

Operation Payback Or How To Navigate The Immigration Minefield

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The files section of my Facebook groups contains +/- 130 information pieces on all aspects of moving to & living in Portugal & it has taken more than 5 years of my time to write those pieces & every one of them is updated when necessary (sometimes weekly) & all are available completely free of charge to all group members & the reason for that is to help members avoid being ripped off by the immigration assistance sharks that constantly circle the new immigrant world.

In early September 2020, I was contacted by TWO well known 'immigration assistance company' that both said they had sold MY information pieces to some of their clients who had then asked some questions that they were unable to answer & would I mind giving them the answers so needless to say, I very firmly told them to depart in a flurry of sexual endeavour.

When I investigated, I found a number of immigration assistance companies had stolen MY info pieces from the files & had been selling them to unwary potential migrants for anything up to €10,000 per set..... To say I was furious would be the understatement of the century.

I have now found no less than 25 companies or individuals around the world who are playing the same game & if each company sells one set of my files, once a month for that full price then collectively they are making something in the region of at least €3M a year out of MY work.

I well know I'll never get any of them into court & I also well know that I am legally prohibited from naming & shaming them but being the vindictive old cuss I am, I decided to find an alternative way to wreak my revenge in my own sweet way & so I launched Operation Payback Or How To Navigate The Immigration Minefield

So how does Operation Payback work?

You send me a PM with your email address & country you will be calling from & requesting the service & I ask you to make a token payment of just €50 (**unfortunately if you are calling from within the European Union I need to charge an additional 23% IVA/VAT**) to my Wise (formally TransferWise) account & we then make an appointment for a consultation call to me where we spend as long as it takes to work out all your migration issues & problems including which visa will suit you best (which usually takes an hour or two) & tell you the titles of all the relevant info pieces you need to read & you can then also PM or email me for additional support whenever you need to at no extra cost & without any time limits whatsoever. However, although it is unlikely that you would need a subsequent call then I would (unfortunately) need to charge you for that I'm afraid.

That €50 cost is less than 1% of what many of the immigration assistance types are charging for a similar service & the only reason I'm offering it is get my own back on those companies that have recently stolen my entire files section & are selling them on for such an obscene amount of money. - Hence the name of Operation Payback! (Although I have to say, I was tempted to call it Operation Poesklap!) & I can do that call any day you like between the hours of 0930 – 1630 hours (Portugal time) any day of the week (including weekends).

PLEASE NOTE THAT (FROM 1ST JANUARY 2022) WHEN BOOKING THE CALL, YOU NEED TO TELL ME WHETHER YOU WILL BE CALLING ME FROM WITHIN OR OUTSIDE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AS IF THE CALL ORIGINATES FROM INSIDE THE EU, TAX LAWS REQUIRE ME TO CHARGE YOU AN ADDITIONAL 23% VAT/IVA WHICH RAISES THE TOTAL COST OF THE CALL TO €61.50.

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 but I intend to maintain the current price with no increases for as long as I possibly can.

I'm not doing this for profit & if I were, I well know I could charge several times the amount I'm charging but rather, my intention is simply to cut the ground out from under the feet of those thieves who have taken advantage of MY hard work that took me something like 5 years to achieve & continues to take a significant time of my life. And I have to say, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to know that I'm hitting them where it hurts..... which is right in their wallets!

I should also point out that I need to receive payment before I can perform the service to comply with the Portuguese tax requirements.

Before closing let me suggest you also read 'The Perils Of Using An Immigration Assistance Agent' which explains why you need to avoid such unscrupulous people & companies like the plague.

At the start of this piece I wrote that I am a vindictive old cuss & I am, & I'd guess the people who have stolen my files & are selling them for small fortunes probably call me something very similar. Lol!

You can make the payment from your online banking service or from a Wise (formally TransferWise) account if you have one & if you don't have a TransferWise account but want to open one then you can do it online very easily & quickly & although there is absolutely no pressure to do so, if you use the link below then we might both get a free transfer out of it.

<https://transferwise.com/invite/u/stephenr1196>

Please remember that being an Operation Payback client brings you an immense amount of help & ongoing support but it does not give you any special privileges when it comes to the group rules and/or advertising on the group timeline nor does it give you the right to sell MY info pieces on to third parties and or use MY files for your own profit in any way & if caught doing so then you will be immediately removed from the group without any exceptions whatsoever. I should also point out that I do not allow the calls to be recorded because there has been more than one occasion where the calls have magically found their way onto commercial youtube or similar websites which I consider to be data & copyright theft.

Also note that if you have an extended family situation (or similar) with a number of different passport types or situations that it might not be possible for me to give you all the different paths to residency in one call as to do that would sometimes require a call of 6-8 hours & possibly more which means if you are in that situation then you might have to book more than one call but explain your situation to me first & I'll be able to tell you what is or is not possible.

Also please note that I advise on how to navigate the migration minefield & on what your best path to residency will be but I am not any kind of lawyer or attorney & do not claim to be so & also note the information pieces in the files are not legal advice.

Also note that I retain all copyright to my work & before any person, company or group considers stealing my work then I suggest they read The Penalties Of Data Copyright And Intellectual Property Theft in the files section & bear in mind that I protect the copyright of my intellectual property like a rabid lioness protects her young.

The legitimate groups where you will find my work are listed below & if you find them anywhere else then they are not only stolen but almost certainly way out of date & inaccurate whereas the files on my groups will always be 100% accurate & fully up to date.

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