

Finding Work In Portugal

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We'll start by reminding readers that they should not even consider taking a job in Portugal unless they have the right to work and that cash in hand employment is obviously illegal so now that's out of the way, let's look at finding legitimate employment.

Portugal has had an unemployment problem for a number of years but that situation is slowly improving & equally it has a dire skills shortage especially in fields such as engineering, mechanical engineering & anything medical but to make the most of any of these things then it will be an immense asset to you if you can speak Portuguese so get studying!

There is usually a number of seasonal jobs in the touristy areas such as the Algarve but a significant number of these are fairly basic employment such as in bars, cafes & restaurants & needless to say, such jobs aren't going to pay well & will probably be on or close to the minimum monthly wage which at the time of writing is €740 per month working on the basic 12 months a year principle. The reason I say that is Portugal often works on the principle of 13 pay days a year as in 4 week months + a Christmas pay day.

If you can work online and/or already have a client base then you'll be pleased to know that many parts of Portugal have fantastic internet access & even here in our very rural part of central Portugal and in a village with about 20 permanent residents, we enjoy unlimited fibre optic internet that gives us a genuine 100 Mbps & have recently been offered 200 Mbps.

More generally there are a number of online recruitment agencies (see links below) that advertise both Portuguese & other language job vacancies such as mobiqam.com, Glassdoor, Farfetch, Landing Jobs and many others so in that regard, Google is your friend.

Another option if you have an entrepreneurial spirit is to open a business or business activity here & How To Set Up A Registered Company In Portugal in the files section of this group will tell you how to do that & pay especial note to the warning about not opening a business or activity too early but there are without doubt a number of business opportunities of all kinds if you look for them & my area at least lacks a number of services that I see demand for including such simple things as car valeting services & similar & any member who does have a business or is going to open a business here is welcome to PM me to ask for a FREE listing in the Trade & Business Directory in the Files section & that gives access to a potential customer base that is rapidly approaching 50k people.

If you want to find work in your local area then this link will show you a number of vacancies by Camara by Camara area but most if not all of the vacancies listed will require you to be a Portuguese language speaker.

https://www.iefp.pt/gabinetes-de-insercao-profissional?fbclid=IwAR2l6q7VpubKUX7JuJ1Zp8466_JVXVbwvjgo3bmMLAexBoJJGcQ-OG075Sc

There are also a number of other options & it's not unusual for people to at least start working by online teaching such as Teach English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) but again, most of these don't pay particularly well.

If seeking work with smaller companies you need to remember that many such companies don't have much of an online presence & some don't have any online presence so contacting them from another area, let alone another country is sometimes a challenge to say the least.

If you have a degree or professional qualification of any kind from another country, especially a non EU member state country then you may well have to get that registered or recognised by the appropriate Government or Professional body before you can use it & there is a separate info piece in the files section of this group entitled 'How To Get Your Professional Qualifications Recognised In Portugal' on that subject.

Good luck e boa sorte!

<https://www.europelanguagejobs.com/jobs-in-Portugal-for-English-speakers>

<https://www.multilingualvacancies.com/jobs/english/call-centre-customer-service/portugal>

<https://www.learn4good.com/jobs/language/english/list/country/portugal/>

https://www.glassdoor.com/Job/portugal-english-speaking-jobs-SRCH_IL.0,8_IN195_KO9,25.htm

<https://www.jobsinlisbon.com/>

<https://en-ie.toplanguagejobs.com/Top-Language-Jobs/Search/english/portugal>