

28th of February 2023

PORTUGUESE NATIONALITY – ONLINE ORDER

Since February 17th, professionals registered before the Bar Association and the Order of Solicitors and Enforcement Agents can submit applications for Portuguese nationality online.

This new service allows you to:

- Submit applications for nationality together with mandatory documentation;
- Make payments;
- Monitor the state of the processes;
- Complete and correct information without the need to go to a registry counter.

At this embryonic stage, the service only covers applications from citizens over 18 years of age who wish to obtain Portuguese nationality through legal residence in Portugal for at least five years and by marriage with a Portuguese national.

However, the idea is that, until March 17th and progressively, the service will be extended to all types of application for nationality, no longer being required the application in physical format.

Advantages:

- With the online application for nationality, professionals benefit from an exclusive and convenient channel that will expedite the applications for nationality of the citizens they represent;
- These requests will benefit from an automatic validation tool for the authenticity of documents using artificial intelligence;
- It is expected that this functionality will contribute to increasing the responsiveness of services, speeding up one of the most time-consuming steps of these processes;
- The total dematerialization of requests will improve the efficiency of the response, reducing face-to-face service and the reception of paper requests, maintaining safety and accuracy in the analysis.

Procedure:

To access and use the online platform is necessary authentication with the professional order certificate and digital signature, to validate the professional quality of the representative.

Citizens who do not have an authorization, must submit the necessary application and documentation to a registration service with a nationality desk, or alternatively by mail.

PARES | Advogados is available to provide information on this and other subjects in a more personalized and adequate manner to each client's reality.

Mariana Rocha Moreira
mrm@paresadvogados.com

This Newsletter is intended for clients and lawyers and does not constitute advertising. Its copy, distribution or any other form of reproduction is forbidden without the express authorisation of the authors. The information contained herein is of a general nature and does not dispense with the need to obtain legal advice before making any decision regarding the matter under discussion. For further information, please contact **Mariana Rocha Moreira** (mrm@paresadvogados.com).