typically ranges from 60-90 days but can vary
 - All documents not in Portuguese must be translated by certified translator
 - Documents from abroad generally require apostille or consular legalization
 - Requirements may vary slightly by consulate/embassy
 - Keep copies of all submitted documents
 - Business plan should demonstrate economic viability and contribution to Portuguese economy
 - Consider consulting with immigration lawyer or specialist for complex cases
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Timeline Recommendations

3-6 months before intended travel:

- Begin gathering documents
- Develop comprehensive business plan
- Research business establishment requirements in Portugal

2-3 months before:

- Submit visa application
- Complete all translations and apostilles


Upon approval:

- Make travel arrangements
 - Prepare for business setup in Portugal
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This checklist is for informational purposes and should be verified with current Portuguese immigration regulations.