

## 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



## ENTREPRENEUR RESIDENCE



## Who can apply?

- Non-EU nationals intending to **engage in innovative business** of particular economic interest for Spain.

## How can I apply?

- **Candidates who are not currently in Spain** must apply for a **one-year residence visa** for the sole or chief purpose of making the **necessary preparatory arrangements to do business here**.
- **Candidates who are in Spain, i.e. who have a residence or stay permit or entrepreneur visa**, must apply specifically for a **two-year renewable residence permit for entrepreneurs**, which will enable them to conduct an entrepreneurial activity.

## Where can I apply?

- **Visa** applications must be made to the **Spanish Consulate** in the country of origin or residence.
- **Residence permit applications** should be made to the **Large Business and Strategic Groups Unit** [Unidad de Grandes Empresas y Colectivos Estratégicos (UGE-CE)].

## Which documents do I need to submit?

- **General documents:**
  - ID or passport.
  - Public or private health insurance 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:**
  - **Before** applying for your visa or permit, you will need a **favourable report** on the business and entrepreneurial activity you intend to carry out in Spain.

## Where do I request this report?

- **For visas**, the report on entrepreneurial activity of interest should be requested from the **Spanish Economic and Commercial Office** in the same area where the visa is requested.
- **For residence permits**, the entrepreneurial activity report should be requested from the Directorate-General for Trade and Investment.

## What is a business activity of economic interest for Spain?

Any business and/or entrepreneurial activity leading to the creation of jobs and/or which would be innovative in Spain, and/or involves making investments in Spain.

## What should I bring to request the report?

The business plan of the project, specifically: the professional profile of the applicant, the type of business activity, the number of jobs that will be created, the features and qualifications required for each, where the project will be set up (geographical area) and how much the investment will be.

## What other benefits are there?

- With the residence permit, you may live and work anywhere in Spain.
- Combined processing of permits for married couples and their children.
- No Economic Needs Test is applied.
- Streamlined processing:
  - Visa decisions are made and notified within 10 working days.
  - Decisions are made on residence permits within 20 days.
- All 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)].