

Residency
Card expired
and a
new law in
force?



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**THE RESIDENCE RIGHT OF FOREIGN
CITIZENS IN PORTUGAL REMAINS VALID
FOR UP TO 6 MONTHS AFTER THE EXPIRY
DATE OF THE RESIDENCE PERMIT CARD,
PROVIDED THAT NO ANNULMENT,
REVOCATION, OR TERMINATION DECISION
HAS BEEN ISSUED.**

Article 63(14) of Regulatory Decree No. 84/2007, of 5 November

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SPECIFIC DEADLINES

Residence cards expired by 30 June 2025:

➤ Remain valid until 15 April 2026.

Residence cards expiring after 30 June 2025:

➤ Remain valid for six months after the expiry date.

Already submitted your renewal request ?

In this case, you must carry both the expired residence card and the receipt confirming submission to AIMA.



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RESTRICTIONS

Legal Grace Period

1 *The 6-months period does not constitute a new residence title, but a legal grace period allowing lawful stay in Portugal.*

Portuguese Territory

2 *This right is valid only within Portuguese territory and does not grant Schengen mobility.*

Renewal Request

3 *Renewal requests must be submitted within six months from expiry to maintain legal status.*

What if...?

4 *After that period, renewal is no longer admissible. A new residence application must be filed.*

