

STEPS FOR APPLYING FOR THE PORTUGUESE CITIZENSHIP THROUGH THE SEPHARDIC LAW

1) First of all, in order to be sure that you are eligible to apply for the Citizenship according to the law, you have to write to the <u>Jewish Communities in Portugal</u>. There's one in Lisbon and another one in Oporto (see details below). They will tell you the documents that you need in order for them to issue a Certificate. This certificate is one of the required documents in order to apply for the Citizenship.

<u>Comunidade Israellita de Lisboa</u> <u>Tel. +351 213931130</u> Sefaradi.naturalization@comunidadeisraelitalisboa.org

<u>Comunidade Israelita do Porto</u> <u>Tel. +351 911768596</u> portuguesenationality@comunidade-israelita-porto.org

2) After you receive the Certificate from the Jewish Community in Portugal (if you got your approval), you should order your **CRIMINAL RECORD CERTIFICATE** from the police and get your **BIRTH CERTIFICATE** and take both documents to Apostil in Jerusalem (Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Misrad Hahutz).

*Note that if you have another citizenship or lived outside Israel, you should request for the Criminal Record and Birth Certificate of all the country and legalized at the Portuguese Embassy/Consulate in the country where it was issued; as all your passports.

3) Next step is to prepare the documents to be sent. The following documents are required:

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR PORTUGUESE CITIZENSHIP THROUGH SEPHARDIC LAW

- a) Birth Certificate of every country of citizenship (original document)
 - -With Apostil Stamp
 - -Translated to Portuguese. This can be either done by the Portuguese Embassy, by a Portuguese Notary or an Israeli Notary. If it is done by an Israeli Notary, the translation will need to be certified by the Portuguese Embassy afterwards, the person that translated the document MUST come to the Portuguese Embassy.
 - *Note that the Portuguese Embassy in Israel can only certify documents issued, apostilled and translated in Israel. Foreign documents must be certified at country where it was issued and Legalized by the Portuguese Consulate/Embassy in the country where the Birth Certificate was issued,
- b) Criminal Record Certificate of every country of citizenship and residence
 - -Issued in the last 3 months before applying;
 - -With Apostil Stamp;
 - -Translated to Portuguese. This can be either done by the Portuguese Embassy, by a Portuguese Notary or an Israeli Notary. If it is done by an Israeli Notary, the translation will need to be certified by the Portuguese Embassy afterwards.
 - * Note that foreign documents must be certified at country where it was issued and Legalized by the Portuguese Consulate/Embassy in the country where the Criminal Record was issued,
- c) Certificate issued by a Jewish Community in Portugal (Lisboa or Oporto)



d) Authenticated Copy of the Passport (All the pages including the cover)

This is done by the Portuguese Embassy in Israel.

e) Application Form filled in Portuguese + A Signature Recognition issued at the Portuguese Embassy. The application form can be printed from the web site below:

http://www.irn.mj.pt/IRN/sections/irn/a_registral/registos-centrais/docs-da-nacionalidade/docs-comuns/mod-pag-impressos1/downloadFile/attachedFile_3_f0/Artigo_6-7-cheque.pdf?nocache=1425311922.79

f) Summary of Entrances/Departures that appear stamped in the Passport.

COST OF THE SERVICES AT THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY

Signature Recognition For this service in particular, the applicant needs to be physically present, in order to sign – costs 62,00 shekels:

Authentication of Passport (make sure the **passport is signed** before you copy it) - costs 277,00 shekels when is the 32 pages, and 459,00 shekels when it is the 64 pages.

Translation and Certification of Criminal Record Certificate and Birth Certificate - Cost: 246,00 shekels per document.

***These services can be paid only in Cash. Please bring the exact amount. ***

In order to receive these services, there is the need to **schedule an appointment**.

4. FINAL STEP:

The final step of the application is <u>paying the application fee</u> and <u>sending the process</u> to the Conservatoria dos <u>Registros Centrais</u>, in Lisbon:

CONSERVATORIA DOS REGISTROS CENTRAIS
RUA RODRIGO DA FONSECA, 200
1099-003 – LISBOA

The payment can only be done by credit card through the website of the Conservatoria:

https://crcpagamentos.irn.mj.pt/pagvisamc.aspx?productid=NAC6.7





They will then give you a <u>KABALA</u>, which you need to <u>attach to your documents</u>. <u>Please make sure to write the applicants name with a pen, on the Kabala</u>.

Note that the Portuguese Embassy in Israel does not have any access or ways to know the progress of the citizenship application.

5. WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU GET YOU CITIZENSHIP:

Send an e-mail to <u>sconsular.telavive@mne.pt</u> requesting an appointment in order to issue your identity card (Cartão do Cidadão).

Good Luck!