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# GOLDEN VISA INVESTOR REACHES PORTUGUESE CITIZENSHIP

We are happy to report that one of our first clients that invested in Portugal and was granted residency through the Golden Visa programme has now obtained his Portuguese citizenship. The citizenship application was submitted in October 2018, subsequently to the reduction of the minimum residency time to apply for nationality from 6 to 5 years, and has finally been approved by the Civil Registrar.

Our now fellow citizen complied with the minimum stay requirements associated with the Golden Visa programme, including the minimum stay requirement of 7 and 14 days and at the end of the 5 years, after obtaining his A2 certificate in Portuguese language, requested and received his permanent resident status. Subsequently, once all the necessary documents were obtained, we submitted his citizenship application, which has now been approved.

The approval is simply a confirmation of EDGE's position since the beginning of the programme, which has always been that all residents are entitled to apply for and obtain Portuguese citizenship after 5 years, whether such residency is obtained through the Golden Visa programme or through other categories.

EDGE has been involved with the Golden Visa programme since the beginning and has now assisted over 2,500 investors and their families of more than 30 different nationalities. Our vast experience has allowed us to provide full and dedicated support to our clients, from the initial investment all the way to citizenship.

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