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The long awaited regime for obtaining **temporary stay and residence visas for digital nomads**, allowing the professional or subordinated activity to be carried out remotely outside the national territory, shall come into effect as of 1 November 2022.

This new framework is the result, essentially, of the exponential increase of remote work on a worldwide level and the growing presence of professionals who intend to travel regularly, performing their activity remotely in any part of the world.

Thus, Portugal opens the door to these professionals, allowing them to reside in Portugal by proving a labour or service provision bond, accordingly, with entities domiciled or based outside of Portugal, allowing them to exercise this activity remotely.

Applicants for this type of visa must prove that their average monthly income amounts to at least the equivalent of three minimum guaranteed monthly incomes, meaning, they must prove that they earn a minimum monthly average of 2.820 €. The temporary stay visa is destined to allow the entry and stay in national territory for a duration of less than one year, awarded for the time of permanency of the visa's holder in Portugal.

As for the residence visa, its purpose is to allow its holder to enter Portuguese territory in order to apply for a residence permit, allowing him to stay in the country for a period of four months.

The residence permit is issued for a period of 2 years, with the possibility of renewal every 3 years.

After 5 years of legal residence in Portugal, a permanent residence visa can be requested as well as the possibility to initiate the process of acquiring Portuguese nationality, by complying with the legal requirements.



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