

Law to Permit Same-Sex Adoption in Portugal



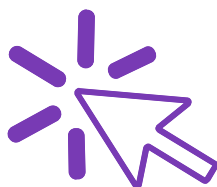
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Law 2/2016 of 29th of February effectively removes existing discrimination on the access to adoption, civil sponsorship and other legal family relations.

Adoption, in any of its forms, is now legally permitted in Portugal for same-sex married couples. Previously, same sex couples, whether married or as common law spouses, could adopt, but only one element of the couple could hold parental responsibilities. This created legal insecurity for families, leaving one parent without formal recognition and limiting protections for the child. The 2016 reform corrected this inequality by allowing joint adoption and co-adoption, ensuring that both parents are legally recognised from the outset. The change also aligned Portuguese law with international human rights standards and the lived realities of many LGBTIQ+ families.

Significance: This legal development represented a major step toward full family equality in Portugal, strengthening the rights and protections of children raised by same-sex parents.

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