



CREATION OF NEW VISAS AND RESTRUCTURING OF PROCESSES

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On 15th June 2022, the Council of Ministers approved the Proposal of Law 89, which aims to change the legal regime for the entry, stay, departure and removal of foreigners from the national territory, creating new visas and restructuring their process in some situations, namely with citizens of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries – “*Comunidade de Países da Língua Portuguesa*” (CPLP).

This Proposal of Law is intended to fully implement the Agreement on mobility between the CPLP Member States, signed in Luanda on July 17th 2021, and fight against illegal immigration and human traffic.



Therefore, within the scope of granting temporary stay visas and residence permits for citizens covered by the CPLP Agreement, the competent Consulates will now be able to consult the Schengen information system directly, and a prior approval of the Immigration Services (SEF), which the law now requires, will no longer be necessary.

Also, the citizens covered by the CPLP Agreement who are already in Portugal, will now have the possibility of applying for a temporary residence permit in Portugal. Furthermore, it is foreseen that holders of a temporary stay visa or those who have legally entered Portugal may apply for the CPLP residence permit.

Within the scope of this Proposal of Law, we would like to highlight some innovations, namely:

1.The creation of a new 120-day visa, extendable for a further 60 days (a total of 180 days), for foreign citizens wishing to seek work in Portuguese territory;

2.The facilitation of visas for university students who intend to come to Portugal, waiving the prior opinion of SEF, when the university student is already admitted to a University located in Portugal; and

3.The granting of a temporary stay visa and a residence visa for the exercise of subordinate or independent professional activity to professionals who work remotely outside the national territory (the so-called “digital nomads”).

It should be noted that this Proposal of Law is not yet in force, and the approval by the Assembly of the Republic is still required.

