



Working Holiday Visa Portugal

Complete Guide to Requirements and Application



12

Months of Stay

Key Visa Facts

The Working Holiday Visa for Portugal allows you to legally live and work in the country for exactly one year. It is a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture, explore its landscapes, and finance your travels.

Official Fee: € 110

Universal Requirements



Proof of Funds

You must prove that you have sufficient financial solvency to support yourself initially and purchase your return tickets.



Criminal Record

Original certificate duly apostilled and translated. In addition, you will authorize the consultation of records in Portugal.



Medical Insurance

It is essential to have a comprehensive travel and health insurance policy that covers your entire stay.

Proof of Funds

To apply for the Working Holiday Visa, you need to present recent bank statements (from the last 3 months) exclusively in the applicant's name.

The official reference used is demonstrating an equivalent to the minimum wage in Portugal (approximately **€920** per month) plus sufficient funds to purchase your return ticket (or present the already purchased ticket).

Important: The bank document must be issued directly in Portuguese or English (or have an official translation).



Language, Translations, and Medical Exams

Translations and Legalization

All original documents that are not in English or Portuguese must be apostilled (Hague Apostille) and translated by a sworn or official translator.

For countries like Canada, a translation is not required if the original is already issued in English, but the Apostille remains a mandatory requirement on the original document.

Medical Exams

Good news! Unlike other countries, for Portugal the applicant is **generally exempt** from presenting medical exams.

A physical medical certificate is not required in the initial application. Compliance with health requirements and possible emergencies is guaranteed by purchasing the mandatory medical insurance.

Mandatory Medical Insurance

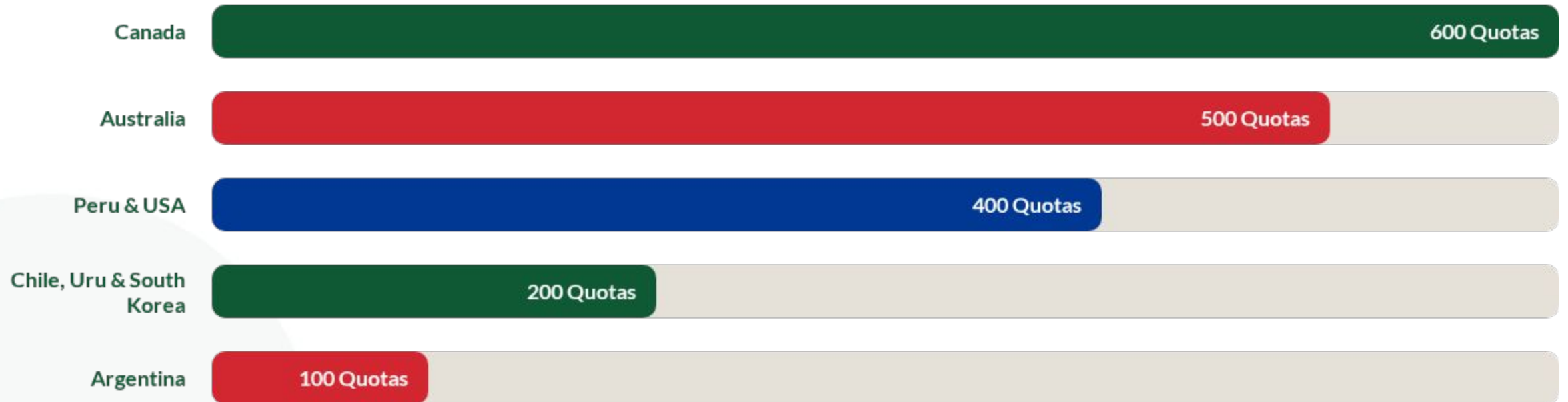


It is a strict requirement to have Travel or Medical Insurance **for the entire duration of the stay (exactly 12 months)**.

Coverage must include general medical expenses, emergency hospitalization, and a sanitary repatriation clause. The minimum insured sum must be **€30,000**. You will not be required to change to a local government medical insurance once you arrive in Portuguese territory.

Annual Quotas by Country

Quotas are renewed annually. It is important to be attentive to openings, since in Latin American countries the competition is very high, while in others they last for months.



* Japan has unlimited quotas. New Zealand offers 50 quotas.

Additional Specific Requirements

Nationality	Required Education Level	Portuguese Language
USA, Australia, Chile, Peru	Min. 2 years of university or higher degree	Mandatory (Functional Level A2)
Canada	Enrolled in Post-Secondary or recent graduate	Mandatory (Functional Level A2)
Argentina	Min. 2 years of university or higher degree	Not mandatory, but recommended
Uruguay, New Zealand, Japan, Korea	No minimum education level required	Mandatory (Functional Level A2)

The Application Process



Official steps to process your Working Holiday Visa through consular systems or VFS centers.

Phases of the Process

Phase 2: Online Registration

Digital application through the government's E-Visa Portal or VFS Global portals.

Phase 4: Approval

Collection of the visaed passport and preparation to travel to Portugal to start your adventure.

Phase 1: Preparation

Gather documents, apostille background checks, translate, and purchase 12-month insurance.

Phase 3: In-Person Appointment

Mandatory attendance at the Consulate or VFS center to submit the physical file and biometric capture.

Can I extend my stay?

The visa is granted for a maximum of 12 months and is legally non-extendable under the Working Holiday program.

— Portuguese Immigration Policy

To stay longer in the country after your year ends, you must process a change of immigration status (e.g., skilled work visa, study, or digital nomad) with the AIMA agency.

Studies During Your Visa

The Working Holiday Visa is primarily designed to foster temporary holiday and work exchange.

However, the government allows taking **training courses, language courses, or short study programs** as a secondary and accessory activity to your trip.

As a general rule for most nationalities, these studies are limited to a maximum duration of **6 months**. Keep in mind that for Australia and Argentina, the limit is stricter (maximum 4 months).



Official Document Checklist

- ✓ **Passport and Form:** Valid passport (at least 12 months) and national visa application form printed and signed.
- ✓ **Criminal Record:** Original certificate from the country of origin or last residence, duly apostilled and translated.
- ✓ **Financial Solvency:** Bank statements from the last 3 months demonstrating the minimum funds, plus a return ticket.
- ✓ **International Medical Insurance:** Comprehensive policy for 12 months with €30,000 coverage (including repatriation).
- ✓ **Specific Documents:** Previous study certificates and proof of Portuguese level (as applicable to your nationality).
- ✓ **Motivation Letter and Payment:** Sworn declaration/motivation letter and payment of the €110 fee (plus VFS fees if applicable).

Top Destinations for Your Adventure



Lisbon

The vibrant capital. Cobblestone streets, incredible viewpoints, trams, and an active job market.



Porto

Charm in the north. Famous for its wine cellars on the banks of the Douro, exquisite gastronomy, and bohemian atmosphere.



Algarve

Coastal paradise. The perfect destination if you are looking for sun, beautiful beaches, sea caves, and hospitality work.

Questions?

Gather your documentation and get ready for your great adventure in Portugal!

Best of luck with your application!

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