



VISA TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT AND THE IEFP DECLARATION

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As already mentioned in our Newsletter about the Regulation of the latest changes to the Legal Regime of Foreigners, which you can access [here](#), a new visa to seek work was created (and regulated) for citizens from Third Countries who intend to enter and stay in Portugal to search for employment.

Amongst the various requirements is the submission of a declaration of interest for enrolment at “Instituto de Emprego e Formação Profissional” (IEFP), which can be done online, indicating the Applicant's academic qualifications and professional experience.



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At this moment, it is already possible to fulfil this requirement, as the IEFP has provided a form for this purpose, which can be filled in [here](#).

With this form and after filling in the necessary data, namely, personal data, passport, education level, professional experience, and area in which the applicant is looking for a job, the applicant declares, under oath, that after entering in Portuguese territory, he/she intends to register at the IEFP to search for employment.

After the submission of the form, the Applicant receives via email, and within 2 days, the declaration, thus being able to meet this requirement to apply for the mentioned Visa at the competent Portuguese Consulate.

The visa, which is granted for a period of 120 days, can only be extended for a further 60 days if the Applicant proves the effective registration at the IEFP, in Portugal. Once the maximum period of time has expired and if no employment relationship has been established, the Applicant must leave Portugal and may only return and apply for a new visa one year after the expiry date of the previous one.