

INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION

ACT 27/2008 OF JUNE 30, AMENDED BY ACT 26/2014 OF MAY 5

STEPS OF THE PROCEDURE



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APPLICATION

As soon as you arrive to Portugal you should submit your application at the Immigration and Borders Service (SEF), or any other police authority.

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IDENTIFICATION

You should hold the following identification elements:

- Fingerprints will be taken (if you are at least 14 years of age)
- A photo will be taken

You will receive a supporting document of the application for protection. This document validates your stay in Portugal while the process is ongoing.

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STAY

If you have applied for protection at a border checkpoint, there is where you should stay. The maximum deadline for a decision on your application is of 7 days.

- If the application is accepted you will enter in Portugal.
- If the application is refused you will be removed to the country of origin, and an appeal for the decision of refusal is possible within 4 days, with suspensory effective.

If you have applied for protection in the Portuguese territory, you will be forwarded to an accommodation centre for applicants for international protection and wait for the notice to attend the interview.

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INTERVIEW

You will be interviewed by an employee of the Immigration and Borders Service, with an interpreter if necessary. You must report honestly every fact and circumstance of your application for protection.

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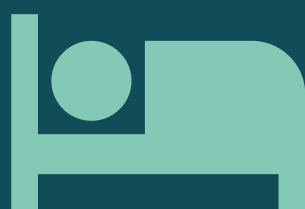
DECISION

- If the **decision is positive**, a provisional residence permit valid for six months will be issued. During this period of time, you may work and study, and benefit from a few supports available. By the end of six months, the authorities will examine if the requirements to obtain the asylum status or the subsidiary protection are met.
- If the **decision is negative**, you must leave Portugal within 20 days. In case of noncompliance of the deadline, you will be removed. This negative decision is subject to appeal within 15 days.

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CONCESSÃO DO ESTATUTO

- In case the **refugee status** is granted, a residence permit valid for 5 years will be issued. The refugee status is granted to someone which is persecuted in its country for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership of a particular social group.
- In case the **subsidiary protection** is granted, a residence permit valid for 3 years will be issued, and renewable. The subsidiary protection is a protection granted to someone whose situation does not correspond to the refugee status under the 1951 Refugee Convention, but which cannot return to their country due to systematic violation of human rights or for the risk of suffering serious offence: death penalty, torture or inhuman and degrading treatment.



USEFUL CONTACTS