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## **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 Jewish Communities in Portugal. 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.

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- 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 Apostille in Jerusalem (Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Misrad Harutz).

**\*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, with Apostille or 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 Apostille Stamp

-Translated to Portuguese. This can be either done by a Israeli Notary or an Portuguese Notary. If it is done by an Israeli Notary, the translation must have the Apostille stamp too.

\*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 Apostille Stamp;

\* 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 (Lisbon or Oporto)**

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

This is done by the Portuguese Embassy in Israel or by an Israeli notary and Apostilled.



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**Application Form filled in Portuguese + Signature Recognition issued at the Portuguese Embassy or by an Israeli Notary.** If it is done by an Israeli Notary, the recognition must have the Apostille stamp too.

e)

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-impresos1/downloadFile/attachedFile\\_3\\_f0/Artigo\\_6-7-cheque.pdf?nocache=1425311922.79](http://www.irn.mj.pt/IRN/sections/irn/a_registral/registos-centrais/docs-da-nacionalidade/docs-comuns/mod-pag-impresos1/downloadFile/attachedFile_3_f0/Artigo_6-7-cheque.pdf?nocache=1425311922.79)

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

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

All documents that are in English, Spanish or French do not need to be translated; just need to have the Apostille. However, if they are in a different language they must be translated to Portuguese and have the Apostille Stamp in the original document.

**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.

**Certification** of Criminal Record Certificate and Birth Certificate - Cost: 123,00 shekels per document. ( not mandatory)

**\*\*\*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 paying the application fee and sending the process to the Conservatoria dos Registos Centrais, 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>

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Artigo 6-7 (visa) - Pagamento Visa/MasterCard

Nome Próprio :

Apelido :

Nome de Requerente \* :   
\* Se difere do nome em cima

O seu Email :

Morada :

Código Postal :

Localidade :

País : Escolha por favor...

Telefone :

Quantidade : 1 Montante : 250,00 Euros

Nota: Todos os campos são obrigatórios - Obrigada.

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

**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 [sconsular.telavive@mne.pt](mailto:sconsular.telavive@mne.pt) requesting an appointment in order to issue your identity card (Cartão do Cidadão).

**Good Luck!**