

# How To Obtain A Social Security Number 6 8 23

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There are a number of reasons new immigrants will need to obtain a Portuguese Social Security number such as if you work or intend to work here or open a business or business activity here or if you are in receipt of a UK or EU member state, state pension (in which case you will need a SS number AND an S1 form from the country that pays the pension) so you need to consider this PDF as an introduction to Social Security only & also look in the files & read the relevant PDFs listed below that apply to your personal situation.

Social Security Welcome Guide For Migrants.

Social Security Registration For Foreign Citizens. Social

Security Payments For the Self Employed.

How To Set Up A Registered Company In Portugal.

How To Register On The Portuguese National Health Service. (Applies to recipients of UK or EU member state, state pensions).

Obtaining a Social Security number has for several years been very difficult for new migrants but recent changes have (finally) reversed that situation & now you can apply online at the website immediately below or print the application form (2<sup>nd</sup> link below) complete it & take it to your nearest Social Security office for processing.

[https://www.seg-social.pt/pedido-de-formulario-niss-cidadao-estrangeiro?fbclid=IwAR1snWDZnHFbzoLmk\\_YvfD6W1UeIw0\\_8YbwJSWfvZTq1QUdmaiZFZe\\_i1dU](https://www.seg-social.pt/pedido-de-formulario-niss-cidadao-estrangeiro?fbclid=IwAR1snWDZnHFbzoLmk_YvfD6W1UeIw0_8YbwJSWfvZTq1QUdmaiZFZe_i1dU)

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If you choose the latter option then you will note the application form is in Portuguese (well we are in Portugal where they speak Portuguese ) but it is fairly simple to understand but if you struggle then read 'How To Beat The Language Barrier And Other Top Tech Tips' in the files section which will be your easy solution.

It should be noted that if you do not work or have a business or business activity then you will not have any financial responsibility if you have a Social Security number but if you do work or have a business or business activity then you will have financial responsibility & as is explained in 'How To Set Up A Registered Company In Portugal' that responsibility can be significant especially if you operate as a one man/woman band type operation & if you make significant income which is why that particular PDF gives specific warning of how important it is to establish the activity at the right time to enable you to make the most of the Social Security & possible IVA holiday you get in your first year of trading.