

Work or Job Seekers Visas

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Introduced in January 2023 this visa might be a game changer for some & it requires the applicant to apply direct to the Portuguese Consulate nearest to them & only from a country in which they are in a regular situation which is their country or residency or citizenship only.

<https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/pt/vistos-nacionais/documentacao-instrutoria/procura-de-trabalho>

The visa allows the holder to enter Portugal ONCE only & the work search visa enables the holder to enter and remain in national territory for the purpose of seeking work, authorizes him to pursue a dependent work activity, until the end of the duration of the visa or until the granting of the residence permit & the that residency permit application is made direct to SEF & from inside the national territory & is effectively the same as Stage 2 & 3 of the D7 visa as per the link below.

<https://imigrante.sef.pt/en/solicitar/residir/art77-1/>

This visa is granted for a period of 120 days, and can be extended for another 60 days and allows only one entry into Portugal.

The issuance of this visa presupposes the integration of an appointment date in the services competent for the granting of the residence permit, within the period of validity of 120 days of the visa, and gives the applicant, after the constitution and formalization of the employment relationship in that period, the right to apply for a residence permit. To do so, the general conditions for granting a temporary residence permit in accordance with Article 77 must be fulfilled.

Once the end of the maximum visa validity limit for job search has been reached without the employment relationship being established and the application process for granting a residence permit has begun, the visa holder must leave the country.

In these situations, you can only re-instruct a new visa application for this purpose, one year after the validity of the previous visa expires.

The application for an extension of residence submitted by a visa holder for the search for work must be accompanied by proof of registration with the IEFP, I. P., and a declaration by the applicant indicating the maintenance of the conditions of the planned stay, being assessed taking into account the reasons justifying its grant.

It should be noted that once residency is obtained as per Article 77 para 1 (General Regime) is obtained then reunification of family for spouse & dependents would be available & you will find full details of that in Reunification of Family Residency in Portugal which is also in the files section of this group & the relevant legislation for that is Article 98 para 2 of the Aliens Act.

Good luck & don't forget to make the quality of your entire application as good as you possibly can. Go for gold medal standard not bronze medal standard!