

LIMITATION OF MOVEMENTS BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES

We have provided this extract from the law 9/2020. There are other exemptions applicable to civil protection and emergency personnel, which we have not included but can be found in the link below Article 11.

1 – Citizens CANNOT travel outside the municipality of the domicile in the period between 23.00 hrs on November 27, 2020 and 05.00 hrs on December 2, 2020 and between 2300 hrs on December 4, 2020 and at 23.00 hrs on December 8, 2020, except for health reasons or other reasons of imperative urgency.

2 – The provisions of the preceding paragraph do not apply:

a) Travel for the performance of professional or similar functions, as attested by:

i) Declaration issued by the employer or equivalent;

ii) Commitment to honour, if the movement takes place between municipalities bordering the home or in the same metropolitan area, as well as in the case of workers in the agricultural, livestock and fisheries sectors;

iii) Declaration issued by the employee, in the case of self-employed workers, sole proprietors or members of statutory bodies;

b) To travel in the exercise of the respective functions or because of them, without the need for a declaration issued by the employer or equivalent:

i) Health professionals and other workers from health and social support institutions, as well as teaching and non-teaching staff from schools;

c) Travel by minors and their companions to school establishments, day care centres and leisure activities, as well as travel by students to higher education institutions or other school establishments;

d) Travel by users and their companions to Occupational Activity Centres and Day Centres;

e) Travel to attend educational training sessions and tests and examinations, as well as inspections;

f) Travel to participate in procedural acts with the judicial entities or in acts within the competence of notaries, lawyers, solicitors, conservators and registry officers, as well as for assistance in public services, provided that they are provided with proof of the respective appointment;

g) Travel required to leave mainland Portugal (see comment below);

h) Travel by non-resident citizens to places of proven residence;

i) Travel for other imperative family reasons, namely the fulfilment of parental responsibility sharing, as determined by agreement between the holders of the same or by the competent court;

j) Returning home.

3 – Private vehicles may travel on the public road to carry out the activities mentioned in the previous paragraph or to refuel at gas stations in the context of the trips referred to in the preceding paragraphs.

4 – The restriction provided for in paragraph 1 does not prevent movement between the portions of the municipalities where there is a territorial discontinuity.

5 – Without prejudice to the provisions of the preceding paragraphs, in all displacements made, the recommendations and orders determined by the health authorities and the security forces and services must be respected, namely those concerning the distances to be observed between people.

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