

## Further information:

Large Business and Strategic Groups Unit  
(General Secretariat for Immigration and  
Emigration of the Ministry of Employment and  
Social Security)

<http://extranjeros.empleo.gob.es/es/UnidadGrandesEmpresas/>

Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices of  
Spain.

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/EmbajadasConsulados.aspx>

Spanish Economic and Commercial Offices  
abroad:

[www.oficinascomerciales.es](http://www.oficinascomerciales.es)

Directorate-General for Trade and Investment.  
State Secretariat for Trade. Ministry of Economy  
and Competitiveness.

[www.comercio.gob.es](http://www.comercio.gob.es)

ICEX-Invest in Spain.

[www.investinspain.org](http://www.investinspain.org)

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ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ACT OF  
27 SEPTEMBER 2013 (*Ley 14/2013*).

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY SECTION



R&D&i AND TRAINING  
RESIDENCE



## What is the aim?

To facilitate the entry in Spain of non-EU nationals wishing to pursue training and research activities in the public or private sector.

## Who is it for?

- Researchers.
- Scientific and technical staff.
- Teachers:
  - of universities.
  - of business schools.

## How is it done?

Through a residence permit valid throughout Spain.

## Where do I apply?

- The institution must apply for the permit from the **Large Business and Strategic Groups Unit** [Unidad de Grandes Empresas y Colectivos Estratégicos (UGE-CE)].
- Once the permit has been awarded, if the applicant is outside Spain, he or she must apply for an entry visa at the Spanish Consulate in his/her country of origin or residence.

## What are the requirements and what documents are needed?

- **General documents:**
  - ID or passport.
  - Public or private health insurance taken out with a company operating in Spain.
  - Background check.
  - Proof of sufficient funds to support the applicant and members of his/her family during residence in Spain.
- **Specific documents:**
  1. Provide proof of the situation applicable to the contracting institution from those set out in Article 72 of *Ley 14/2013*:
    - Whether it is a body cited in the legislation (public university, state or regional public research entity, university or private entity in accordance with the first additional provision).
    - If it is a business entity or R&D&i centre established in Spain, a report is required from the DG Innovation and Competitiveness (Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness).
    - Whether it is a public or private body signatory to an agreement, under the provisions of the regulations.
    - Whether it is a centre or institute of higher education and research.
    - Whether it is a business school established in Spain.
  2. Submit the relevant documents certifying the professional relationship between the entity and the applicant.

## What other benefits are there?

- A Residence and work permit valid anywhere in Spain.
- Joint processing for married couples and their children.
- No Economic Needs Test is applied.
- Streamlined processing:
  - Visas decisions are made and notified within 10 working days.
  - Decisions are made on residence permits within 20 days.
- Residence permit procedures are centralised at a single contact point: the Large Business and Strategic Groups Unit [Unidad de Grandes Empresas y Colectivos Estratégicos (UGE-CE)].