

National Visas - Residence Visa for Teleworking (Digital Nomad)

General Information

Visa for foreigners who wish to carry out remote work or professional activities for companies located outside of Spain, using exclusively computer, telematic, or telecommunication means.

Foreigners who carry out an employed activity may only work for companies located outside of Spain.

Foreigners who carry out self-employed activities (as freelancers) may also work for companies located in Spain, provided that such work does not exceed 20% of their total activity.

To obtain this visa, it is necessary to have a graduate or postgraduate degree issued by a prestigious university, vocational training center, or business school, or to prove a minimum of three years of professional experience.

The following family members of teleworkers may also obtain the visa:

☑ The spouse or common-law partner.

☑ Minor children and children of that age who are financially dependent on the teleworker and who have not formed a family unit themselves.

☑ Ascendants who are dependent on the teleworker.

It is necessary to apply for a NIE (Foreigner Identification Number) at the same time as the visa (See Passports and other documents > Foreigner Identification Number).

Required documents

General (for international teleworkers and their family members):

1. National visa application form. In Spanish-French, Spanish-English. Each applicant, or their representative, must complete all sections and sign a visa application.

2. Photograph. One recent, passport-sized, color photograph with a light background, taken head-on, without dark glasses, reflections, or clothing that obscures the oval of the face.

3. Valid, unexpired passport. Original and a photocopy of the biometric data page(s) of your passport. If you are a resident of Turkey, you must have proven long-term residency. Your passport must be valid for at least one year and have two blank pages. Passports issued more than 10 years ago are not accepted.

4. Criminal Record Certificate. Applicants of legal age must present the original and a copy of the criminal record certificate issued by their country or countries of residence within the last two years. A declaration of non-criminal convictions must also be submitted. This document must be in Spanish or translated into Spanish and bear the Hague Apostille (one apostille on the original and another apostille on the translation). Documents from countries that are not party to the Hague Agreement must be legalized by the Spanish Embassy in that country.

5. Proof of residence in the consular district. The visa applicant must provide proof of legal residence in the country where the application is being submitted. A certificate of registration (Ikametgah Tezkeresi) must be presented.

6. Proof of the representative's identity and capacity. If the visa is being applied for through a representative, a copy of the representative's ID card or passport and the power of attorney or document proving representation must be submitted. The originals must be presented when submitting the application.

7. Payment of the visa fee. The fee is USD 104.00 in cash and exact. Please check BLS Service fee from web site,

8. Health insurance. Original and a copy of the public or private health insurance certificate taken out with an insurance company authorized to operate in Spain (the insurance company must be registered on the list of insurance and reinsurance companies of the General Directorate of Insurance and Pension Funds of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism). The insurance must cover all risks insured by the public health system in Spain.

It is not necessary to present health insurance if coverage by the Spanish public Social Security system is proven.

If an international Social Security agreement applies that allows the teleworker insured in another State to carry out their activity in Spain, instead of health insurance, a certificate of entitlement to coverage issued by the competent institution of the State in whose Social Security system they are insured must be presented.

Specific for international teleworkers. Original and a copy of the following documents:

1. Company certificate reflecting:

a) Employee: the employee's length of service in the company (must not be less than three months) and the express authorization of the company for the worker can work remotely.

b) Self-employed worker: the length of the contractual relationship (must not be less than three months) and the terms and conditions under which the professional activity will be carried out remotely.

2. Certificate from the Commercial Registry (or equivalent body of the country) reflecting the company's incorporation date (must not be less than one year) and the type of activity it carries out.

3. A declaration of responsibility (from the company or the self-employed worker) stating the commitment to comply with social security obligations prior to starting work or professional activity.

4. For employed workers: proof of application for registration of the company with Spanish Social Security and proof of the worker's Social Security affiliation.

5. For self-employed workers (self-employed workers): proof of affiliation with the RETA (self-employed workers' regime).

6. The requirement to register with Social Security may be replaced by importing the right from the country of origin when there is an international Social Security agreement with Spain. In this case, the Social Security system in the country of origin must issue a certificate of applicable legislation for teleworkers, based on said agreement, which provides temporary coverage in Spain. This circumstance will be included in the declaration of compliance.

Important: Only some countries issue the aforementioned certificate of coverage for teleworkers. It is recommended to consult international Social Security agreements and the templates for certificates of legislation for bilateral agreements.

7. Documentation proving financial resources

a) Teleworker: A monthly amount representing 200% of the minimum interprofessional wage (SMI).

b) Family members of the teleworker: At least 75% of the SMI for the first person reunited and at least 25% of the SMI for each additional member.

To prove the indicated amounts, any means of proof may be used (employment contract, firm job offer, or, in the case of professional activity, a commercial contract corresponding to the work or professional activity to be performed, or others). The ownership, legality, and availability of the funds used as proof must be proven.

8. Documentation proving qualifications or professional experience: Original and a copy of the graduate or postgraduate degree from a prestigious university, vocational training center, or a prestigious business school. Alternatively, documents proving a minimum of three years of professional experience in duties similar to those of the position to be performed as an international teleworker. The experience must be comparable to the required qualifications and relevant to the authorized remote employment or professional relationship.

To practice a regulated profession, accreditation of the qualifications required for its practice must be provided.

If there are doubts about the equivalence of a vocational training qualification in the Spanish education system, proof of the qualification's validation by the competent educational authority may be required.

A visa for teleworking cannot be granted when the conditions of the application coincide with those of an intra-company transfer visa.

Specific requirements for family members of international teleworkers.

1. Documents proving the relationship with the teleworker: birth or marriage certificates issued by the civil registry, certificate of registration as a common-law partner, or any other document proving the relationship as an unregistered couple.

2. In the case of adult children, documents proving the child's financial dependency and marital status.

3. In the case of ascendants, documents proving that they are dependents of the worker.

Procedure

This Consular Office is competent to accept visa applications from persons residing within the consular district.

☒ Legal Entity: The visa application must be submitted in person by the applicant, or by one of their parents if the applicant is a minor. It may also be submitted through a duly accredited representative.

☒ Location: Applications must be submitted at the BLS INTERNATIONAL offices, with an appointment scheduled through their website. In this case, a fee of USD must be paid for services rendered at BLS office.

BLS INTERNATIONAL: Tel: +90.212.401.23.23 (from outside Turkey)

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☒ The applicant to submit any missing documents or provide additional documents or information necessary to resolve the application. It may also call the applicant for a personal interview.

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