European Commission regarding registering your residence in Spain

As an EU national, you are entitled to live in Spain for over 3 months if:

- you have a salaried position or you are self-employed in Spain
- or you can support yourself and your family, and you have a public or private health insurance that provides full cover in Spain
- or you are a registered student at an educational establishment recognized by the Spanish authorities, and you can support yourself and have a public or private health insurance with full cover in Spain
- Or you are a family member of an EU national that meets one of the previous conditions. The family member can be:
  - If case of a student: his/her spouse or common-law partner, or his/her children
  - In other cases: his/her spouse or common-law partner, his/her children or spouse’s children up to 21 years old or incapable or his/her ancestors.

In all of these cases, you must still register with the Central Register of Foreign Nationals Registro Central de Extranjeros, no later than 3 months after arriving in Spain.

Registering with the Central Register

Do this in one of 2 places:

- the Register’s local office oficina de extranjería in the province where you are living
- in your local police station (if the Register has no local office in your province)

Requested documentation.

You have always to attach the following documents:
• Passport or other identity document (not expired)

• Official form (EX-18), two copies, filled and signed by the EU national.

In addition, you will have to attach other documents, depending on your situation:

• **Salaried workers** – your contract of employment or other proof of your employment status.

• **Self-employed workers** – proof of registration in the register of economic activities (censo de actividades económicas) or other proof of your employment status.

• **Not in employment in Spain?** Proof of:
  
  o (I) health cover valid in Spain and
  
  o (ii) Sufficient means to support yourself and your family.

  o **Pensioners** – provide proof of public health cover.

• **students** –
  
  o (I) proof of your registration in an educational establishment,
  
  o (ii) proof of public or private health cover and
  
  o (iii) Formal declaration that you have sufficient means to support yourself during your stay.

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**Implementation of direktiv 2004:38 in Spain**

**Ministerio De Trabajo, Migraciones Y Seguridad Social.**

Every citizen from an EU Member State or another State Part of the Agreement in the European Economic Area, have the right to stay in the Spain for a period of more than three months if:

• You are a worker employed in Spain

• You are a self-employed worker in Spain

• You have enough resources for you and your family members not to become a burden for social assistance in Spain during their period of your residence.
• You must also provide public or private health insurance, contracted in Spain or in another country that provides coverage in Spain during your period of residence, equivalent to that provided by the National Health System.

• The assessment of the sufficiency of economic means will be made individually and, in any case, taking into account the personal and family situation of the applicant.

• Sufficient accreditation for the fulfillment of this requirement will be considered the possession of resources that are higher than the amount that each year sets the Law of General Budgets of the State to generate the right to receive a non-contributory benefit, taking into account the personal and family situation of the interested.

• You are a student and enrolled in a public or private center recognized or financed by the educational administration to study or professional training, as well as having public or private health insurance contracted in Spain or another country that provides full coverage in Spain.

• Have made a responsible declaration that there is sufficient resources for you and your family members, so you’re not to become a burden for social assistance in Spain during their period of residence.

• Or be a national of a Member State, a family member accompanying or meeting a citizen of the Union or the European Economic Area, who meets any of the above conditions.

• The family member may be:

• In the case of a student’s family member, his / her spouse or registered domestic partner or the student's children and their dependent spouse or partner. In the other cases, the registered spouse or domestic partner, their direct descendants and those of their spouse or partner under 21 years of age or incapable or older of that age who are dependent on them, and their direct ascendants or those of their spouse or of the registered couple living in their charge.

Required Documentation

• Copies of the documents must be provided and the originals must be exhibited at the time of submitting the application.

• Application form (EX-18) in duplicate, duly completed and signed by the citizen of the Union.

• The application form can be obtained at http://extranjeros.empleo.gob.es/es/ModelosSolicitudes/index.html.

• Passport or valid national identity document. In the event that it is expired, a copy of this and the renewal application must be provided.

If you are an employee, you can provide any of the following documents:

• Employer hiring statement or employment certificate, including, at least, the name and address of the company, tax identification and contribution account code.
• Employment contract registered in the Public Employment Service, or communication of the contract and its conditions assimilated to the registration in the corresponding Social Security system, or consent to the verification of the data in the files of the General Treasury of the Social Security.

If you are a self-employed worker, you can provide any of the following documents:

• Registration in the Economic Activities Census.

• Justification of its establishment through Registration in the Commercial Registry.

• Discharge document or situation assimilated to the registration in the corresponding Social Security system, or consent to the verification of the data in the files of the General Treasury of the Social Security or of the Tax Agency.

If you don’t work in Spain, you must provide:

• Documentation proving that you have public or private health insurance, contracted in Spain or in another country, provided you provide coverage in Spain during your period of residence equivalent to that provided by the National system of health.

• The pensioners comply with this condition by providing certification of having health care at the expense of the State for which they receive a pension.

• Documentation that proves to have sufficient resources for him and his family for the period of residence in Spain. It can be accredited by any means of proof admitted in law, such as property titles, certified checks, documentation justifying obtaining capital income or credit cards with bank certification that proves the amount available as credit of the aforementioned card.

If you are a student, you must provide:

• Enrollment of the public or private education center, recognized or financed by the competent educational administration.

• Documentation proving that you have public or private health insurance. You can provide a European health insurance card valid for the period of residence and enable you to receive the necessary health benefits from a medical point of view, taking into account the nature of the benefits and the expected duration.

• Responsible statement that you have sufficient resources for yourself and your family members, for your period of residence in Spain.

• It will be considered sufficient for the fulfillment of these requirements the presentation of documentation accrediting to participate in a program of the European Union that favors the educational exchange for students and teachers.

• If you are a family member of the Union, you must provide: Documentation accrediting, where appropriate, legalized of the family bond with the citizen of the Union.
• Documentation accrediting economic dependence.

• Documentation that proves that the relative who gives him the right is either a self-employed worker or self-employed person, or that he has sufficient means of living and health insurance, or that he is a student, has sufficient means for himself and his family members and health insurance.

Important note:

• When documents from other countries are submitted, they must be translated into Castilian or co-official language of the territory where the application is submitted.

• When it comes to standard forms of the European Union, neither its translation nor its legalization will be necessary in accordance with the provisions of the community regulations that protect them. For example: health care models S1, E109, E121...

• On the other hand, all foreign public documents must be previously legalized by the Consular Office of Spain with jurisdiction in the country where the document was issued.

• Or, where appropriate, by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation except in the case in which said document has been apostilled by the competent authority of the issuing country according to the Hague Convention of October 5, 1961 and unless said document is exempt from legalization under the International Convention.