## An Introduction To How The Files Section Works

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Welcome to the files section of this group & please note all documents in the files section are copyright protected & NOT for resale.

You'll find an alphabetical index (cunningly) entitled 'Info Piece Index' which I try to keep somewhere on the first page of listings in the files section that you can scroll through & make a list of the titles relevant to your particular needs & then open the ones you need individually.

**Note:** I do from time to time come across members who (by their own admission) are simply too confused by the bureaucracy to read the info pieces for themselves and/or are unable to navigate the confusing maze of the files section.

All the info you need is in the files for free but they are undeniably confusing & daunting & as FB don't provide any tools to make them easier to locate, they are what they are I'm afraid.

As I'm sure you'll appreciate my time is extremely limited & even more limited when it comes to helping individual people on a one on one basis but if you are confused, then you can PM me & ask what you need to know & I can give you a simple list of info piece titles that you can read for yourself completely free of charge but beyond that, I'll have to ask you for a token friends & family Paypal payment of €50 to my Paypal account & we can then make an appointment do a FB call (which should probably take no more than an hour of your time & 2-3 hours of mine) & I can do that any day you like between the hours of 0930 -1630 hours (Portugal time) any day of the week (including weekends) where I can talk you through all of it, send you all the relevant PDF info pieces & you can also take notes etc & PM me for additional support whenever you need to at no extra cost. Which is about 2% of what some of the immigration assistance types are charging & the only reason I'm offering the service is to get my own back on the 6 companies that have recently stolen my entire files section & are selling them on for anything up to €9500 a set. - I call it Operation Payback!

I truly hate to charge anyone for this but I simply don't have the time to do it all for nothing I'm afraid.

There are 100+ separate info pieces in the files section & all are designed to help you in every aspect of migrating to your new host country & once here to settle into your new & very different life & also to answer all the FAQs that are so often asked & these info pieces are added to and/or updated on a regular basis & when necessary & these pieces are deliberately written to the 'lowest common denominator' principle to make them as fidiot proof as possible.

So please remember to keep checking them to see what's new and/or what has changed.

I have deliberately tried to make the titles as accurate as possible but please remember that every individual case is slightly different to every other case so each info piece often has to cover a range of different circumstances.

In an ideal world, I'd be able to alphabetically index the entire section with hyperlinks to each piece but unfortunately, FB doesn't provide that facility & is not at all smartphone or device friendly either, so they have to be viewed simply according to when they were posted with the newest at the top & there are several pages of listings so look out for the 'See More' icon at the bottom of each page.

They're also best viewed on a proper PC not on a phone or device but if you do have to use a phone or device then Apple is easier than Android & in either case, you might need to add a PDF reader app, use the swipeable menus & look in your download folder(s) or file(s) to access the selected info piece & there are full instructions in the 'About' section on how to access the files via a phone or device.

Also note that all links in all info pieces were active at time of posting but links tend to change from time to time so if you find some links don't work then you might need to ask that nice Mr Google for more up to date ones. I'd also like to take this opportunity to mention those others who have contributed to the files but prefer to remain nameless. They know who they are & they have my thanks for their kind contributions.

Now read the pieces 'Info Piece Index', 'A Comprehensive List Of Ways To Dodge Portuguese Bureaucracy', 'Website & Page Directory' & 'The MFM Award' & go from there.

Also be warned this group is not only well known for it's fabulous files section, friendliness & helpfulness, it's equally well known for it's bizarre & twisted sense of humour so if you find yourself having an occasional WTF moment, look up to see if there's a low flying joke (often Marmite related) passing over your head & I promise you the jokes are all good natured & well intentioned so don't take offence.

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

The files section is a vital information resource for our members & is also considered a closely protected area & group rules state that any additions to the files section MUST be pre approved by group admin which is a polite way of saying that anyone who messes with them without approval will be immediately removed from the group according to Rule .303 & there are absolutely no exceptions to that whatsoever.

So have fun & try not to get lost in here.