



PREVIOUS REQUIREMENTS

You must appear **in person**. Applicants must have permanent residency status in the US.

The request for a visa must be made at the Consulate of Spain which has jurisdiction over the state where the applicant resides. This Consulate General has jurisdiction over the following states: **New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Delaware.**

The visa will be affixed to your passport, before the departure. It is not possible to request the visa in Spain or do the process through the mail.

To book your **appointment**, please [click here](#). It is not relevant if you select "business" or "tourism" for the purpose of the appointment. The Visa Department will assist you according to the long stay visa you are going to apply for. If you cannot find availability at your convenience, please revisit the online appointment system frequently since cancellations are usual.

WHAT ARE THE RESIDENCE VISAS OF THE LAW OF ENTREPRENEURS?

This Act is aimed at investors, entrepreneurs, highly skilled professionals, researches, and workers performing **inter-company business operations**, including their spouses and children under 18.

The Act facilitates a swiftness of processing, generally establishing a resolve **within 10 days** for all visa applications relevant to this law.

The Residence Visa issued under this law is sufficient to reside in Spain **for one year** without having to obtain a foreign identity card.

The renewal of Residency may take place even if absences exist for longer than six months per year in the case of Residency Visas and authorizations for foreign investors and for foreign workers performing inter-company operations abroad or that have established their base of operations in Spain.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants **must submit originals and 1 copy of the below mentioned documents**. If your documents are accepted to process the visa they will not be returned.

1. Two [National Visa application forms](#) per applicant duly filled out and signed.
2. **Two photographs** in color, 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm.) in size, printed on matte or glossy photo quality paper, taken within the last 6 months to reflect your current appearance and in front of a plain white or off-white background.
3. **Passport** valid for a minimum of one year and with at least two blank pages to affix the visa.
4. **Copy of the Police Record Certificate** for persons 18 years old and up from the country of origin or place of you residence for the last five years, bearing the "Apostille of the Hague Convention" (see additional information below). If the certificate is issued outside the US it must be duly legalized by the



corresponding Consulate of Spain plus one copy. The **original** certificate must be kept and brought to Spain in case of being required by the Spanish Police.

5. Proofs of **financial means** during your stay.
6. **Health insurance** (only for types of visa RIC, RIV and REM): international insurance coverage for health/accident, with a minimum coverage equal to €30,000 (or its equivalent in dollars) and including explicitly "repatriation" and "evacuation" coverage during the planning period of stay in Spain.
7. If you apply with your **family**: documents that prove your family ties, translated into Spanish by an official translator.
 - a. From your spouse: original marriage certificate and background check, with apostille.
 - b. From your children: original birth certificate/s, with apostille. From your spouse: original marriage certificate and background check, with [apostille](#).
8. **Money order** from a post office (USPS) to pay the **non-refundable fee**.
9. Non US citizens: Alien Residence Card (Green-Card) or residence visa valid in USA (except B-1 and B-2).

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Residence visa for capital investors (RIC)

A significant capital investment is understood as an initial investment with a value equal to or greater than **2 million Euros (€)** in Spanish government bonds issued or a value equal to or superior to **1 million€** in shares or shares in Spanish companies or deposits into Spanish financial institutions.

Besides the general requirements established, the applicant must have proof of the investment of the minimum amount required over a period not exceeding **60 days preceding** the filing of the application in the following manner:

1. In the case of an investment in unlisted shares or company shares a copy of the statement of investment made in the Registrar of Foreign Investments of the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness must be presented.
2. In the case of an investment in listed shares, a certificate of a financial intermediary, duly registered with the National Commission of the Stock Market or the Bank of Spain, which states that the person has made the investment according to the standard rules.
3. In the case of an investment in government bonds, a certificate of the financial institute or the Bank of Spain has to be presented which indicates that the applicant is the sole owner of the investment for a period equal to or greater than 5 years.
4. In the case of a bank deposit investment, a certificate from the financial institution must be presented which states that the applicant is the sole owner of the bank deposit.

Residence visa for buyers of real state (RIV)

Foreigners who can prove the acquisition of real estate in Spain with **an investment value equal to or in excess of 500.000€** may apply for this visa. This investment in real state must have been made **after** the entry into force of Law 14/2013; that is, **October 1, 2013**.

In addition to the general requirements established, the applicant must prove the acquisition of the real estate property by means of certification containing information of the dominion and taxes of the Land Registry which



corresponds with the property. This certification has to be issued **withing 90 days** preceding the presentation of the application of the Residency Visa. If, at the time of the visa application, the acquisition of land is pending registration at the Land Registry, it will be sufficient to submit certification attesting the pending submission for registration of the acquisition document, accompanied by the proof of payment of the corresponding taxes.

The applicant must prove availability of an investment in real estate for the amount of 500.000€ free of all charges or encumbrances. The share of investment in excess of the required amount may be subjected to charges or encumbrances.

Residence visa for entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial activities (REM)

This section covers all investors presenting a **business plan**, considered and recognised as being **of general interest**, to be developed in Spain with the intention of entering and staying in Spain for a period of one year for the sole or primary purpose of carrying out the preparatory work to develop an entrepreneurial activity.

In the first place the applicant must present a **favourable report** from the Commercial Office in the area of geographical demarcation where the investor presents the visa request, to confirm that the business plan presented is considered as a general interest.

It must be noted that a significant capital investment is admissible when the investment is carried out by a legal person resident in an area not under the consideration of preferential taxation conforming to Spanish legislation and the foreigner possesses, directly or indirectly, the majority of voting rights and has the power to appoint or remove the majority of board members.

In the case of **entrepreneurs**, entrepreneurial activity is understood as that which is innovative in nature with a special interest to Spain and can count on a favourable report from the Commercial Office where the investor presents the application for the visa.

Residence visa for highly qualified professionals (TAC)

Application for this visa requires that the company carries out the processing of the **Residency Permit**, issued by the Large Enterprise and Strategic Economic Unit in Spain (*Unidad de Grandes Empresas y Colectivos Estratégicos*) and granted by the General Directorate of Immigration (*Dirección General de Migraciones*), in advance. Once the visa is granted, the applicant must submit the application form and all the documents specified in the "general requirements".

Residence visa for educational or research activities (RIN)

This visa contemplates the mixed case relating to foreigners wishing to perform activities of training, research, development and innovation in public or private institutions. These cases are:

1. **The Personal Researcher** to which Article 13 refers in the additional provision of the Law 14/2011, of June 1st, of Science, Tecnology and Innovation.
2. **The Personal Scientist and Technician** who carries out works of scientific investigation, development and technical innovation, in business institutes or centres of I+D+I established in Spain.
3. **Researches** accommodated in the framework of an agreement by organisations of public or private research, under the conditions laid down by regulation.



4. **Teachers** contracted by universities, organisations or centres of higher education or research, or business schools established in Spain in agreement with the criteria of established regulation.

Residence visa for intra-company moves (TTI)

This visa may be processed for those foreigners who move to Spain as part of an **employment, professional or vocational training** on the grounds of a relationship with a company established in Spain or in another country.

This visa requires that the company performs the application beforehand in Spain for the processing of a **Residence Permit** for Intra-Company Transfers, done by the Large Enterprise and Collective Strategies Unit (*Unidad de Grandes Empresas y Colectivos Estratégicos*) and granted by the General Directorate of Immigration (*Dirección General de Migraciones*).

Residency visa for Family Members (RFI)

The new Law establishes that **the spouse and children under 18 years of age**, or the elderly, unable to provide for their own necessities due to their state of health, that is united with a accompany the applicant may apply for a Residency Visa.

In addition to the general requirements they have to prove their family relations.

•ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS MAY APPLY•