

APPLYING FOR A RESIDENCE PERMIT FOR INVESTMENT ACTIVITY (ARI /Golden Visa)

Capital transfer with a value equal to or above 350 thousand Euros for investing in research activities conducted by public or private scientific research institutions involved in the national scientific or technologic system.

Documents and General Requirements:

- Passport or other valid travel document;
- Documentary evidence of legal entry and stay in Portuguese territory;
- Documentary Evidence of adequate health Insurance (issued within the prior three months), specifically:
 - * Document attesting that the applicant is covered by the National Health Service, or;
 - * Document attesting that the applicant is covered by an internationally acknowledged Health Insurance Plan for the duration of the stay, with indication of automatic renewal on the expiry date;
- Extract from the criminal record – duly certified by a Portuguese diplomatic or consular post abroad – of the country of origin, or country of residence in case the applicant has lived in another country for over one year. This document must be translated into Portuguese and must have been issued within the prior three months;
- Completed application form with permission for checking the Portuguese Criminal Records;
- Affidavit, whereby the applicant declares on his / her word of honour that he / she shall comply with the minimum quantitative requirements and maintain the investment for a minimum period of five years;
- Up-to-date declarations issued within the prior 45 days by the Portuguese Tax Authorities and by the Portuguese Social Security confirming the absence of any debts to those authorities and, where that is not applicable, declaration confirming that the applicant is not registered with those authorities;

Investment Requirements:

For investment by way of capital transfer in value equal to or above 350 thousand Euros **to be used in research activities conducted by public or private scientific research institutions involved in the national scientific or technologic system**, whereby the value of this investment may be reduced in 20% (280 thousand Euros) provided that it is made in sparsely populated areas (less than 100 inhabitants per sq.km., or GDP per head is below 75% of the national average).

For this type of investment the applicant must prove to have invested the minimum required value, either as a sole entrepreneur or as the proprietor of a single member limited company.

Documents:

- Statement issued by a financial institution accredited or registered in national territory by the Bank of Portugal, confirming the actual international transfer of funds, in a value equal to or above 350 thousand euros, into a bank account in the name of the applicant;
- Declaration issued by a public or private scientific research institution integrated in the national scientific and technologic system, attesting the actual transfer of the capital invested;
- Certificate issued within the prior 45 days by the Commercial Register [Registo Comercial], *for investment in a single member limited company*, attesting that he applicant is the sole owner.