

Digital Nomad Visa: Visa and residence for digital nomads

Visa and residence permit for international remote workers

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What is it?

In both cases, it authorizes foreign professionals to reside and work remotely from Spain through electronic means, either on a self-employed basis or as employees of companies located outside Spanish territory. Both categories are regulated by **Law 14/2013, of 27 September, on support for entrepreneurs and their internationalisation**, and they facilitate the attraction of international digital talent.

General requirements

- For citizens of a third country, i.e., not citizens of the EU, EEA, or Switzerland
- **Employment or professional relationship:**
 - You can apply as an employee or as a freelancer.
 - Employment contract or professional activity with a foreign company.
 - The company must have been in operation for at least **1 year**.
 - The employee or freelancer must prove **at least 3 months** of prior employment or professional relationship.
- **Income:**
 - Most of the income must come from work or professional activity carried out abroad.
 - Up to **20% of income** may come from work or professional activity carried out for Spanish companies.
- **Qualification or professional experience:**
 - University degree or equivalent, or, a minimum of 3 years of relevant work experience.
- **Sufficient financial means** (must come from working income): minimum **gross monthly** income of **€2,762.66 / €33,151.92 gross per year** (subject to adjustment by the Administration) plus an additional percentage for dependent family members.

Who benefits?

- **Foreign professionals** who work remotely for companies located outside Spain.
- **Immediate family members** of the remote worker: spouse or legal partner, children under 18 or dependent adults, and dependent ascendants.

Steps to follow



Prepare all the necessary documentation.



Submit the application:

- This may be done through the **Spanish Consulate in the country of origin** (visa) or directly from Spain (residence permit), provided the individual is in a situation of legal stay or residence.
- If done from Spain, the procedure is processed by the **Unidad de Grandes Empresas y Colectivos Estratégicos (UGE-CE)**.



Payment of the administrative fee.



Decision:

- Spanish Consulates abroad have 10 working days to make a decision, although this period is often extended.
- The UGE-CE has **20 business days** to respond.
- If there is no response from the UGE-CE within this period, **positive administrative silence** applies (i.e., the request is deemed to have been accepted).

Deadlines and duration

- **Initial visa:** up to 1 year.
- **Residence permit:** up to 3 years.
- **Renewal:** The residence permit can be renewed for periods of 2 years.

Advantages

- Fast and simplified procedure.
- Promotes the support of family members.
- Allows access to the special tax regime (Beckham Law) with tax advantages for employees working for a company outside Spain.
- After 5 years, you can apply for long-term residence.
- It is taken into consideration when applying for Spanish nationality by residence.



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