

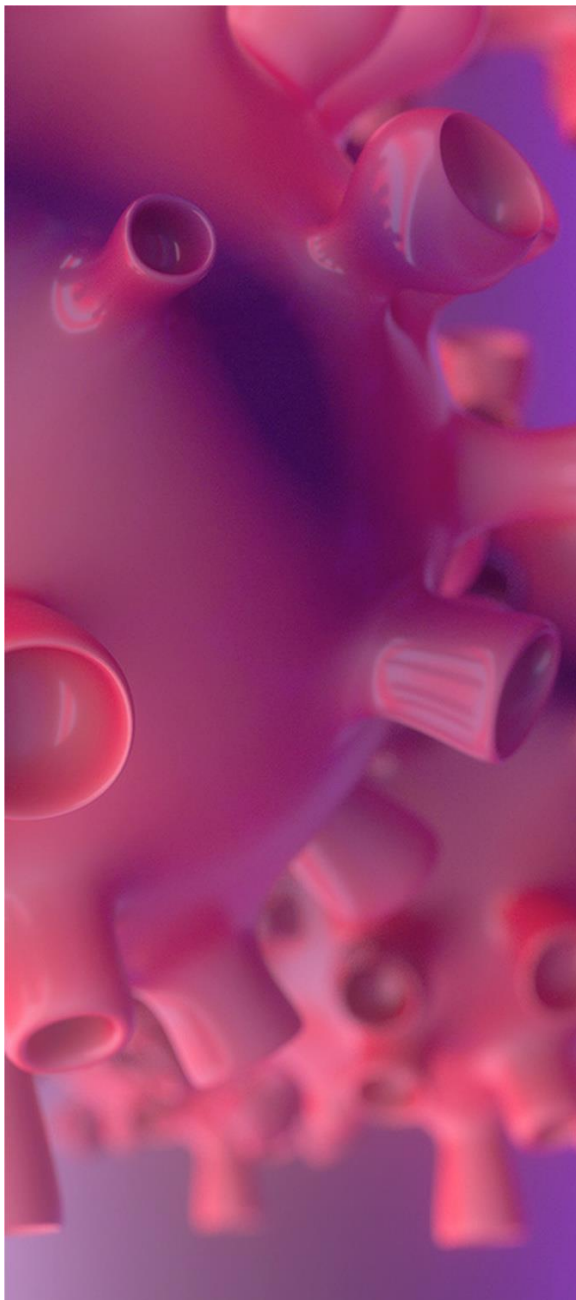
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## Extension of deadlines and exceptional and temporary measures in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic - Decree Law 22-A/2021 of March 17

Since March 2020, the Portuguese Government has adopted a series of measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 and to provide families and businesses with social and economic support.

The ongoing nature of the situation, in addition to another general lockdown on January 15, which has led to restricted movement, suspended activities and the closure of facilities and establishments, has hindered and even prevented people and businesses from complying with their obligations in time, exercising certain rights, or obtaining or renewing the documents they need to continue with their lives and carry out their activities.

Under Decree Law 22-A/2021 of March 17, the government has extended several deadlines to comply with obligations, exercise rights and prevent documents from expiring. Below is a list of the most important extensions:

- **Shareholder meetings of commercial companies, associations and cooperatives that must be held by law**

These meetings can be held before **June 30, 2021**, or before **September 30, 2021**, for cooperatives and associations with more than 100 members or associates.
- **Annual confirmation of the information of the Central Register of the Effective Beneficiary (RCBE)**

**Annual confirmation of RCBE information is only required in 2021** if events have taken place that require the information in the RCBE to be changed.
- **Insurance policies**

The period of application of Decree Law 20-F/2020 of May 12 is extended until **September 30, 2021**. It provides for the exceptional and temporary scheme for insurance premium payments and the effects of the temporary full or partial reduction of the business risk covered by the insurance policy.
- **Vacation schedules**

Vacation schedules can be approved and set up until **May 15, 2021**, irrespective of the employment relationship, working method, or legal nature of the legal relationship in question.



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- > **Administrative licenses and permits**

Documents that expired after March 9, 2020, will remain valid under the same terms until **December 31, 2021**.
- > **ID cards and certificates issued by the civil registry office, visas and documents granting the right to stay in Portugal, and family beneficiary cards issued by the Institute for Healthcare Protection and Assistance (ADSE)**

Documents that expired after March 9, 2020, will remain valid under the same terms until **December 31, 2021**.

These documents will remain valid after December 31, 2021, provided the holder can provide proof that they are in the processes of renewing the document in question.
- > **Disability assessment medical certificates**

Documents that expire in 2019, 2020 or 2021 will be extended until **December 31, 2021**.
- > **Driving licenses**

Driving licenses will be extended for **10 months** if they expire between September 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021.

Driving licenses that have already been extended and that expire between September 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021, will be extended for **six months or until July 1, 2021** (whichever is later).
- > **Provisional vehicle registration certificates**

Certificates that expired on January 25, 2021, are automatically extended for **60 days**.
- > **Non-use and non-availability of disposable plastic containers in catering and beverage services (Law 76/2019)**

The period for adapting to these regulations has been extended until **July 1, 2021**.
- > **Forestry management works (clearing forests to prevent fires)**

The period to carry out these works has been extended until **May 15, 2021**.



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