

"FYI" 2014 Webinar Series



Getting Your Portuguese Citizenship



Today's Webinar...

This webinar is specifically aimed at informing and assisting people who may be unaware of their rights to Portuguese nationality. We will help attendees discover their options for obtaining Portuguese nationality.

As an added bonus, Portugal ReConnect will complete a free assessment for all those who attend this webinar. This will help you understand whether you are entitled to Portuguese Citizenship.



Today's Presenters

Our presenters are specialists in their fields. They will take you through the many scenarios that entitle people to Portuguese citizenship, and give you an opportunity to discuss your options with them.

Lisette Esteves and Marcie Pereira

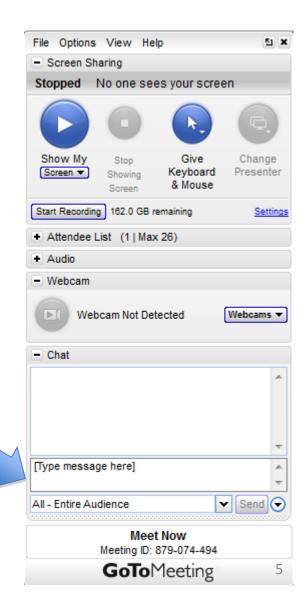
- Co-Founders of Portugal ReConnect
- Attorneys admitted to the Portuguese Bar

Lisette was born in Newark, NJ and Marcie was born in Tucson, AZ and both attended the University of Coimbra Law School in Portugal. In their professional journey, they have always kept strong connections with Portuguese communities in the US. Therefore, upon graduating law school, they focused their practice on bridging the legal gaps in the US, felt by Portuguese communities.



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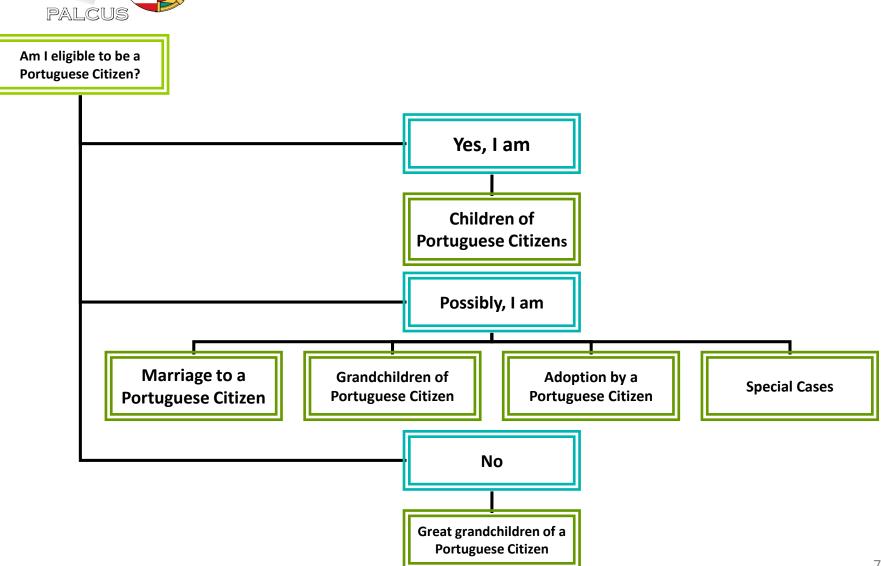




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Who Is Eligible?



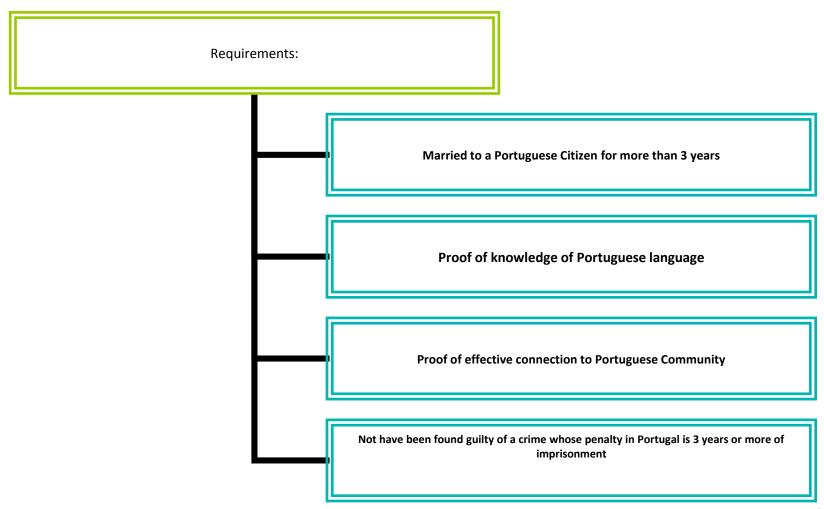


Acquisition of Portuguese Nationality by Children of Portuguese Citizens

Children born abroad to Portuguese parents (one or both) are entitled to Portuguese Nationality



Acquisition of Portuguese Nationality by Marriage to a Portuguese Citizen





Opposition to Acquisition of Portuguese Nationality by Marriage

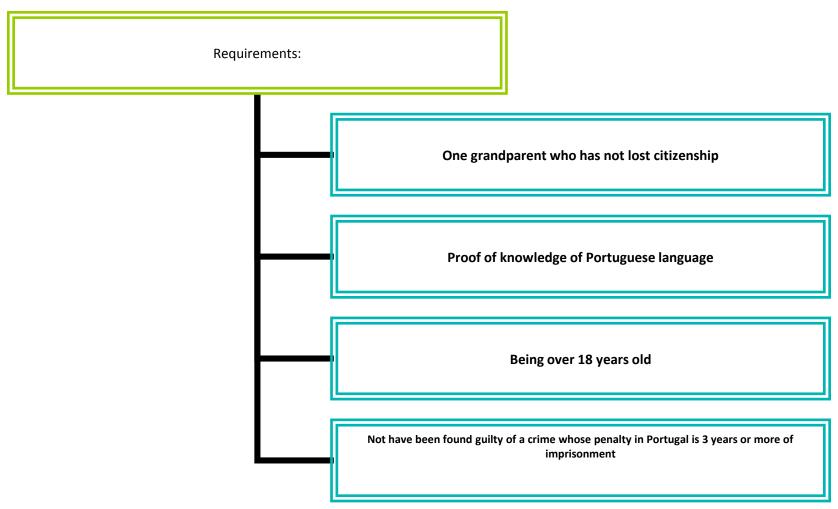
- The acquisition of Portuguese Nationality by marriage is not automatic
- The State can prevent the acquisition of nationality by taking a procedure of opposition through the Public Prosecutor. This procedure aims to prevent persons without any connection to Portugal from acquiring Portuguese nationality.

Opposition should only take place when there are indications that the following grounds may exist:

- Non-existence of an effective connection to the National Community
- A conviction for committing a crime which carries a prison sentence of 3+ years under Portuguese law
- The performance of public duties with a predominantly non-technical character or non-compulsory military service for another country



Acquisition of Portuguese Nationality in Second Degree





Special Cases

Naturalization of Descendants of 16th Century Jews

 Acquisition of Portuguese Nationality through Connections with Former Territories of Portugal

Angola Daman and Diu

Cape Verde East Timor

Goa Macau

Guinea Bissau Mozambique

Dadra and Nagar Haveli Sao Tome and Principe

Loss and Reacquisition of Portuguese Nationality



Dual Citizenship

Portugal allows Dual Citizenship

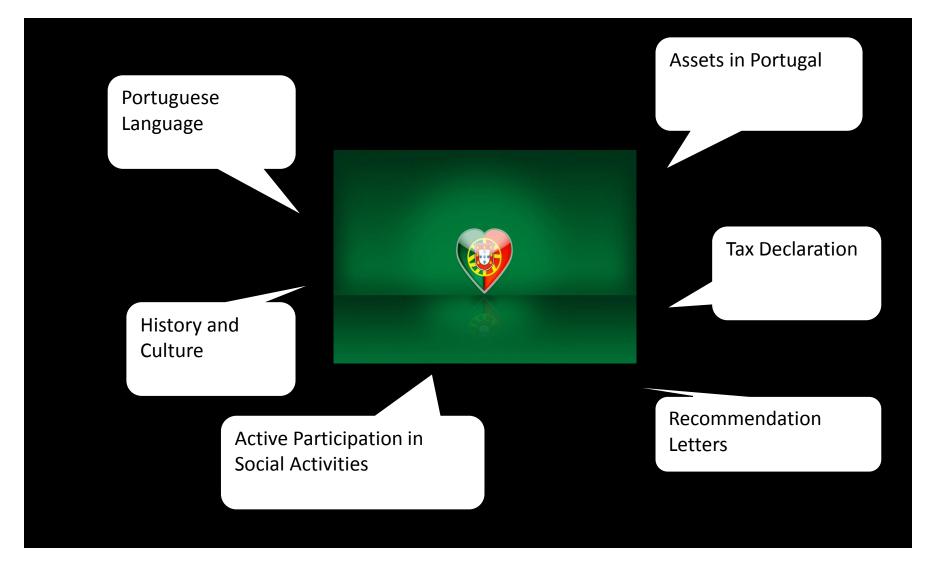


How Do I Prove My Knowledge of the Portuguese Language?

- Portuguese language tests are required of people who are applying for nationality by naturalization, and who cannot otherwise certify their knowledge of Portuguese (such as by means of an educational qualification issued by an institution in a Portuguese-speaking country).
- This applies specifically to adults who were born abroad and are applying on the basis of having a Portuguese grandparent.
- The test is set at the level of A2 in the Common European Framework Of Reference For Languages (one level above basic).
- The requirement to pass the test is a score of 50%.



How Do I Prove an Effective Connection to the Portuguese Community?

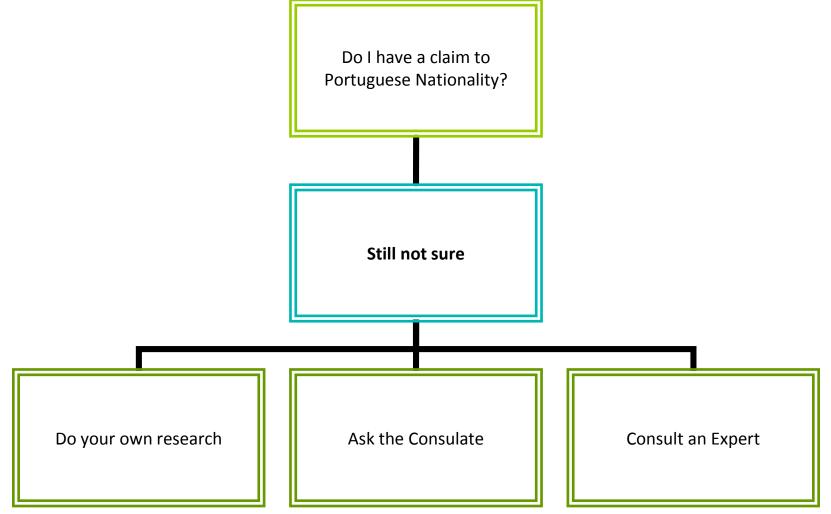




FAQs

- Why should I get Portuguese citizenship?
- My paternal grandfather was Portuguese but he is now deceased. My father never acquired citizenship. Am I eligible for citizenship?
- I filed for Portuguese nationality through marriage. I received a notice from the court opposing my request. What should I do?
- I have a copy of my birth certificate at home. Can I use this for citizenship purposes?
- Will I receive a Portuguese Passport when my citizenship is granted?







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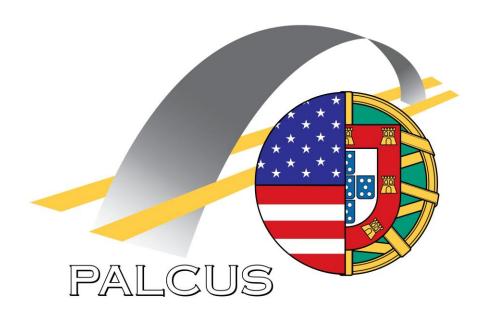


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