

STARTUP VISA

StartUP Visa is a residence visa for entrepreneurs, which aims to attract investment, talent and innovation capacity to Portugal.

By investing and creating qualified employment, entrepreneurs can integrate a startup incubator in Portugal and benefit from all the incentives and support of the StartUP Portugal Program.

This program aims to strengthen the innovation ecosystem and to affirm Portugal as an open country to entrepreneurship and to all of those who, with their knowledge and capacity for innovation, can bring investment to Portuguese economy, capable of strengthen and enhance national skilled human resources.

This is one of the most innovative entrepreneurship programs across Europe, by attracting international talent.

Who Can Apply?

Young entrepreneurs from all over the world who want to open an innovative company will have quick access to a residence visa that gives them the possibility to create or move their startup enterprise to Portugal.

Entrepreneurs can apply online.

International entrepreneurs wishing to access the StartUP Visa and obtain a residence and work visa must accomplish the following criteria:

- a) Intend to develop business activities to produce innovative goods and services;
- b) Open or relocate companies and/or projects focused on technology and knowledge, with a perspective of developing innovative products;
- c) Have the potential to create qualified employment;

- d) Have the potential to attain, 5 years after the incubation period, a turnover over 325.000€ per year, and/or assets value over 325.000€ per year.

Currently, 63 entry visas and 35 residence permits have already been issued, with Brazil, Russia and Iran being the main countries of origin for these highly qualified foreign entrepreneurs.

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