

# International Teleworkers (Digital Nomads)

- ☒ Requirements, procedure  
and documentation checklist  
for the application, step by step

## What is it?

A residence permit for qualified professionals who wish to live in Spain while continuing to carry out their work online, provided their employer or the majority of their clients are based outside Spain.

It can be requested from the Spanish consulate in the applicant's place of residence, through a one-year visa, after which a residence authorisation must be requested, or directly from Spain, through a residence authorisation of up to 3 years, renewable for 2-year periods.

## Who is it for?

- **Employees** who carry out their professional activity remotely for companies based outside Spain
- **Self-employed workers (freelancers)** who provide services mainly to clients based outside Spain, and may obtain up to 20 % of their income from Spanish clients or companies
- **Family members** of the international teleworker (spouse or partner, minor children or dependent adult children, and dependent ascendants) who accompany them or join them later. Their authorisation allows them to work anywhere in the national territory, both as employees and self-employed, without being subject to the 20 % limit on income from Spanish companies or clients that applies to the main applicant.

## Requirements

- Employment or professional relationship:
  - Employment contract or professional activity with a foreign company.
  - The company must have been operating for at least 1 year.
  - The employee or professional must evidence at least 3 months of prior employment or professional relationship.
- Education or experience:
  - A university degree or equivalent, or failing that, at least 3 years of work experience in the sector.
- Sufficient financial means:
  - Must mainly derive from employment income:

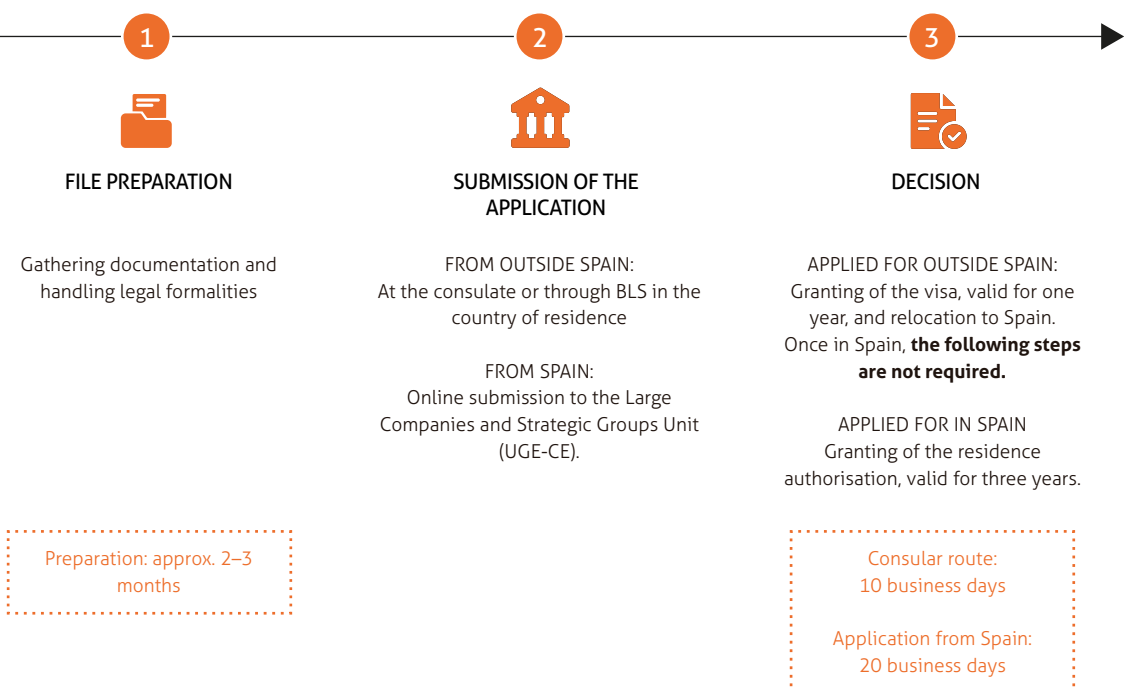
### Minimum salary thresholds 2026 (gross monthly income)

| Beneficiary                          | Legal requirement | Minimum monthly amount* |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| International teleworker             | 200 % of the SMI  | € 2,849/month gross     |
| First accompanying family member     | 75 % of the SMI   | € 1,068/month gross     |
| Second and subsequent family members | 25 % of the SMI   | € 356/month gross       |

(\*) We recommend adding a margin above the legally required minimum.

## Step-by-step procedure and key deadlines

### PHASE 1 - VISA / RESIDENCE AUTHORISATION



### PHASE 2



The success of an application depends on a detailed analysis of the particular circumstances of each case. The information contained in this document is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute individualised legal advice, nor does it replace such an analysis.

Requirements, supporting documentation and administrative fees may vary depending on the competent consular office or processing unit and are subject to any regulatory changes that may occur.



## Documentation checklist

## KEY STAGE

## DOCUMENTATION

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**1**  
**File preparation**

- ☐ [MI-T form](#).
- ☐ [Fee form 038](#) (only for applications from Spain).
- ☐ Original passport and full copy.
- ☐ Criminal record certificate for the countries of residence over the last 2 years.
- ☐ Sworn statement of no criminal record in the countries of residence over the last 5 years.
- ☐ Evidence of public or private health insurance.
- ☐ Sworn statement of compliance with Social Security obligations (if an agreement exists, attach a coverage certificate) or evidence of the company's Social Security registration.
- ☐ Evidence of sufficient financial means.
- ☐ Documentation relating to the company and the employment or professional relationship.
- ☐ Academic qualification or professional experience.

For the visa, additionally:

- ☐ [Visa application form](#).
- ☐ Passport-size photograph.
- ☐ Proof of residence within the consular district.

- If applying through the consulate, you must also request a NIE at the same time as the visa.
- Check the validity of the documentation before submission:
  - Criminal record certificate: 6 months (unless the document states a different period).
  - Bank, company and Social Security certificates: as recent as possible.

**2**  
**Submission of the application**

- ☐ Documentation from the list above.
- ☐ Completed and signed forms, and the fee paid (if applying through the consulate, the consular fee is paid at the appointment).

- If applying from your country of residence, check the place of submission (consulate or BLS office), check appointment availability in advance and, if limited, book one even before gathering all the documentation.
- If applying from Spain, remember you must be in a regular administrative situation (within the Schengen stay period or holding a valid stay or residence authorisation).

**3**  
**Decision**

- If applying through the consulate:
  - Ask, when submitting the application, how the decision will be communicated (email, SMS, etc.).
  - Confirm how the passport will be returned and whether you need to attend the consulate for the visa to be affixed.
  - Remember that, once the visa is granted, you do not need to follow the remaining steps: the visa is sufficient to reside in Spain during its validity.

**4**  
**Fingerprinting at the Immigration Office**

- ☐ Original passport and copy of the personal data page.
- ☐ [Form EX-17](#).
- ☐ Proof of payment of [fee 790-012](#).
- ☐ Certificate of municipal registration.
- ☐ Recent passport-size photograph.
- ☐ Decision granting the residence authorisation.

- Book the appointment by clicking [this link](#).
- Do this well in advance, as demand for appointments is very high.
- You can also check with the nearest Immigration Office when fingerprinting appointments are released.

**5**  
**TIE collection**

- ☐ TIE application receipt.
- ☐ Original passport.

- At the fingerprinting appointment, confirm whether you need a further appointment to collect the card.
- Check online in advance which batch of cards is available for collection at your Immigration Office.



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