

Non-Lucrative Residence Visa

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

What is it?

A residence permit for individuals who wish to live in Spain without carrying out any employed or self-employed professional activity.

The initial application is always processed through the Spanish consular office corresponding to the applicant's place of residence, and is granted for an initial period of one year, and renewable for successive two-year periods. Once two years of legal, effective and continuous residence in Spain have been completed, together with the other legal requirements, nationals of Ibero-American countries may apply for Spanish nationality. Alternatively, after five years of residence, and provided the applicable requirements are met (more flexible than the above), a long-term residence authorization or a long-term EU residence authorization may be requested.

Who is it for?

- Persons of independent means, investors, pensioners, or individuals with sufficient savings who wish to establish their residence in Spain without carrying out any economic activity in the country.
- Family members (spouse or partner, minor children or dependent adult children, dependent ascendants) who wish to accompany the main applicant, included within the same procedure.

Requirements

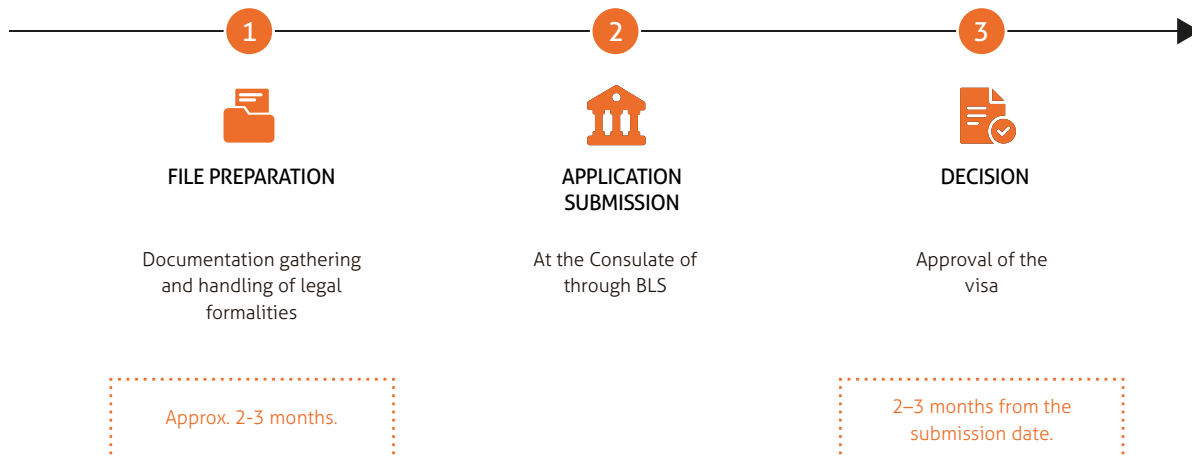
- Have no criminal record in Spain or in the countries of residence over the last five years for offenses recognized under Spanish law.
- Hold public or private health insurance, with no co-payments or waiting periods, providing coverage equivalent to that of the National Health System.
- Not suffer from any disease with the potential to give rise to public health implications, in accordance with the International Health Regulations (2005).
- Provide evidence of sufficient financial means to support themselves and, where applicable, the family members included in the application, without the need to engage in employment in Spain:

<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Legal Requirement</i>	<i>Minimum amounts in 2026*</i>
Main applicant	400% of the monthly IPREM	2.400€/month ≈ 28.800€/year
Each additional dependent family member	100% of the monthly IPREM	600€/month ≈ 7.200€/year

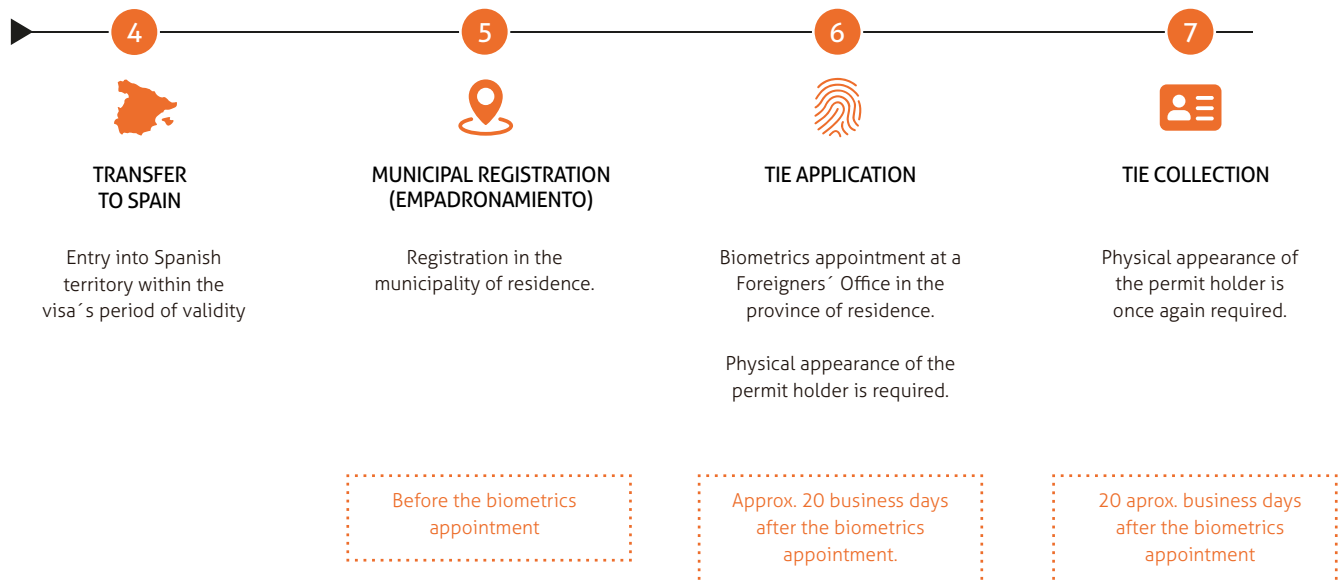
(*) Se recomienda añadir un margen sobre el mínimo legal.

Step-by-step procedure and key deadlines

PHASE 1: PROCESSING FROM THE COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE



PHASE 2: FORMALIZATION IN SPAIN



Administrative Fees

- **Non-lucrative residence authorization** (Form 790, code 052): **10,94€**
May be paid online before submitting the visa application, or directly at the Consulate at the time of submission (by credit card, cash, or money order; this should be confirmed in advance in each specific case).
- **Consular visa issuance fee:** Paid at the time of submission of the application, by credit card, cash, or money order (this should be confirmed in advance in each specific case).

Consular fees for nationals of certain countries (such as the United Kingdom and the United States) are set by reciprocity agreements between Spain and the corresponding countries, and the same amount must be paid regardless of the consulate of residence. In all other cases, the fee amount depends on the consular office where the application is submitted.

<i>Nationality</i>	<i>Legal Requirement</i>
United Kingdom	516 GBP or local currency equivalent
United States	140 USD or local currency equivalent
Other nationalities without reciprocity agreement	Depends on the corresponding Consulate
Example: Application in the United States	106 USD
Example: Application in Mexico	1.902 MXN

- **Foreigner Identity Card (TIE)** (Form 790, code 012): **16,08€.**

This fee is paid once the visa has been approved and entry into Spain has taken place. Proof of payment must be presented at the biometrics appointment.

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 individualized legal advice, nor does it replace such an analysis.

The requirements, the supporting documentation for them, and the administrative fees for the procedure may vary depending on the competent consular office and are subject to any regulatory changes that may occur.



Documentation checklist

	KEY STAGE	DOCUMENTATION	RECOMMENDATIONS
PHASE 1	1 File preparation	☐ Visa application form. ☐ Form EX01. ☐ Form 790-052. ☐ Original passport and complete copy. ☐ Passport-size photograph. ☐ Proof of residence. ☐ Criminal record certificate. ☐ Certificate of good health. ☐ Health insurance certificate and policy. ☐ Civil registry certificates (family members). ☐ Evidence of financial means. ☐ Depending on the applicant's age, evidence must also be provided of the termination of the last employment relationship or professional activity, or of receipt of a retirement pension.	• Check the specific requirements of your Consulate and BLS office. • Verify the validity period of the documentation before submission: ◦ Criminal record certificate: 6 months (unless the document itself establishes a different validity period). ◦ Medical certificate: 3 months. ◦ Bank certificates and insurance company certificates: as recent as possible. • Accommodation in Spain is a point to consider from the moment you begin preparing the application: bear in mind that, once the visa is granted, you will need a residential address in Spain in order to complete the municipal registration and reach the end of the procedure (see step 5 for more information). • Document translation: you can access the official directory of sworn translators registered in Spain via the corresponding link.
	2 Application submission	☐ Documentation from the list above. ☐ Completed and signed forms. ☐ Original documents (criminal record certificate, health insurance, birth certificate, marriage certificate, etc.), accompanied by a color photocopy.	• Confirm the place of submission (Consulate or BLS office). • Check appointment availability in advance and, where availability is limited, book one even if you have not yet gathered all the documentation.
	3 Decision and Visa		• When submitting the application, ask through which channel the decision will be communicated (email, SMS, etc.). • Confirm how the passport will be returned to you and whether you need to attend the Consulate for the visa to be affixed. • Ask about the approximate processing time at the moment of submission.
PHASE 2	4 Entry to Spain	☐ Original passport with the visa affixed on one of the inside pages.	• If no entry stamp is affixed to the passport, it is advisable to make an entry declaration at a National Police station within 72 hours of entering Spain. • The procedure is free of charge and requires only the passport, boarding pass, and the completed and signed official form. • The entry declaration facilitates proof of entry into Spain and subsequent procedures.
	5 Municipal registration (Empadronamiento)	Varies by municipality and type of housing use: ☐ Rented housing: rental agreement and proof of payment of the most recent month's rent. ☐ Owned housing: land registry extract (nota simple) or title deed, and the most recent IBI (property tax).	• Book the appointment well in advance, especially in large municipalities such as Madrid, Barcelona, or Valencia, where high demand often limits availability. • Check the specific requirements of your municipality.
	6 Biometrics appointment at the Foreigners Office	☐ Original passport and copy of the personal data page. ☐ Form EX-17. ☐ Proof of payment of fee 790-012. ☐ Municipal registration certificate. ☐ Recent passport-size photograph. ☐ Entry declaration stamped by the National Police (recommended when there is no entry stamp).	• Book the appointment via the corresponding link. • Do so well in advance, as demand is extremely high. • You can also check with your nearest Foreigners' Office as to the day and time when fingerprinting appointments are released.
	7 TIE Collection	☐ TIE application receipt. ☐ Original passport.	• At the fingerprinting appointment, confirm whether a further appointment is needed to collect the card. • Check online in advance which batch of cards is available for collection at your Foreigners' Office.



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