



## Factsheet on residence and work visa as a self-employed worker

This visa allows the holder to reside in Spain and work as a self-employed worker.

### Regulations

The procedures and conditions for issuing these visas are set out in Organic Law 4/2000 of January 11th and in its implementing regulation, approved by Royal Decree 557/2011 of April 20th (Articles 103 to 108).

### Foreigners subject to the requirement of this visa

All foreigners who do not hold the nationality of a European Union member state, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Switzerland, and who wish to reside in Spain and work as a self-employed worker, must apply for this type of visa.

### Place of application

The visa is requested in the Spanish Diplomatic Mission or Consular Office for the area in which the foreigner national resides.

The consular jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Spain in Montreal covers the provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Québec (except Gatineau), and Newfoundland and Labrador.

### Requirements

The visa must be requested and collected in person. The application may also be submitted by a duly authorized representative under duly accredited exceptional circumstances.

The required fee must be paid at the moment the visa is requested, and will not be refunded in the event the application is refused.

If the applicant travel with the family, each member of the family must present an independent visa application, the documents to be enclosed and a document proving the relationship (Marriage or birth certificate, as the case may be).

### Visa application form

The visa application must be submitted on a duly completed [Application for National Visa](#) form (original and copy), which can be downloaded free of charge from this web page or can also be obtained free of charge from the Consular Office.

The application must include a recent full-face photograph, Canadian passport size, in color, on a light, plain and uniform background, without dark glasses or any garment that may prevent identification of the applicant.

### Documents to be enclosed

Aliens shall enclose the original and a copy of the following documents with the application:

1. A completed and signed application for a residence authorization form ([form EX-07](#)).
2. A completed and signed fee payment form for an initial residence authorization ([form 790, code 052](#)).
3. A completed and signed fee payment form for an initial self-employed work authorization ([form 990, code 062](#)).

4. Valid passport with a minimum validity of 4 months.
5. If the applicant is not a Canadian citizen, he/she must provide documentation proving his/her residence status in Canada (permanent residence permit, working permit, study permit, etc.)
6. Negative criminal record, issued by the authorities of the country or countries where you have lived during the past five years, including Canada.

Criminal records issued in others countries must be legalized with the Apostille (see [Countries members of the Hague Convention](#)) or by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of those countries and by the Embassy or Consulate of Spain in those countries (se Embassies and Consulates of Spain abroad)

7. Medical certificate issued by your family doctor with the following text:

“This medical certificate confirms that Mr. / Mrs. [.....] does not suffer from any of the diseases that can have serious implications for public health in accordance with the provisions of the 2005 International Health Regulations”

This certificate must be issued in a letter format and must include the official stamp of the medical center or the doctor.

8. Properly endorsed title or accreditation that you hold the training and skills required to perform the job, when appropriately.
9. Evidence that you have enough economic means for investment or sufficient support by financial institutions or by others.
10. Project of business or activity to be carried out, including the proposed investment, expected profits and, depending on the case, work positions that might be created.
11. List of the authorizations or licences that are required to setting up, opening or functioning of the projected activity or for the professional practice stating the situation the procedures these are in, and including completed form copies of all the application made at the corresponding administrative bodies.
12. Estimate that the activity will produce the first year from the beginning sufficient economic resources to support at least the maintenance ad accommodation after all necessary costs to continue the activity have been deducted.
13. [Look up the consular fees chart to know the amount you must pay](#). **ONLY** money order or certified cheque payable to the Consulate General of Spain will be accepted.
14. A prepaid XPRESSPOST envelope if passport is to be sent outside.

#### **Delay**

The delay for a non-lucrative residence visa is three months, not counting the period of consultation the Government Provincial Delegation.

#### **Visa issue**

The visa issued will have a validity of three months and fifteen days, with multiple entries and ninety days of stay.

#### **Collection of the visa**

The foreign national must collect his or her visa within one month of being notified that it has been granted.

#### **Entry into Spain**

The foreigner must entry into Spain during the period of validity of the visa.

#### **Foreign National Identity Card (Tarjeta de Identidad de Extranjero)**

The holder of a residence visa must obtain a foreign national identity card within one month of his or her entry into Spain.

#### **Schengen Space**

Foreign nationals who hold a valid long term national visa can move freely through other Schengen States for a maximum of three months within any six month period, so long as they meet the entry conditions.

**Information**

For more information or any clarification, please contact the Visa Department at the Consulate General of Spain (Tel: (416) 977-1661, ext. 2)