

## **Residence visa for telework (digital nomad) (TEL)**

### **Residence visa for family members (RFI)**

Visa for foreigners who want to work or work remotely for companies located outside Spain through the exclusive use of computer, telematics or telecommunication means.

A foreigner who is employed may only work for undertakings outside Spain.

Foreigners who are self-employed (as self-employed persons) may also work for companies located in Spain, provided that the percentage of 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 renowned universities, professional training centres or business schools of recognized prestige, or to prove a minimum professional experience of three years.

#### **❖ The following family members of the teleworker may also obtain the visa:**

- The spouse or domestic partner.
- Minor children and adults who are economically dependent on the teleworker and who have not themselves constituted a family unit.
- The ascendants that are in charge of the teleworker.

**It is necessary to apply for the NIE number before his appointment to apply for the visa. To apply for the NIE number, please send an email to the following direction and ask them about this issue: [emb.elcairo.sc@maec.es](mailto:emb.elcairo.sc@maec.es)**

#### **Regulations:-**

Law 14/2013, of 27 September, on support for entrepreneurs and their internationalization and Law 25/2015, amending Law 14/2013.

#### **How to apply:-**

The applicant must apply for the national visa through BLS website and to make sure that all the documents is clear.

Those citizens who intend to reside in Spain must first inform themselves in the competent bodies of the procedures to be carried out, mainly in the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Employment and Social Security.

#### **Resolution time:-**

The maximum time limit for resolving residence visa files for telework (digital nomad) is 10 days from the day following the date of submission of the application, but this period may be extended when additional documents are requested or an interview is held.

#### **Resolution of the visa:-**

If the visa is issued, the person concerned must personally collect his passport from the competent diplomatic mission or consular post within one month of notification of the grant and must verify, before leaving the consular section, that there is no error in the visa data and that it is stamped.

If the visa is refused, the applicant shall be notified. In such cases, an administrative appeal may be lodged with the Madrid High Court of Justice within two months of the date of notification or an appeal for reinstatement to the same diplomatic mission or consular post within one month of the date of notification of the refusal.

#### **Visa validity:-**

The visa is valid for 1 year or for the same period as the residence permit granted, provided it is less than one year.

The visa certifies residence in Spain during its validity, it is not necessary to obtain a Foreign Identity Card. However, this card may be requested from the relevant Aliens Office or Police Station.

#### **Visa fees:-**

Please check BLS website for the current processing fee, which must be paid in cash, at the time of submitting the visa application. It is recommended that you show up with the exact amount. Refusal of the visa does not result in reimbursement of processing fees.

#### **Important notice about the alien identity card:-**

Once they have entered Spain, they must personally apply to the corresponding Provincial Aliens and Borders Brigade for an Alien Identity Card within one month. Such card shall be issued for the period of validity of the temporary residence permit.

#### **❖ General requirements (for international teleworkers and their families):**

##### **The applicant shall submit the following documentation:**

1. Application form.
2. A recent passport-size colour photograph, front, with white or light background, pasted to the application form.
3. Valid passport or travel document, recognised as valid in Spain, valid for at least one year. It must be accompanied by a photocopy of the first 2 pages and, if renewed, of the page where the renewal is recorded. The passport or travel document must have been issued no later than 10 years before the intended date of travel. Renewed passports or travel documents that were first issued more than 10 years ago are not accepted. The passport or travel document must have at least two blank pages. Passports or travel documents which have been visibly damaged, in whole or in part, with any of their leaves detached or torn or which have no magnetic reading strip shall be rejected. If you have any doubts, we recommend that you renew your passport. Warning: A visa loses its validity when the passport expires or is annulled, even if it has a later duration in time.
4. Certificate of criminal record. Applicants of legal age shall submit an original and a copy of the criminal record certificate issued by the country or countries of residence in the last 2 years. In addition, a statement responsible for the lack of criminal records of the last five years will be presented, duly legalized by the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Spanish Embassy. If you have resided in another country, this certificate must be legalized before the competent Spanish Embassy.
5. Proof of residence in the consular district. The visa applicant must prove his legal residence in the country where the application is submitted.
6. It proves the identity and capacity of the representative. If the visa is requested through a representative, a copy of the identity card or passport of the representative and the power

of attorney or document certifying the representation shall be presented. Originals will be displayed at the time of application.

7. Health insurance. Original and a copy of the public or private health insurance certificate contracted with an insurer authorized to operate in Spain (the insurer must be registered in the list of insurers and reinsurers 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 is applied which allows the teleworker insured in another State to carry on his activity in Spain, instead of health insurance, a **certificate of entitlement to cover issued by the competent institution of the State in whose social security system you are insured.**

**Specific requirements for international teleworkers (Original and a copy) of the following documents:**

**8. Certificate of the company reflecting:**

- i) Employed person: the length of service of the worker in the undertaking (must not be less than three months) and the express authorization of the undertaking for the worker to work remotely.
  - ii) Self-employed person: the length of the contractual relationship (must not be less than three months) and the terms and conditions under which you will be engaged in the distance work.
9. Certificate of Commercial Registration (or equivalent body of the country) which reflects the date of incorporation of the company (it must not be less than one year) and the type of activity it carries out.
  10. Responsible statement (of the undertaking or of the self-employed person) indicating the commitment to fulfil, prior to the commencement of the work or professional activity, social security obligations.
  11. For employed persons: proof of application for registration with the Spanish social security system and proof of the worker's social security affiliation.
  12. For self-employed persons (self-employed persons): proof of membership of RETA (self-employed persons scheme).
  13. The requirement to register for social security may be replaced by the import of the right from the country of origin when there is an international social security agreement with Spain. In this case, the Social Security of the country of origin must issue a certificate of applicable legislation for teleworkers, based on that agreement, which gives temporary coverage in Spain. This shall be included in the responsible statement.  
**Important:** Only a few countries issue this teleworker coverage certificate. It is recommended to consult the international conventions on social security and the model certificates of legislation of the bilateral conventions.

**14. Documents proving financial resources:-**

- I. **Teleworker:** an amount that represents 200% of the monthly minimum wage (SMI).
- II. **Family members of the worker:** at least 75% of the SMI for the first person regrouped and at least 25% of the SMI for each additional member.

To prove the amounts indicated, any means of proof may be used (employment contract, firm offer of employment or, in the case of professional activity, commercial contract that corresponds to the work or professional activity to be performed, or others). Proof of ownership, legality and availability of funds used as evidence must be provided.

15. **Documentation accrediting the degree or professional experience:** Original and a copy of the graduate or postgraduate degree from a university of recognized prestige, professional training or a business school of recognized prestige. Alternatively, documents accrediting a minimum of three years' professional experience in functions similar to those of the post to be performed as an international teleworker. The experience must be comparable to the qualification required and relevant for the performance of the employment or professional relationship at a distance that is authorized.

In order to exercise a regulated profession, the certification of the qualification necessary for the exercise must be accredited.

If there are doubts about the equivalence of a vocational training qualification in the Spanish educational system, accreditation of the qualification may be required before the competent educational authority.

A teleworking visa may not be granted if the conditions of the application are identical to those of the intra-corporate transfer visa.

**Specific requirements for the family members of the international teleworker:-**

1. Documents proving the relationship of kinship with the teleworker: birth or marriage certificate issued by the civil registry, duly legalized by the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, certificate of registration as a domestic partner or any other document proving the relationship as an unregistered partner. (Original and copy).
2. In the case of adult children, documents proving the economic dependence and marital status of the child.
3. In the case of ascendants, documents proving that they are the responsibility of the worker.

The applicant may be required to produce any additional documents deemed necessary. The applicant may also be required to be interviewed by the staff of the consular post.

If after you have submitted your visa application you receive a request to correct documents, they must be presented at **BLS** following the indications contained in the notification.