

Personal Statement for Residency Visa

To: The Consulate General of Portugal in San Francisco

Date: 1 March 2026

Subject: Residency Visa Application (Passive Income - D7)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this personal statement in support of my application for a D7 Residency Visa to relocate to Portugal. I am a retired mechanical design engineer, having spent a 35-year career in the industry before retiring in 2004. Since 2004, I have resided in Hawaii.

Motivation and History in Portugal I am a U.S. citizen seeking to relocate to Portugal to enjoy a peaceful retirement, to experience the rich culture, and to become an active part of the community of Machico, Madeira, where I have already purchased a home.

Following an initial exploratory visit, I committed to fully understanding life in Madeira by completing **two 85-day stays in Machico during 2025**. These trips allowed me to experience the daily rhythm of the island, walk from my home to local businesses, interact with shopkeepers, and confirm my desire to make it my permanent home. I feel a deep personal connection to Europe and am eager to return to my ancestral roots.

Integration and Language To ensure a smooth transition, I have been proactively and rigorously studying the Portuguese language. Since December 2025, I have been taking **twice-weekly private lessons** with a professional Portuguese language teacher to achieve fluency and engage fully with my neighbors in Machico.

Financial Self-Sufficiency I have more than sufficient financial means to support myself without relying on public assistance and without working in Portugal. I currently receive passive income from a U.S. pension, U.S. Social Security, U.S. rental income, and U.S. interest income exceeding **\$11,000 per month** (approximately €9,200 per month).

I have demonstrated my commitment to relocating by opening a Portuguese bank account with **Novobanco** and maintaining a balance of **€130,000**. These funds are readily available for my resettlement and long-term living expenses.

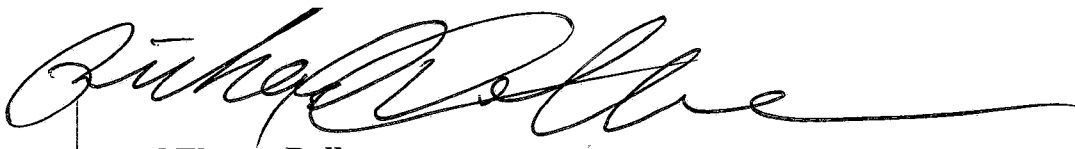
Accommodation I will live in the home I have already purchased at: **Rua do Infante Dom Henrique Nº 41, Machico, Madeira**

I intend to live in Portugal long-term and am fully committed to complying with all Portuguese laws and visa requirements.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,





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