

LETTER FROM AUTORIDADE TRIBUTÁRIA E ADUANEIRA (aka FINANÇAS)

If you requested a Citizen Card, in 2 or 3 weeks after that request, you might receive at your home a letter from Autoridade Tributária e Aduaneira (Finanças)

Is this the PIN letter I need to pick up my Citizen Card?

No, this is a different letter. The PIN letter has codes necessary to pick up your Citizen's Card. The PIN letter is NOT sent by the Autoridade Tributária e Aduaneira.

So, what is this letter?

This letter means that the holder of a Citizen Card probably also holds a Fiscal number that was assigned in Portugal. When you requested the Citizen Card, and gave your American address, the Autoridade Tributária e Aduaneira becomes aware that the Fiscal address is not in Portugal but abroad.

What should I do?

It is advisable to designate a Fiscal representative in Portugal (lawyer, family member, etc...). You can do this with a Power of Attorney or, as an alternative, in your next visit to Portugal, go in person to the Fiscal Department (Serviço de Finanças) of your area and designate your fiscal representative in Portugal.

If I want to do the Power of Attorney, what should I do?

Do your Power of Attorney with a Public Register of your area of residence in the USA.