

The Aliens Act has changed!

DEAR FOREIGN NATIONAL,

Did you know there are **new rules** for a **visa** or a **residence permit**?



WE HAVE **SIMPLIFIED** PROCEEDINGS.



WE HAVE **ELIMINATED** RED TAPE.



WE HAVE **REDUCED** VISITS TO OUR SERVICES.

FROM NOW ON:

- For residence visas, every time you inform us of the travel date, you will be informed of the **appointment day** for submitting the application for a residence permit at SEF;
- The **scheduling of the appointment** to any SEF's directorate or regional delegation, regardless the area of residence will now be possible;
- SEF will have the possibility to **reuse the documents** already existing in the process, waiving your attendance in person;
- For renewing the Residence Permit or the Residence Card and the Extension of stay of holders of a valid visa, the **appointments may be made online**, by means of the register at SEF Portal in MySEF.
- **Some of the proceedings will be digital**, avoiding visits to the services.



THE REGULARIZATION IS EASIER!



Foreign national already working in Portugal



Those who do not have supporting evidence of the legal entry in the country, but complies with all the remainder requirements established in the law, and are working in Portugal for over one year, with contributions to Social Security, may benefit from the exceptional regime for humanitarian reasons for a residence permit.



Foreign students from Portuguese-speaking countries



Applications for residence permits submitted by students of high education, nationals from Portuguese-speaking countries, are simplified through the waiver of the interview and the evidence of the means of subsistence.



Immigrants with qualifications and specific activities



Applications for visa or residence permit, submitted by foreign nationals with highly qualified activities, technologically entrepreneurial or developing cultural activities are now speeded up.



Foreign nationals with specific regimes



Seasonal workers, workers transferred inside the companies, and students and investigators in mobility are able to have simpler proceedings.

THE ALIENS ACT IS NOW MORE SUITABLE TO THE COUNTRY'S
NEW ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DYNAMICS,
WITH MORE AGILE AND SAFE PROCEEDINGS.