

LOOKING FOR A JOB IN PORTUGAL?

The changes introduced by Law no. 18/2022, of 25 August to the legal regime of entry, stay, exit and expulsion of foreigners from the national territory came into force on **30 October 2022**. One of the changes introduced was the creation of a visa to seek work.

The job seeker visa entitles its holder to enter and remain only in Portugal for the purpose of looking for job.

The visa holder is also authorised to carry out a subordinated work activity, until the visa expires or until the residence permit is granted.

This visa is granted for a **period of 120 days**, renewable for another **60 days** and allows only one entry into Portugal.

The applicant, after the formalization of the employment contract throughout that period, acquires the right to apply for a residence permit.

In addition to the general conditions for granting a temporary residence permit, the **job seeker visa applicant will have to submit an expression of interest to register with the IEFP, stating that after entering Portugal he/she will register with the Institute of Employment and Professional Training to look for work.**

Once the maximum validity limit of the visa for looking for work has expired, without an employment relationship having been established, the visa holder must leave the country. In these situations, the visa holder can only re-apply for a new visa application for this purpose, one year after the expiry of the previous visa's validity.

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