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Parental leave in Portugal is:

- Paid
- 6 months
- Part of the leave is transferable between parents and/or is an individual right

3 % of women and 3 % of men in employment are not eligible for parental leave

This factsheet is based on an eligibility study of how many women and men aged 20-49 would be eligible for parental leave if they had a child in 2017 and the reasons behind their non-eligibility (1).

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- ✓ Employees (self-employed)
- ✓ Self-employed (self-employed)
- ✗ Same-sex parents
- ✓ Non-citizens (2)

In the EU-28 (3):

- 15 countries restrict access to employees with short working duration before birth (including Portugal)
- The self-employed are not eligible in 10 countries (not Portugal but some conditions apply)
- 17 countries do not allow access for same-sex parents (including Portugal)
- 15 limit access to refugees or asylum seekers (not Portugal)

In Portugal, duration conditions for the employee and the self-employed restrict the access to parental leave.

	Women	Men
EU-28	94% eligible for parental leave	91% eligible for parental leave
PT	97% eligible for parental leave	97% eligible for parental leave
Reasons	employment conditions	employment conditions

(1) Reasons for exclusion include: refugees and asylum seekers when they apply for asylum in the afternoon, no information on eligibility.
 (2) Women (same categories: multidimensional and over 40 and 50 years), 10 country restrict, refugees and asylum seekers.
 (3) The facts are valid only before the 20th of November 2017.

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