

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

**This information was correct on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

### **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. The minimum amount for the year 2021 will be 28,000 Euros for one person. For each additional family member, it will increase by 7,000 euros more.
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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> July 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.

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.