TO WHOM APPLY?
To the Immigration and Borders Service (SEF) or any other police authority.

WHERE TO APPLY?
At a Border Checkpoint or in the National Territory at SEF facilities or any other police authority.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?
You have the right to be represented by a non-governmental organization or a legal representative assigned by the Family and Juvenile Court for that purpose.

PROCEDURES
✓ Fingerprints is taken, if you are at least 14 years of age
✓ A photo is taken
✓ Submission of identity elements
✓ Reception of a supporting evidence of the application for protection
✓ Authorisation to stay in Portugal during the ongoing process

ACCOMMODATION
If the application for protection has been made at a border checkpoint or in the Portuguese territory you will be forwarded to a children accommodation centre where you will wait for the notification to attend the interview.

✓ If the application is accepted, you will enter Portugal.
✓ If the application is refused, you will be removed to the country of origin, but an appeal on the negative decision is possible.

DECISION
✓ If the decision is positive, a residence permit is issued.
✓ If the decision is negative, you will be removed. An appeal on this negative decision is possible.

INTERVIEW
✓ You will be speaking to a SEF inspector, in the presence of your legal representative and, if necessary, an interpreter.
✓ You shall account for all your issued, fears lived in your country and what stops you from returning.
✓ An expert’s opinion may be requested for determining your age. It is not mandatory.