

Commercial law - Contract - Portugal

Costs in Portugal

Cost of legal aid and other amounts reimbursed

Case study	Legal aid	When and under what conditions does this apply?	When is 100 % aid provided?	Reimbursement	Can the successful party obtain reimbursement of litigation costs?	If reimbursement is not 100 %, what percentage is reimbursed in general?	What costs are never reimbursed?	Are there instances when legal aid has to be reimbursed to the body granting the aid?
Case A	Profit-making legal entities are not entitled to legal aid			Yes	The costs of proceedings are not 100 % reimbursed if the successful party receives legal aid, in which case the successful party is reimbursed by the State only for court fees paid (but not for other amounts included in the costs)		Reimbursement to the State is provided for only where the beneficiary of the legal aid himself has acquired sufficient financial means during the proceedings or in the four subsequent years, or is found to have brought the action in bad faith	
Case B	Profit-making legal entities are not entitled to legal aid			Yes	The costs of proceedings are not 100 % reimbursed if the successful party receives legal aid, in which case the successful party is reimbursed by the State only for court fees paid (but not for other amounts included in the costs)		Reimbursement to the State is provided for only where the beneficiary of the legal aid himself has acquired sufficient financial means during the proceedings or in the four subsequent years, or is found to have brought the action in bad faith	

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