

TYPES OF TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMITS IN SPAIN

Temporary residence authorizes the foreigner to stay in Spain for a time greater than 90 days (stay) and less than 5 years (permanent residence). This residence permit includes the following categories:

1. Residence permit in Spain without the right to receive income (no lucrative).

To obtain this residence permit, it is necessary to provide certain financial guarantees and meet a series of requirements. When a foreign citizen receives a notification of a positive decision on his application, at the Spanish Consulate in the country where he usually resides, he must apply for a type D visa, according to which he can enter Spain and apply for a resident card. The first temporary residence permit in Spain is valid for one year. Later it can be renewed for 2 more years.

2. Residence permit in Spain for relatives of EU citizens.

This type of residence permit can be issued directly in Spain or after obtaining a family reunification visa under the EU regime at the Consulate of Spain in the country where you reside permanently. Please note that the first residence permit for relatives of EU citizens is issued for 5 years, but it is still TEMPORARY and loses its functional effect if a foreigner is outside of Spain for more than 6 months.

3. Residence permit for family reunification under the general regime.

This type of residence permit is issued after receiving a special permit from a foreign resident who plans to start the regrouping process. After a positive response, the foreign citizen with whom the reunification is planned receives a family reunification visa at the Spanish Consular office, and a residence card in Spain is issued. The period of validity of the card will be equal to the period of validity of the residence permit of the resident with which the reunification took place.



4. Residence permit in Spain to work without a contract.

To obtain this type of residence permit, the interested party must provide a business project of the company to be the opened or information about the proposed activity in Spain, indicating the planned investment, income and, in certain cases, the number of jobs created. You will also need documents confirming that the applicant has funds that will be sufficient to develop the project, or an obligation to provide funds from financial or other organizations. If the decision is positive, a long-term visa is the issued and then in Spain it is the changed to a resident card.

5. Residence permit in Spain for work related to travel abroad.

This type of residence permit can be the issued by employees of companies whose branches or representative offices are legally located in Spain, and need to hire new employees, who in turn must make a long-term business trip to Spain.

6. Residence permit in Spain to work with a contract.

To apply for this type of residence permit, a Spanish entrepreneur must obtain a special permit from the competent authorities in Spain. In addition, the foreigner must apply for a type D work visa to enter Spain and apply for a resident card. Please note that some long-term work visas for Spain can be the issued with a validity period of 6 or 9 months. In this case, you must first apply for a work permit, so a visa will be the issued for the entire stay. In this option, it is not necessary to issue a resident card.

7. Residence permit in Spain with exemption from the need to obtain a work permit.

This type of residence permit can be the issued by the following categories of citizens: specialists and scientists; managerial or teaching staff; foreign media correspondents; cultural figures; members of representative union, governmental and administrative bodies and commercial organizations; ministers of religious worship; minors of working age under the care of competent bodies for the protection of



children's rights; members of international scientific organizations; representatives of civil and military authorities; teachers, specialists, researchers and scientists. Keep in mind that for all foreign citizens who wish to apply for this residence permit, it is necessary to have supporting documents from certain Spanish authorities (specific institution involved in the process).

8. Residence permit in Spain for highly qualified workers with EU blue card.

To obtain this type of residence permit, a residence permit for highly qualified workers is the required; it must be the issued by employing organization in the competent authorities of Spain.

9. Residence permit in Spain for scientific research.

To obtain this type of residence permit, you must provide a copy of a work and residence permit in Spain. Residence permit according to **law 14/2013**.

This residence permit can be obtained by: owners of real estate in Spain worth 500,000 euros or more; shareholders of Spanish companies; owners of Spanish government bonds; owners of large bank deposits in the Kingdom of Spain; businessmen who have a positive opinion of the Commercial and Economic Department of the Embassy of Spain in the place of application, specialists and highly qualified scientists. Note that in this case, the owners can first apply for a special long-term visa (Golden visa for Spain) and then issue a residence permit for two years. This residence permit is the extended for 5 years.

10. Residence permit in Spain for exceptional circumstances.

This type of residence permit is the issued directly in Spain, once the foreigner receives a special permit. In certain cases, the application can be the processed at the consular offices. Basically, this residence permit is received by: victims of violence, refugees, foreigners who receive political asylum; Resident aliens in an irregular



situation who have certain reasons for requesting this document (for example, social roots, work roots, family roots).

- Arraigo familiar: What is this authorization?

It is a temporary residence authorization for exceptional circumstances that may be granted to foreign citizens who are in Spain and are either the father or mother of a minor of Spanish nationality, or are the children of a father or mother who were originally Spanish.

The requirements to be able to request arraigo familiar in Spain.

- Not be a citizen of a State of the European Union, the European Economic Area or Switzerland, or a family member of citizens of these countries to which the Union citizen regime applies.
- Lack of criminal records in Spain and in their previous countries of residence for crimes existing in the Spanish law.
- Not being the prohibited from entering Spain and not appearing as objectionable in the territorial space of countries with which Spain has signed an agreement in this regard.
- Not being, where appropriate, within the commitment period of no return to Spain that the foreigner has assumed when returning voluntarily to their country of origin.
- Being the father or mother of a minor of Spanish nationality, or the child of a father or mother who was originally Spanish.

- Arraigo social: What is this authorization?

It is a temporary residence authorization for exceptional circumstances that may be granted to foreign citizens who are in Spain and either have family ties in Spain or are socially integrated.



The requirements to apply for arraigo social in Spain.

- Not be a citizen of a State of the European Union, the European Economic Area or Switzerland, or a relative of citizens of these countries, to which the Union citizen regime applies.
- Lack of criminal records in Spain and in their previous countries of residence for crimes classified in Spanish law.
- Not being the prohibited from entering Spain and not appearing as objectionable in the territorial space of countries with which Spain has signed an agreement in this regard.
- Not being, where appropriate, within the commitment period of no return to Spain that the foreigner has assumed when returning voluntarily to their country of origin.
- Having remained in Spain continuously for a minimum period of three years. For this requirement to be fulfilled, absences from Spain during this period cannot exceed 120 days.
- Have family ties (spouse or registered domestic partner, first degree ascendants or descendants and direct line) with other resident foreigners or with Spaniards, or, present a report that proves their social integration issued by the Autonomous Community (or the City Council if the Autonomous Community has authorized it), in whose territory they have their habitual residence.
- Have an employment contract signed by the worker and employer, for a period of no less than one year. The company or employer must be the registered with Social Security, as well as being up to date with compliance with their tax obligations and with Social Security.
- Have enough funds in the account to survive (this number increases with the number of family members).



- Arraigo laboral: What is this authorization?

It is a temporary residence authorization for exceptional circumstances that may be granted to foreign citizens who are in Spain and have had working relationships for a minimum of six months.

The requirements to apply for arraigo laboral in Spain.

- Not be a citizen of a State of the European Union, the European Economic Area or Switzerland, or a family member of citizens of these countries to which the Union citizen regime applies.
- Lack of a criminal record in Spain and in their previous countries of residence for crimes under Spanish law.
- Not being the prohibited from entering Spain and not appearing as objectionable in the territorial space of countries with which Spain has signed an agreement in this regard.
- Not being, where appropriate, within the commitment period of no return to Spain that the foreigner has assumed when returning voluntarily to their country of origin.
- To have remained continuously in Spain for a minimum period of two years. Continuous stay is understood if absences have not exceeded 90 days in the last two years.
- Be able to demonstrate the existence of labor relations whose duration is not less than six months.

For more information, you can contact our office or send a request to the email address.

