

Information sheet	Programmes promoted by Turismo de Portugal schools
Objectives	<p>To promote the qualification of the human resources in the sector, an essential area for the Portuguese tourism development and, in parallel, to increase the levels of schooling and professional qualification of young people, thus facilitating their access into the labour market in the tourism field.</p> <p>The programmes offered by Turismo de Portugal are part of the initial double certification modalities integrated in the National Qualifications System, assuring a sectoral scope.</p>
Admission requirements	<p>Age: young people up to 25 years old, provided that no learner aged below 20 is neglected;</p> <p>Qualifications: Holders of the 9th year of schooling certificate or legally equivalent qualification.</p>
Organisation of provision	<p>Curricula is organised into training components: sociocultural, scientific, technical. The technical component includes learning in the work context (WBL).</p> <p>WBL is carried out in companies, hotels-schools (designated as <i>unidades de aplicação</i>) of Turismo de Portugal, or other organisations. The workload is distributed throughout or at the end of the training, namely in the form of curricular internship, integrating a set of professional activities aimed at the acquisition and development of technical, relational and organisational skills relevant to the professional qualification to be acquired.</p>
Training fields	Hotel accommodation, restaurant/bar and kitchen/pastry.
Duration	The programmes last three years (full-time), divided into six semesters, including two traineeships with three months of duration each. Young people have the opportunity to select the hotels and resorts, tourist enterprises, travel agencies and other organisations of reference in the tourist sector to carry out their traineeship.
Academic vs practical training	The WBL is preceded and foreseen in a protocol signed by the school, the learner and the host organisation. WBL lasts 1 000 hours, divided by two traineeships.
Providers	<p>The programmes are promoted by <i>Turismo de Portugal</i>, and are taught by the hotel and tourism schools under its responsibility.</p> <p>The programmes may be held in other educational establishments that have signed a protocol where pedagogical, technical and financial management conditions are defined and that have previous authorisation of Turismo de Portugal.</p>
Trainee's allowances	The allocation of <u>social support</u> follows predefined criteria.
Sources of funding	The <u>specific regulation of POCH</u> funds the <i>Turismo de Portugal</i> programmes and thereby their schools.
Evaluation	The evaluation is formative and summative, and includes the evaluation of the traineeship (qualitative scale). Successful completion of a programme requires approval in all modules and in the traineeship. The programmes must be completed in a maximum of four (4) years or five (5) in case of an illness duly justified.
Certification	<p>Double certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12th year of schooling certificate; - Level 4 of the EQF.
Progression	The completion of the programme allows pursuing studies in a technological specialisation programme and entering tertiary education according to access requirements defined by the legislation in force.
Legislation	<p>- <u>Portaria (Ordinance) n.º 102/2020, de 24 de abril</u></p> <p><i>Regulates the double certification secondary level programmes of Hospitality and Catering, and Tourism and Leisure within the education and training areas of the National Classification of Education and Training Areas, to be developed by Turismo de Portugal, through its network of schools.</i></p>