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# SPAIN

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Legal Baltic business principle is based on simplicity.

# RESIDENCE PERMIT



Spanish Temporary Residence Permit or Spain Residence Visa is the document, issued to a citizen of a non-EU country, which gives you opportunities to immigrate, live and work in Spain and Schengen area countries, during the entire time of the document validity.

Anyone arriving in Spain with the intention of staying longer than three months requires a **Residence Visa (Visado de Residencia)**. This must be requested from and issued by the **Spanish Embassy** of the applicant's home country, before coming to Spain.

It is different to the standard 90-day Schengen visa and in that it allows the holder to begin the residency application process. Application for residency is not typically accepted from anyone arriving on a Schengen visa to Spain territory.

There are 2 places where applications are accepted: **Foreigner's Office or the local Spanish police** station in the province of intended residence.

Legal Baltic specialists can assist you to prepare all necessary documents needed to apply for a residence permit in Spain.

## Non-Lucrative Purposes 4200 €

Payment Method

First payment : Advance payment 1400 €  
Second payment : Documents prepared 1400 €  
Third payment : Residence permit obtaining 1400 €

## Business Activity (Company) 4200 €

Payment Method

First payment : Advance payment 1400 €  
Second payment : Documents prepared 1400 €  
Third payment : Residence permit obtaining 1400 €

## Employment (Work permit) 4200 €

Payment Method

First payment : Advance payment 1400 €  
Second payment : Documents prepared 1400 €  
Third payment : Residence permit obtaining 1400 €

## Family reunion

Payment Method

Spanish residence permit for wife 3000 €  
Spanish residence permit for every kids 2400 €

# NON-LUCRATIVE PURPOSES



If you would like to immigrate to Spain and do not wish to invest in Spain, **Non-Lucrative residence permit (wealth visa)**, is a good choice for you and your family. The procedures and conditions for issuing these visas and residence permit are set out in Organic Law 4/2000 of January 11th, of Rights and Liberties of Foreigners in Spain and their Social Integration, the Royal Decree 557/2011 of April 20th.

The **IPREM** is a public income index used by the Spanish Administration as an indicator. In easy terms, it is Spain minimum salary. In order to apply for a non-lucrative residency permit, you have to prove that you dispose of **400 % of the IPREM** for you and **100 % of the IPREM** for each family member, monthly up-keep during the time of validity of the solicited residency authorisation. There are 2 ways to prove that an applicant is eligible for a Non-Lucrative Residence Permit:

**First option** : In this way the most important thing is to prove that you **receive a fixed monthly amount by some permanent means**, such as titles of ownership of properties, receiving rent payments from properties, your online income, annuities, certified cheques or credit cards accompanied by a bank certificate that shows a sufficient amount of credit on the card or receiving money from a trust fund or retirement pension. **(A salary is not considered permanent, nor is interest received from a bank or mutual fund)**

**Second option** : Another possibility is by showing that you **have maintained sufficient average balance in your bank account** during the last year. The documents you submit must show the bank account in your name and minimum expected monthly average is **EUR 2,200 plus EUR 550** per family member that will be joining. (For example : 1 Applicant minimal bank account balance during the past year - EUR 26,400 or 1 Applicant + 1 family member EUR 33,000)

Keep in mind as well, one of the other requirements is to show that you have a **place to live in Spain** (hotels are not counted). There are two ways to do it : **to buy a property in Spain or to sign a lease contract for not less than 1 year**, means you rent a house for your staying.

The non-lucrative residence permit holder **cannot be employed** by the Spanish company and produce income for first year. It is possible to change residency permit status from non-lucrative to self-employed/business with working rights **only after 12 months**.

Other documents required for this visa are a **Police Clearance Certificate** and a **Medical Certificate**. In order to maintain the status the visa holder must stay in Spain minimum of 183 days per year.

Temporary Residence permit in Spain on the ground of non-lucrative purposes, **will be issued for 1 year which can be extended for next 2 years many times**. The extension of non-lucrative residence permit in Spain is typically unlimited for those visa holders that can prove they have sufficient funds to support themselves and their family.

After 5 years holding the temporary residence permit, you will be eligible for permanent residency. The permanent residency will entitle you to live and work in Spain indefinitely.

# BUSINESS ACTIVITY (SELF-EMPLOYMENT)

Those wishing to **start or purchase a business in Spain**, but do not qualify for the Residency Visa for Entrepreneurs and Business Activity (REM), or you want to work in Spain as a **freelance or independent contractor**, you may apply for a **Self-employed work visa**.

If you are planning to start a business, you must incorporate a company, obtain the correspondent licenses for your business activity and make the sufficient investment to carry out your business activity.

There is no minimum investment amount, as it will depend on nature of the business and employees hired. But you must also have sufficient financial resources for at least upkeep the expenses required for your **economic activity and your accommodation in Spain** during the first year.

In addition, Applicants need to provide **evidence of academic titles or training** and to have the **experience as an managing person** in the same field of business that show you are qualified to do the work you propose.

This type of Spanish residence permit allows you to reside in Spain as a self-employed person, or as a worker in a company in which you have invested the required capital.

There are different ways to go about it from setting up a company from scratch to buying an existing and established business or a franchise. If you wish to work as a freelance or independent contractor you may be required to prove that one or more Spanish companies have hired your services.

Individuals must meet the conditions of the current legislation for nationals regarding opening and operating the planned activity (in addition to incorporating the company, individuals may have to follow other procedures, such as obtaining licenses).

**Legal Plan** : Preparation of the Business plan in Spanish, indicating the following the project description/ the founders/ the project and service description/ Market analysis/ commercial analysis/ Organization and personnel.

**Financial plan** : The profit and loss forecast/ cash flow/ balance sheet/ the estimates of revenue/ expenditure/ investment/ financial structure/ capital contributions, etc.

One of the other requirements is to show that you have a **place to live in Spain** (hotels are not counted). There are two ways to do it : **to buy a property in Spain or to sign a lease contract for not less than 1 year**, means you rent a house for your staying.

The visa issued will have of **one year validity** and within one month since your arrival in Spain, you must apply for a residence permit, foreign national identity card and register as self-employed in the Social Security System.

Temporary Residence permit in Spain on the ground of Business Activity (self-employment) will be issued for a **period of 2 years which can be extended for next 2 years many times**.

The extension of business residence permit in Spain is typically unlimited for those applicants that can prove their company condition remains the same, taxes and governmental duties has been paid, their company conducted business activity, have lived at least 183 days in Spain each year and have sufficient funds to support themselves and their family.

After 5 years holding the temporary residence permit, you will be eligible for permanent residency. The permanent residency will entitle you to live and work in Spain indefinitely.

# EMPLOYMENT (WORK PERMIT)

There are several different types of Spanish work visas, as well as exemptions, depending on your employment situation in Spain. You cannot apply for your own work visa in Spain, however it's the **employer's responsibility** to apply for one on your behalf.

First of all, you need to get an offer of work and a work contract; once you have that and your employer has obtained the work authorization on your behalf, you can apply for a visa to come to Spain.

You can apply at the embassy or your local consulate for a work visa. This visa allows you to work as an employee in a company located in Spain.

Note that companies seeking to hire a non-Spaniard, especially a citizen of a non-European Union country, **must justify the employment by meeting a series of requirements**, both as a firm and applicant for the position being filled.

Generally speaking, an employing company must prove that **it's legally registered in Spain, that it's solvent and paying into Spain's social security system (Seguridad Social), and that it guarantees to employ (and pay a salary to) the foreign applicant for the length of visa.**

Regarding the job, the company must show that the position can't be filled locally, among other candidates and the Skills and Knowledge of the foreign employee is needed for the company.

The (non-EU) individual for whom the work permit is being obtained then has to apply for the visa. He/she must include with his application materials a letter from Spain's immigration office stating that it has **approved the company's request for the visa for work and residence.**

The visa issued will have of **one year validity** and within one month since your arrival in Spain, you must apply for a residence permit, foreign national identity card and register as employed in the Social Security System.

Temporary Residence permit in Spain on the ground of employment (work permit) purposes, **will be issued for 1 year which can be extended for next 2 years many times.**

The extension of employment residence permit in Spain is typically unlimited for those applicants that can prove their employment condition remains the same, taxes and governmental duties has been paid, have lived at least 183 days in Spain each year and have sufficient funds to support themselves and their family.

After 5 years holding the temporary residence permit, you will be eligible for permanent residency. The permanent residency will entitle you to live and work in Spain indefinitely.

## Step-by-step timeline of the application process

### Step 1. Documents Preparations

Legal Baltic prepare the necessary documents & Complete set of original paperwork is sent by registered post to Applicant's home address.

### Step 2. Visa request

Applicant books an appointment with the Spanish Embassy in the country of origin or the country of current residence and applies for Residence Visa (in order to enter Spain on non-Schengen visa).

### Step 3. Visa pick up

On average it takes around 1 month from the date of application submission at the embassy to receiving the decision. The visa must be picked up within one month from the date of grant notification, if not the embassy cancels it.

### Step 4. Residence application

Applicant travels to Spain and Legal Baltic specialists assist with the Residency Card application (Tarjeta de Residencia or TIE) and prepare the applicant for the interview at Foreigner's Office or the local Spanish police station.

### Step 5. Residence Permit

At the last step, applicant along together with the help of Legal Baltic specialists will pick up the Residence permit card from Foreigner's Office or the police station.

# LEGAL BALTIC LEGAL SERVICES



We have a very high success rate, as we work only according to each country's laws and regulations. Therefore we are able to avoid confusion for our client, and ensure a smooth process with high probability of success, if the client provides us with correct documents in a timely manner.



Working with clients and partners all around the world has enabled us to build strong and effective relationships with both clients and partners alike. This allows us to be fully up to date regarding procedures, ensuring that we are able to assist our clients from the very beginning to the end of the process, guiding them along the way.



Our aim as a company is to grow the amount of services we offer and clients we serve, to carve out a larger market share. We have been able to grow year on year, only because of our key principles of honesty, lawfulness and trust with partners and clients alike.

## PAYMENT OPTION

1. After receiving preliminary documents, clients **service agreement** will be prepared and sent by email to print them out and send us back signed original copies. In this step, the client pays 33 % of the services fee. (advance payment)
2. When complete set of original documents are ready, then client pays 33 % of the services fee.
3. When client's **picks up the Residence permit card**, Client pays 33 % the remaining of services fee, as agreed in the contract.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Passport Copy ( Pages which have any info )
- Completed information form ( We will send you )
- Police clearance certificate ( Translated & apostille )
- Bank Balance remaining certificate ( In English )
- Power of attorney ( Translated & apostille )

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## ABOUT US

Legal Baltic business principle is based on simplicity. We strive to make clients cooperation with us simple and easy. Therefore, our employees render their time, work, attitudes and knowledge into particular benefits for each our client. Best proof of our good work is our satisfied clients. We are not looking to make money, we are looking to make business friends.

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