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1. Who can apply for a Digital Nomad Visa?

The D8 Visa, also known as the Digital Nomad Visa, will be the most suitable option for individuals that can work remotely while exploring the beauty of Portugal. This a residence visa that allows you to live in Portugal and to move freely in the Schengen Space.

There are two types of Visas available, depending on your desire length of stay:

- Temporary Stay D8 Visa: 1-year stay in Portugal, extendable by 1 year, allowing entries/exits.
- Residence D8 Visa: Long-term stay with a 2-year residency permit, renewable for 3-year periods.

2. Visa & Residency process: overview and requirements

The process is divided into **two phases**:

- The first takes place at the Portuguese Consulate or Embassy of the country of residency of the applicant, where a visa application is submitted and the visa issued.
- Next, the second stage is the preparation and request of a temporary residence permit before AIMA (Agency for Integration, Migration and Asylum) in Portugal.

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The main requirements to apply for the D8 Visa are the following:

- Be a non-European Union Citizen;
- Be employed by a company outside of Portugal or be self-employed.
- Existence of an employment relationship or provision of services with a foreign company.
- Fiscal residence or headquarters outside of Portugal, being required that the applicant submit a document proving their fiscal residence;
- Having an average monthly salary higher than 4 national minimum wage, which is equivalent to a monthly remuneration of at least EUR 3,480.00 (in 2025).
- Show proof of accommodation in Portugal, such as a long-term rental agreement or proof of ownership of habitation in Portugal.

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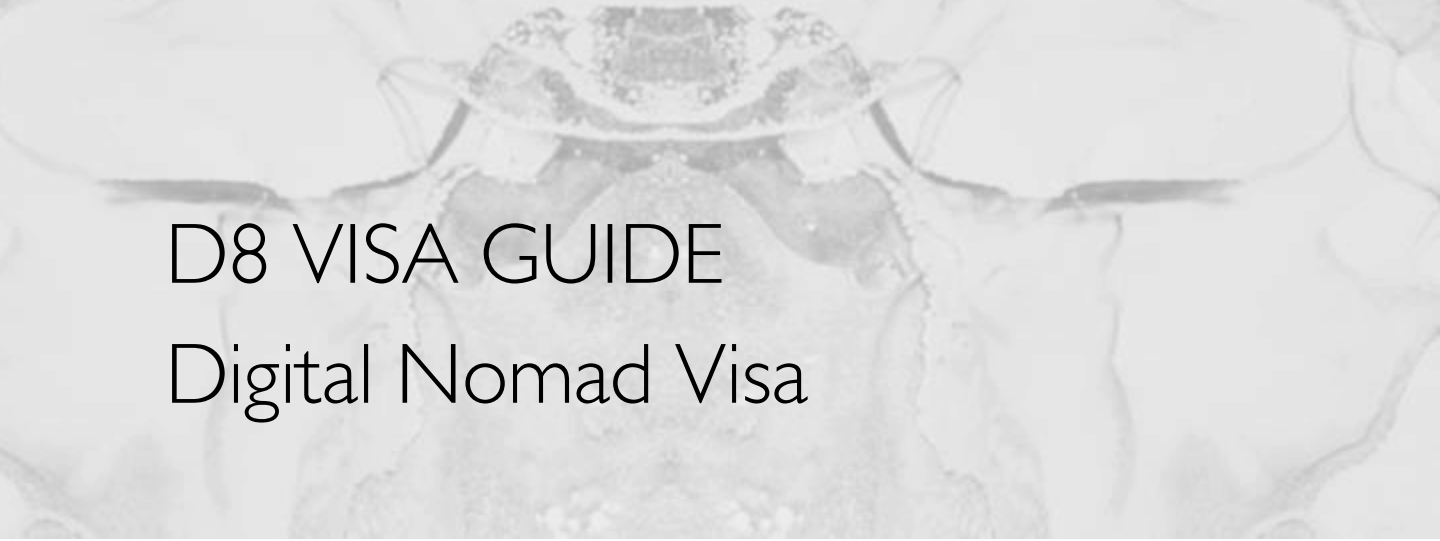
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3. Rights & Duties of Portuguese residents

The main advantages of applying for a residence permit under a D8 Visa process are the following:

- Legal residency in Portugal.
- Right to travel through the European Schengen Area countries (as tourist, not as a resident).
- Access to several welfare rights, including education, healthcare, and social security, as applicable.
- Right to request family reunification (to the relatives and under the terms set out in the law).

The temporary residence permit is valid for a period of 2 years and renewable for 3 additional years. After 5 years of temporary residency the applicant can require a permanent residence permit. After 10 years, the applicant may require portuguese nationality.



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Moving to Portugal and obtaining a residence permit will most likely have implications on the tax framework applicable to the new resident, among others. It is therefore important to understand those implications, both on a national and international field, and to comply with the Portuguese tax and social security regulations.

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