

## TO THE FOREIGN CITIZEN

**Your stay in Portugal is considered regular if you have a pending application at SEF at the date of 31/12/2021, under the Foreigners or Asylum Laws.**

**Documents and visas related to your stay in Portugal which expired from 14/03/2020 or within 15 days prior to that date remain valid until 31/03/2022. They are accepted after this date, provided that you prove that you have already made an appointment at SEF.**

Order no. 12870-C/2021, de 31/12  
Decree-Law no. 119-A/2021, de 22/12



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You can prove that you have a pending application at SEF by:

1. Proof of registration of the **expression of interest** submitted on the SAPA portal;
2. Proof of an **appointment** sent by SEF, by email;
3. Receipt confirming the application made at SEF in cases of **granting** or **renewing the residence permit**;
4. Certificate of registration of the application for a **residence permit for investment** submitted through the ARI portal.

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Confirming that you have a pending application at SEF, you can benefit from the following rights:

- Access to the National Health Service (SNS) or other health care;
- Obtain a Social Security identification number (NISS);
- Access to social support benefits, including family allowance;
  - Celebration of work contracts;
  - Conclusion of rental contracts;
  - Opening of bank accounts;
- Contracting essential public services.

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