



## EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF RESIDENCY DOCUMENTS AND VISAS

COVID-19

Since March 2020, we have been living in the context of a pandemic caused by COVID-19. Several measures have been adopted, and one of them was to limit the number of appointments with the Foreigners and Borders Service (SEF).

This limitation, combined with Air Traffic restrictions, has prevented many foreign citizens from complying with the minimum stay periods in Portugal. It has also meant that many foreigners have not been able to renew their residency documents and visas on time.

This has been the reality for more than a year.

Therefore, the Government has decided, once again, to extend the validity of visas and residence documents of foreign citizens in national territory, that have already expired since February 2020, until 31st December 2021.

These measures aim to facilitate and simplify the procedures, considering the State of Emergency that Portugal finds itself in and the urgent and exceptional measures implemented in Portugal, due to the pandemic.



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