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Tech Visa Program Overview

For Whom

Companies operating in the global market with headquarters or permanent establishment in Portuguese territory, seeking to expand their international footprint

Purpose

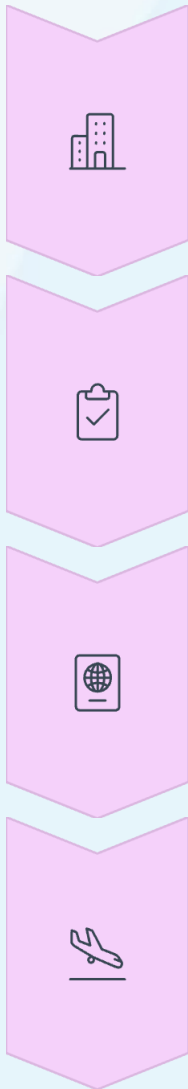
Attract highly qualified professionals from outside the European Union to fill critical technical roles and drive innovation

Key Advantage

Simplified visa and residence permit procedures

Tech Visa Application Process

The Tech Visa program features a structured, multi-step procedure designed for efficiency while maintaining compliance and quality standards



Tech Visa company certification

Companies apply for Tech Visa certification and must comply with program requirements

Worker identification

Certified companies select candidates with the required education and experience for technical roles and issue a declaration of responsibility via the Tech Visa Platform

Tech Visa application

Once in possession of the responsibility term, the candidate may submit the visa application at the consular service

Tech Visa residence permit

After entering Portugal a residence permit is issued, and the candidate can start working for the certified company



Tech Visa Company Requirements

To ensure program integrity and protect workers' rights, companies must meet comprehensive eligibility criteria before certification

- **Legal Standing**

Must be legally established in Portugal with proper business registration and operational presence in the country

- **Financial Compliance**

Must be free of social security and tax debts, with no back wages owed to employees, and not under restructuring proceedings

- **Technical Alignment**

Must identify with technical qualification areas designated for Tech Visa according to the National Qualifications Catalogue

- **Global Operations**

Must provide goods and/or services internationally, demonstrating market potential or clear orientation toward external markets

Tech Visa Worker Eligibility

Candidates must meet specific qualifications to ensure they bring valuable expertise to Portugal's economy, and the recruitment process must meet some criteria



Geographic Origin

Must be from a third country outside the Schengen Area



Employment Contract

Must secure a work or service provider contract with minimum 12-month duration, ensuring commitment and stability



Professional Authorization

For regulated professions, prior authorization is required before beginning work activities in Portugal



Educational Background

Minimum bachelor's degree (ISCED Level 5) with at least 5 years of experience in specialized technical functions



Minimum Pay Level

Mandatory minimum wage equal to or greater than 2.5 times the indexed social welfare support value - $\geq 1304\text{€}$





Tech Visa Triumphs: Fueling Portugal's Digital Future

The Tech Visa has rapidly become a preferred pathway for technology companies seeking international expertise, with strong adoption across the IT sector

911

Certification requests

571

Certified companies

8808

Responsibility declarations



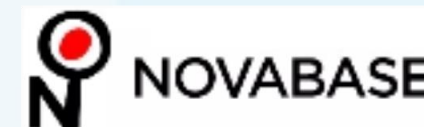
Program Focus Areas

Primary Economic Activity: Information Technology dominates the program, reflecting Portugal's growing tech sector.

Top Academic Background: Computer Sciences represents the most common qualification among Tech Visa holders.

Tech Visa Certified Companies

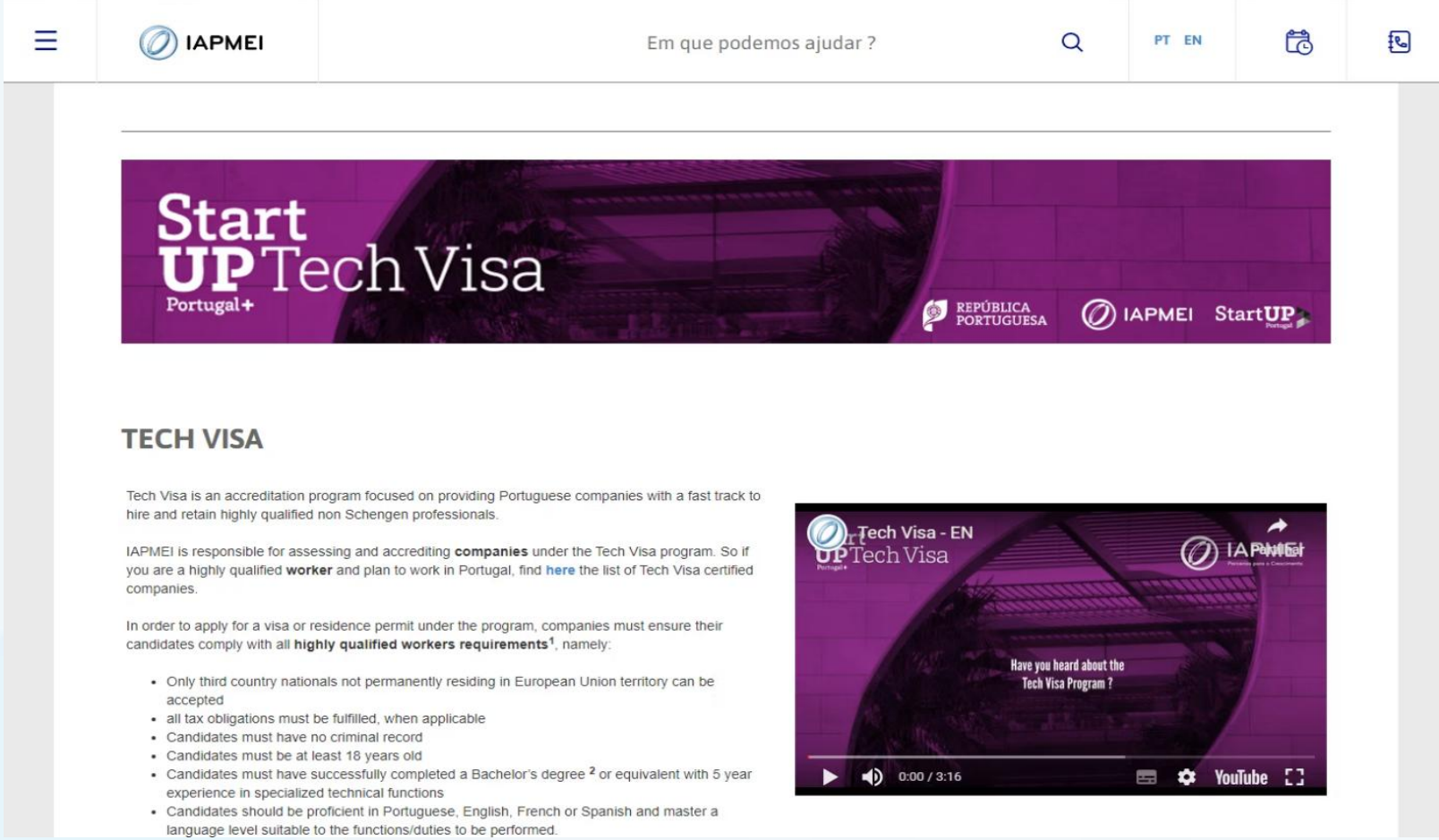
Leading global technology companies and innovative startups leverage the Tech Visa program to build world-class teams in Portugal



These companies represent diverse sectors including software development, fintech, e-commerce, consulting, and emerging technologies, creating a vibrant ecosystem of innovation

Online Information

www.iapmei.pt



The screenshot displays the IAPMEI website's header and main content area. The header includes a menu icon, the IAPMEI logo, a search bar with the text "Em que podemos ajudar?", and language options for PT and EN. The main content area features a large banner for the "StartUP Tech Visa Portugal+" program, which includes logos for the República Portuguesa, IAPMEI, and StartUP Portugal. Below the banner, the section is titled "TECH VISA". The text explains that the Tech Visa is an accreditation program for Portuguese companies to hire highly qualified non-Schengen professionals. It states that IAPMEI is responsible for assessing and accrediting companies. For highly qualified workers, it directs them to find a list of certified companies. It also mentions that companies must ensure candidates comply with "highly qualified workers requirements", which are listed in a bulleted format. To the right of the text is a video player for a video titled "Tech Visa - EN" with the subtitle "Have you heard about the Tech Visa Program?". The video player shows a progress bar at 0:00 / 3:16 and includes standard YouTube controls.

TECH VISA

Tech Visa is an accreditation program focused on providing Portuguese companies with a fast track to hire and retain highly qualified non Schengen professionals.

IAPMEI is responsible for assessing and accrediting **companies** under the Tech Visa program. So if you are a highly qualified **worker** and plan to work in Portugal, find [here](#) the list of Tech Visa certified companies.

In order to apply for a visa or residence permit under the program, companies must ensure their candidates comply with all **highly qualified workers requirements**¹, namely:

- Only third country nationals not permanently residing in European Union territory can be accepted
- all tax obligations must be fulfilled, when applicable
- Candidates must have no criminal record
- Candidates must be at least 18 years old
- Candidates must have successfully completed a Bachelor's degree ² or equivalent with 5 year experience in specialized technical functions
- Candidates should be proficient in Portuguese, English, French or Spanish and master a language level suitable to the functions/duties to be performed.

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