

INFORMATIVE NOTE

This information was correct on the 1st January 2022

NON-LUCRATIVE RESIDENCE IN SPAIN

For the granting of an initial temporary residence permit without working or undertaking any professional activities, the applicant shall:

1. Not to be a citizen of a member State of the European Union, the European Economic Area or Switzerland, or a family member of citizens of those countries to which the Union citizen regime applies.
2. Not be an illegal immigrant in Spanish territory.
3. In the event that the applicant is of legal criminal age, 18 or older, they have no criminal record in Spain or in any countries where they have resided for the last five years, for any serious offences under Spanish law.
4. Not be prohibited from entering Spain or any other territorial area of countries with which Spain mutual agreements to that effect.
5. Have sufficient financial means, from pensions, bank accounts, investments etc, to meet your stay and return expenses and those of your family, during the period of time for which you wish to reside in Spain and without the need to work or undertake any professional activity. You must prove that you have 400% of the IPREM. For 2022, the IPREM is €79.02 for a month. This means that an individual would need financial means of €2,316.08 or €27,792.92 yearly. For each additional family member, 100% of the IPREM is required, which in 2022 amounts to €79.02 per month or its equivalent in the foreign currency.
6. Have public health cover or private health insurance arranged with an insurer authorized to operate in Spain.
7. Do not suffer from any of the diseases that may have serious public health implications in accordance with the 2005 International Health Regulations. (For Example: - yellow fever, cholera etc)
8. Have paid the fees for the residence application.

The assessment of each case by both the relevant Consulate and the Foreign Office shall be carried out on an individual basis. From the 30th June 2021 the process has to start at your nearest Spanish Consulate in the UK to obtain the NLV (Non Lucrative Visa)



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM BREXPATS IN SPAIN

Written by Anne Hernandez MBE – Correct on the 1st July 2021 (Updated 14th November 2021)

The first and very important fact is that there is no special visa for those who just want to extend their leisure time here in the EU beyond the 90 days. There is a visa for special circumstances to permit you to stay longer but only in exceptional circumstances - illness, pregnancy etc.

There are different visas but you will need to prove adequate funds to support yourself, public health cover or private Spanish medical insurance with no co-payments, criminal records, doctor report to prove you are not bringing in any contagious diseases, completed application forms, pay the fees and comply with any other stipulations pertaining to the type of visa you are applying for from the Spanish Consulate in the UK. And of course comply with whatever restrictions are attached to each different visa. For example, the time you are allowed to be away from Spain, taxation etc.

1. **Golden Visa** if investing more than €500,000 in one name in a property/properties without a mortgage and it comes with permission to work.
2. **Non-lucrative Visa** is a residence visa sometimes called the retirement visa because it will give entitlement to live legally in Spain but not to work.
3. **Student Visa** is essential if you are going to study in Spain but you must prove enrolment at an official Spanish academic institution or recognised private school.
4. **Work Visa** but unless self-employed (see business visa) a Spanish company must sponsor you and be willing to employ you with a work contract. As a 3rd country national now, the company must prove that no Spanish national or EU citizen wanted or was suitable for the job. Gone are the days when you could pop over for the summer season and work in a bar or touting timeshare in the holiday resorts!
5. **Business Visa** - this would be as a self-employed person and requires a detailed and credible business plan.

Before Brexit, as an EU citizen it was our right to come here to live, now we have to ask for permission from Spain to do so. That is a huge difference and your application might not be approved so don't plan on booking any flights or finding accommodation before you get that visa stamp in your passport. Wait until you receive the final approval letter from the Spanish consulate. And then come here but know that you must apply for the TIE, some seem to think that the stamp in the passport is their residencia, it is not. For example, the NLV is valid for just 3 months and I have heard of some who are either not told or do not understand that they must apply for their TIE within that time from Spain.

When you apply for your TIE the first one is issued for 1 year, before that expires you have to reapply and show you have two years' worth of financial means. The renewal is then for 2 years, before that expires you then renew the TIE for a further 2 years, again showing you have the financial means for that time. At the end of the initial 5 years when you renew the TIE you will then receive a Permanent one that is valid for 10 years.

I have said it before but this visa and your TIE is important to you if you want to live here so instead of trying to cut corners and get a neighbour who happens to speak Spanish to help please use recommended professionals to assist you with submissions of documentation. We have those professionals if you need help.

Seeing some confusion over the time allowed to be away from Spain if resident.

If TIE is granted under the WA and is a temporary 5 year one then you can be absent for 6 months in any year (max 182 days). If TIE is a 10 year permanent one you can be absent from Spain for up to 5 years.

If TIE is granted via the Non Lucrative Visa route then you can only be absent for max 10 months over the first 5 years, one max period of 6 months allowed but that only leaves you with another 4 months to be absent during the rest of those 5 years. Once you have the 10 year Permanent TIE It is 2 years outside of Spain but still in the EU. It is 1 year if outside of Spain and outside of the EU.