

### 1. How can I access the Residency Authorization for Investment (ARI) Portal?

You can access the ARI Portal through this [link](#).

### 2. I have already submitted my ARI / Family Reunification ARI application in person, and biometric data was collected. Do I need to comply with the notification sent?

ARI applications for which the in-person ARI application process has been formalized are not covered by the notification (even if the status has been changed to “awaiting submission”), as stated in the notification itself. **\*(\*)**: “If the ARI application has already been formalized, you should disregard this notification.”

### 3. My application is in the “accepted” status, but I have not yet received an appointment or was unable to attend the scheduled appointment. What should I do?

You must submit your appointment request to the email address [geral@aima.gov.pt](mailto:geral@aima.gov.pt).

The appointment request must include the **following details**:

- Full name;
- Nationality;
- Date of birth;
- Phone number and email address;
- ARI process number;
- Indication of whether the request extends to family members registered on the Portal.

#### 4. My previously accepted application has not yet been changed to “awaiting submission,” and the appointment request has not been made. What should I do?

In this case, the documentation cannot be updated on the ARI Portal.

Therefore, you must visit an AIMA service center and present the updated documentation for digitization and updating purposes.

#### 5. The application status is not “awaiting submission.” How should I proceed to change the status and comply with the notification?

You must submit your appointment request to the email address [geral@aima.gov.pt](mailto:geral@aima.gov.pt).

The appointment request must include the **following details**:

- Full name
- Nationality
- Date of birth
- Phone number and email address
- ARI process number

#### 6. What documentation should I submit or update on the ARI Portal?

You must **submit on the ARI Portal** all documentation outlined in **Articles 65-A and 65-D of Regulatory Decree No. 84/2007, of November 5**, in the version in force at the time of the application submission, considering Articles 42.º and 43.º of Law No. 56/2023, of October 6, and Article 5.º of **Regulatory Decree n.º 1/2024, of January 17**.

**The required documentation is as follows:**

- Updated documentation regarding the investment (must unequivocally prove that the investment was made by the date it was legally required and it remains in place currently);

- Statement from a credit institution authorized or registered in the national territory with the Bank of Portugal, certifying the actual transfer of an amount equal to or greater than the legally required amount (in case it was not previously submitted or is not sufficiently clear about the facts it needs to certify).
- Valid passport (if you hold more than one nationality, submit all relevant passports).
- Valid Certificates of absence of debts with the Social Security and the Tax Authority (or proof of non-registration with these entities).
- Statement under oath certifying compliance with the minimum quantitative and time-related requirements for investment activity in Portugal;
- Information regarding personal tax identification numbers, or equivalent, from your country of origin, residence, or tax residence, or proof of their non-existence.
- Criminal Record Certificate from the country of origin or the country where you permanently reside, issued within the last 3 months, translated into Portuguese and properly certified by the Portuguese Consular Representation or with an Apostille.
- Whenever investments are made through a **single-member limited liability company**, the applicant for the grant or renewal of a residence permit for investment must present an updated commercial registration certificate, demonstrating that the applicant is the shareholder of the single-member limited liability company.

You must **update on the ARI Portal** any documentation mentioned in the paragraph above, at the time of submission or payment of the DUC (Single Collection Document) analysis fee, that was deemed **insufficient, missing, expired, and/or not properly translated and/or certified**.

## 7. What should I do with the documentation that was initially submitted with the application?

You must retain all documentation with the application. Documents should not be deleted.

## 8. Must I present all the documents submitted on the Portal? Which ones?

Yes, you must present all original documents during the in-person appointment, including those submitted with the application and any new documents provided later.

## 9. Must foreign documents be translated and certified?

Refer to the information available on AIMA's website regarding the "recognition of documents." The information is available at the following link.:

<https://aima.gov.pt/pt/temas-transversais/reconhecimento-de-documentos>

It should also be noted the provisions of Article 49.º n.º 8 of the Civil Registry Code, which state: "The documents referred to in n.º 1, when written in a foreign language, must be accompanied by a translation made or certified in accordance with the provisions of the law, unless they are written in English, French, or Spanish and the competent official is proficient in that language."

## 10. What documents must I submit for my family members to benefit from family reunification?

You must submit the **following documents**:

- Criminal Record Certificates from the country of origin and country of residence (if residing there for over one year), issued within the last 3 months, translated into Portuguese, and certified by the Portuguese Consular Representation or with an Apostille;
- Valid certificates of absence of debts to Social Security and the Tax Authority (or proof of non-registration);
- Responsibility Agreement signed by the investor with notarized signature, or signed in person during the appointment;



- The updated proof of family relationship (maintenance of the family relationship). This will only be required if it was submitted with an expired validity (referring to the date of payment of the analysis fee) or in case of doubts (in accordance with the provisions of n.º 1 of Article 104º of the Law n.º 23/2007, of July 4);
- In the event that the application was submitted with missing documentation for proof of family relationship (essentially in the case of adult children and dependent ascendants), you should now add it to the application.

### **11. I could not submit one or more documents (including translations or certifications) on time. What should I do?**

You should Inform AIMA during the appointment so the missing document(s) can be digitized and attached to your file.

### **12. What if there are still missing documents in my application?**

If you have not attached the necessary documentation (for updating, correcting, or rectifying the application) on the ARI Portal or, exceptionally, during the in-person appointment, you will be sent a notification indicating the likely rejection of the application. (See paragraphs 7 and 12 of Article 65.º-A and paragraph 16 of Article 65.º-D of Regulatory Decree n.º 84/2007, of November 5. Also, for applicable cases, the provisions of Articles 42.º and 43.º of the Law n.º 56/2023, of October 6, and Article 5.º of Regulatory Decree n.º 1/2024, of January 17, which amends Regulatory Decree 84/2007, of November 5, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 121.º and following of the Administrative Procedure Code).

In response to the notification, you should send the missing documentation to the address indicated in the AIMA registration or via email.

### **13. What is the format and maximum size of the documents to be submitted on the ARI Portal?**

The documents must be submitted in PDF format, and each file must not exceed the 4MB limit. If necessary, you should divide the document into parts.

### **14. In which documents is the recognition of signatures required?**

The notarized signature is required only for the investor's responsibility regarding the family members. This is not necessary if the applicant signs the terms of responsibility in person during the appointment.

### **15. When does the payment of issuance fees occur?**

For applications submitted from January 15, 2025, onwards, the payment will be made at the time of the in-person appointment.

### **16. For applications submitted in physical format until January 14, 2025, how and when does the payment of the issuance fee occur?**

The payment occurs after the approval decision, upon notification for the issuance of the DUC (Single Collection Document), which will be available in the respective application on the ARI Portal.

Once you receive the notification, you can generate the DUC on the ARI Portal. The generation of the DUC may take up to 48 hours.

When the DUC status in the payment section appears as "awaiting creation," it means the application has been approved, the DUC can be generated, and the payment can be made.

### **17. I am able to issue the DUC, but the document is not generated for printing. How should I proceed?**

Even if you are unable to generate the document in PDF format (this limitation may be related to the browser used), you can still proceed with the payment using the generated DUC number, select the “Payments to the State” option and enter the displayed amount.

### **18. What are the accepted payment methods?**

Payments are made using the Automatic Payment Terminal.

### **19. What happens if my application is rejected?**

With the rejection decision, the refund of the amount paid will be immediately proposed, and it will be processed by the AIMA Financial Department upon submission of the NIB and NIF.

### **20. When does the scheduling of appointment take place?**

The scheduling occurs officially and is carried out by AIMA upon the update of the application in the ARI Portal.

For applications that have already been accepted, AIMA, in strict adherence to the criterion of chronological priority, notifies the legal representatives to inquire whether they still wish to proceed with the application and scheduling.

Appointments should be scheduled at least 60 to 90 days in advance if a visa is required to cross borders, and between 90 to 180 days in advance if certification of foreign documents is needed, in case of potential delays at the respective Consular Representation.

Given the management of application flows and the size of family units, it may not be possible for applicants to choose the service counter.

### **21. What if I need to reschedule?**

Any situation, duly documented and justified, in which it is not possible to attend the scheduled date, will be rescheduled only once for the second half of 2025.

Please ensure that AIMA is notified in advance to proceed with the cancellation.

The documents submitted through the Portal will remain valid, unless full compliance with the notification sent is not met.

### **22. What if I miss the rescheduled appointment?**

The electronic record will be archived, as provided for in the Administrative Procedure Code, due to the impossibility of granting residence authorization, in accordance with Article 77º, n.º 1, al. c), combined with Article 90º-A, n.º 1 of the Law n.º 23/2007, of July 4.

Additionally, in applicable cases where the investment activity has been revoked, in accordance with Articles 42.º and 43.º of Law No. 56/2023, of October 6, and Article 5.º of Regulatory Decree n.º 1/2024, of January 17, which amends Regulatory Decree 84/2007, of November 5.

### **23. What should I do after submitting the application in person?**

You should wait for the legal decision period of 90 days. If this period passes without receiving the Residence Permit, your application may undergo further review, and you will be notified for a prior hearing or possibly to address any deficiencies.





## 24. I know that my Residence Permit has been issued, but I haven't received it at home. How can I find out where my Residence Title is?

Residence Permit returned by the postal service (CTT) due to failed delivery are sent to the nearest AIMA service counter to the applicant's area of residence (as indicated in the application document) for in-person collection.

## 25. How can I know if my Residence Permit has been issued or is in the process of being issued?

You should send a request addressed to the Residence Authorization Support Unit for Investment (UARI) with your full name, nationality, and NIE to the following email address [geral@aima.gov.pt](mailto:geral@aima.gov.pt).

### Legal Framework

#### Regulatory Decree No. 1/2024 – amends Regulatory Decree No. 84/2007, of November 5

##### Article 5.º

##### Transitional Provision

1 - The provisions of n.º 3 of Article 90.º of **Regulatory Decree n.º 84/2007**, of November 5, as amended by the present regulatory decree, **apply to pending processes at the time of entry into force of this regulatory decree.**

2 - For the purposes of complying with the previous paragraph, applicants must be notified, at the email address registered in the SII AIMA I.P., to proceed with the payment of the due fees within 10 business days, under legal penalty.

3 - After the deadline specified in the previous paragraph has passed without the payment being made, applicants should be notified at the address registered in the AIMA I. P. residents' registry, in accordance with the provisions of Article 86.º of the **Law n.º 23/2007**, of July 4, in its current wording, to proceed with the payment of the due fees within 15 business days, under legal penalty.

4 - Failure to pay the fee within the deadline provided in the previous paragraph will be subject to the provisions of Article 133.º of the Administrative Procedure Code.

[...]

8 - The provisions of n.º 5 also apply to requests for the grant and renewal of residence permits for the investment activities referred to therein, which are pending with the competent authorities as of the date of entry into force of the Law n.º 56/2023, of October 6.

### **Decree-Law n.º . 56/2023, 06/10 – Amends Law n.º . 23/2007.**

#### **Article 43.º**

##### ***Pending residence permit applications for investment activity***

***1 - Requests for the grant and renewal of residence permit for investment activities, as provided in subparagraphs i), iii), and iv) of paragraph d) of n.º 1 of Article 3, of the Law No. 23/2007, of July 4, in its wording prior to the entry into force of this law, submitted under the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 90.º-A of the Law No. 23/2007, of July 4, which are awaiting a decision by the competent authorities on the date of entry into force of this law, remain valid.***

*2 - The provisions of the previous paragraph also apply to applications that are pending prior control procedures with the municipal chambers on the date of entry into force of this law.*

*3 - The applications referred to in the previous paragraphs are subject, with the necessary adaptations, to the provisions of n.º 5 of the article 42.º.*

*4 - For the purposes of the previous paragraph, the competent authorities must verify the adequacy of the investment to the respective entrepreneurial project.*

*5 - The following entities are responsible for verifying the adequacy of the investment to the respective entrepreneurial project, depending on the subject matter:*

- a) The Portuguese Trade & Investment Agency (AICEP, E. P. E.);*
- b) The Portuguese Development Bank (Banco Português de Fomento, S. A.);*
- c) IAPMEI – Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation, I. P.;*
- d) The National Innovation Agency (ANI);*
- e) The Office for Strategy, Planning, and Cultural Assessment (GEPAC);*
- f) Other entities deemed appropriate based on the subject matter.*

#### **Article 44.º**

##### **Amendment to the Law n.º 23/2007, of July 4**

The Articles 3.º, 77.º e 85.º of the Law n.º. 23/2007, of July 4, are amended as follows:

«Article 3.º

[...]

1 - [...]

a) [...]

b) [...]

c) [...]

d) [...]

i) (Revoked.)

ii) [...]

*iii) (Revoked.)*

*iv) (Revoked.)*

*v) [...]*

*vi) [...]*

*vii) Capital transfer in an amount equal to or greater than 500,000 euros, intended for the acquisition of shares in non-real estate collective investment undertakings established under Portuguese law, with a maturity of at least five years at the time of investment, and where at least 60% of the investment value is made in commercial companies based in national territory;*

*viii) Capital transfer in an amount equal to or greater than 500,000 euros, intended for the establishment of a commercial company headquartered in national territory, combined with the creation of five permanent jobs, or for the reinforcement of the share capital of an already established commercial company headquartered in national territory, with the creation of at least five permanent jobs or the maintenance of at least ten jobs, with a minimum of five permanent positions, for a minimum period of three years;*

*e) [...]*

*f) [...]*

*g) [...]*

*i) [...]*

*j) [...]*

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*2 - The minimum amount or quantitative requirement for the investment activity provided in subparagraphs ii), v), and vi) of paragraph d) of the previous number may be reduced by 20%, when the activity is carried out in low-density areas..*

*3 - For the purposes of the previous paragraph, low-density areas are those defined in Ordinance n.º 208/2017, of July 13, with fewer than 100 inhabitants per km<sup>2</sup> or a per capita gross domestic product (GDP) lower than 75% of the national average.*

*4 - The investment activities provided in subparagraphs ii) and v) to viii) of paragraph d) of n.º 1 require evaluation every two years regarding their impact on scientific and cultural activities, as well as on the promotion of foreign direct investment and job creation.*

*5 - The investment activities referred to in the previous paragraph cannot be intended, directly or indirectly, for real estate investment.*

Article 77.º

[...]

1 - [...]

2 - [...]

*3 - The grant or renewal of a residence permit may be refused to nationals of third countries subject to restrictive measures by the European Union.*

*4 - (Previous n.º 3.)*

5 - (Previous n.º 4.)

6 - (Previous n.º 5.)

7 - (Previous n.º 6.)

Article 85.º

[...]

1 - [...]

a) [...]

b) [...]

c) [...]

d) [...]

e) *If it is determined that the holder is subject to a restrictive measure of the European Union.*

2 - [...]

3 - [...]

4 - [...]

5 - [...]

6 - [...]

7 - [...]