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Ministerial Order no. 344/2023 of 10 November was published, regulating the electronic processing of nationality applications, which will be compulsory from 1 December 2023.

The main aim will be to make the whole procedure quicker and more agile.

This Order specifically regulates the electronic submission of applications and declarations for the purposes of granting, acquiring, or losing nationality, exclusively by lawyers and solicitors who hold a valid professional digital certificate, on behalf of the interested parties, and the consultation of information on the nationality procedure, as well as the direct declaration of birth in applications for Portuguese nationality.

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Advantages:

- all the data relating to the assessment of the application is recorded in the computer system as soon as it is submitted.
- Lawyers and Solicitors will no longer have to go to the registration service counters and will be able to submit nationality applications more comfortably, quickly and without time constraints.
- there will be less pressure on the registration service counters, which will be more available to attend to interested parties who are not represented by a lawyer or solicitor.