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Description



- Property in central Portugal

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1. IMT Tax Rates for Property Purchases

A. Permanent Residence (Primary Home)

- **Exemption threshold**: â‚¬92,407
- **Progressive rates**:

Property Value	IMT Rate	Deduction Amount
Below â‚¬92,407	**0%**	â‚¬0

Property Value	IMT Rate	Deduction Amount
â‚¬92,407 â€“ â‚¬126,403	**2%**	â‚¬1,848.14
â‚¬126,403 â€“ â‚¬172,348	**5%**	â‚¬5,640.23
â‚¬172,348 â€“ â‚¬287,213	**7%**	â‚¬9,087.19
â‚¬287,213 â€“ â‚¬574,323	**8%**	â‚¬11,959.32
Above â‚¬574,323	**6% (flat rate)**	â€“

B. Secondary Home / Rental Property

Property Value	IMT Rate	Deduction Amount
Below â‚¬92,407	**1%**	â‚¬0
â‚¬92,407 â€“ â‚¬126,403	**2%**	â‚¬924.07
â‚¬126,403 â€“ â‚¬172,348	**5%**	â‚¬4,716.16
â‚¬172,348 â€“ â‚¬287,213	**7%**	â‚¬8,163.12
â‚¬287,213 â€“ â‚¬550,836	**8%**	â‚¬11,035.25
Above â‚¬550,836	**6% (flat rate)**	â€“

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C. Other Property Types

- **Rural land**: **5% flat rate**
- **Commercial/other urban property**: **6.5% flat rate**
- **Buyers from tax-haven jurisdictions**: **8% mandatory rate**

2. Key IMT Rules & Calculation Method

âœ **Taxable Base**: Higher of the **purchase price** or **tax registry value (VPT)**.
âœ **Split Calculation**: If the value exceeds â‚¬92,407, it is divided into two parts:

- The **first portion** (up to the highest bracket) uses the **average rate**.
- The **excess amount** uses the **next bracketâ€™s marginal rate**.

3. Exemptions from IMT

IMT does **not apply** to:
âœ” **Pre-1951 buildings** (constructed before the *General Urban Construction Regulation*).
âœ” **Pre-2004 buildings** with an existing **Usage License** (or applied for before March 30, 2004).
âœ” **Acquisitions by the State, municipalities, or public institutions**.
âœ” **Religious, educational, or charitable organizations** (for statutory purposes).
âœ” **First-time rural property buyers** (up to â‚¬92,407) under young farmer programs.
âœ” **Diplomatic missions** (with reciprocity agreements).

4. IMT Payment Process

- **Self-assessment**: Buyers must file a **tax declaration** before the deed is signed.
- **Deadline**: Paid **before the property transfer** (or within 30 days for foreign transactions).
- **Penalties**: Late payments incur **interest + fines**.

5. Special Cases

- **Inheritance divisions**: Taxed on the **excess share value**.
- **Corporate transfers**: Applies if a shareholder gains **75%+ control of a property-holding company**.
- **Long-term leases (30+ years)**: Taxed as a **de facto purchase (20x annual rent)**.

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(Note: Rates updated as of 2024. Always consult a fiscal expert for case-specific advice.)

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