



THE HOLD BUTTON

Time stands still. Who will belong tomorrow?



Parliament votes, the President waits, the Court decides: Portuguese Nationality under review

**Five years still rule the day,
until further notice.**



*In late October 2025, the Portuguese Parliament approved a far-reaching **reform of the Nationality Law.***

*On 11 November, once the bill reached the President, the Socialist Party (PS) triggered a preventive constitutional review, immediately freezing the reform **until the Constitutional Court decides.***



In the Court's Hands...

The decree has been sent to the Constitutional Court to assess its compatibility with the Constitution. Until the Court speaks, the President cannot promulgate.

Reform struck down

Unconstitutional

The President cannot promulgate the law. The bill is sent back to Parliament, which must choose between reshaping it to meet the Court's objections or letting it die.

Reform approved

Constitutional

The Court confirms the law's conformity. The President regains the power to promulgate it, or to exercise a political veto under the ordinary rules.



From Five Years to Ten: What's on the Table

- Naturalization increases to **10 years** (7 for CPLP/EU).
- **Children born in Portugal** eligible only if a parent has **5 years** of residence.
- Proof of **financial means and cultural integration** required.
- **Sephardic pathway eliminated.**
- Grandchildren lose **automatic citizenship** and must apply through naturalization.



The Next Horizon

Come on, the five-year rule was never meant to be eternal.

The next horizon is about the jurisdictions you choose as part of your family's architecture.

Portugal is still on that shortlist, for those who move with timing and structure.

