



## DIGITAL NOMADS VISA

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 for digital nomads**. This visa is granted to subordinate workers and independent professionals who intend to exercise their professional activity remotely, to individuals or legal entities with residence or head office outside national territory.

In addition to the general documentation required to apply for any visa, the applicant must demonstrate the existence of an employment relationship or provision of services:

In situations of subordinate work, one of the following documents:

- Employment contract;
- Statement of employer proving the employment relationship.

In situations of independent professional activity, one of the following documents:

- Partnership contract;
- Service provision contract;
- Document demonstrating the services rendered to one or more entities.

The purpose of the residence visa is to allow its holder to enter Portuguese territory in order to apply for a residence permit. The visa is valid for **2 entries in Portuguese territory** and enables its holder to remain there for a **period of 4 months**.

The temporary residence permit is valid for a period of **2 years**, counting from the date of issue of the respective title and is renewable for successive periods of 3 years.

Holders of the temporary residence permit may apply for a permanent residence permit after **5 years of legal residence in Portugal**.

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