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Spain Digital Nomad Visa — Live & Work Remotely

Live in Spain while working remotely for companies abroad: income of at least 200% of Spain's minimum wage, a one-year visa and a three-year residence authorisation.

TIMELINE

Varies by consulate

JOB OFFER

Not required

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At a glance

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Overview

Spain's **Digital Nomad Visa**, formally the visa for **international telework**, lets a non-EU professional live in Spain while working remotely for companies based outside Spain or, if self-employed, mainly for clients outside Spain. It was created by **Ley 28/2022** (the Startups Law), which inserted article 74 bis into **Ley 14/2013**.

The route has two stages: a **consular visa valid for one year**, and a **residence authorisation granted from inside Spain for three years, renewable for a further two**.

Who qualifies

- **Non-EU/EEA nationality.**
- **A degree or postgraduate qualification from a recognised institution, or at least three years' professional experience.**
- **A working relationship of at least three months** with the company or clients before you apply.
- **A company that has been trading really and continuously for at least one year**, shown by a Commercial Registry certificate.
- **Employees** may work only for companies located outside Spain. **Self-employed** professionals may also work for Spanish companies, up to **20%** of their total professional activity.
- **Income of at least 200% of the SMI**, plus the family uplifts below.
- **Health insurance** and a **clean criminal record**.

Income: the multiple and the 2026 SMI

The income test is a multiple of Spain's minimum wage (*salario mínimo interprofesional*, SMI). For 2026, Real Decreto 126/2026 fixes the SMI at **€1,221 a month in 14 payments, or €17,094 a year**, applying from 1 January 2026.

Applicant	Multiple of the SMI	2026 annual figure
Main applicant	200%	€34,188 (about €2,849 a month)
First family member	75%	€12,820.50
Each additional family member	25%	€4,273.50

The SMI is set each year, so the figures move with it. XIPHIAS confirms the calculation the consulate handling your file applies before filing.

Costs

Item	Amount	Notes
Consular visa fee	€90	2026 consular tariff
TIE residence card, first issue	€16.08	Orden PJC/617/2025
TIE residence card, renewal	€19.30	Orden PJC/617/2025

Timeline

Consular processing times vary by consulate. After arriving on the visa, apply for your TIE residence card within 30 days. To stay beyond the visa year, apply from inside Spain to the Large Companies and Strategic Groups Unit (UGE-CE) for the three-year residence authorisation, which can then be renewed for two years.

Family

Your spouse or partner and children can be included. Each family member adds to the income requirement: 75% of the SMI for the first and 25% for each additional member.

Residence and travel

The visa and authorisation give residence in **Spain**. A Spanish residence card allows visa-free travel in the rest of the Schengen area for up to **90 days in any 180**; it does not give a right to live or work in other EU countries.

Tax

Employees holding the international telework visa can opt for Spain's special regime for inbound workers (the "Beckham" regime): a flat **24%** on employment income up to **€600,000**, for **six tax periods**, provided you have not been tax resident in Spain in the previous five years. Self-employed nomads are not automatically eligible. Take Spanish tax advice before relying on it.

Long-term residence and citizenship

After five years of continuous legal residence you can apply for long-term residence. **Spanish citizenship by residence requires ten years for Indian nationals** under article 22 of the Civil Code. The two-year period applies only to nationals of Ibero-American countries, Andorra, the Philippines, Equatorial Guinea and Portugal, and to people of Sephardic origin; India is not among them. India does not permit dual citizenship: acquiring Spanish citizenship would end Indian citizenship under Section 9(1) of the Citizenship Act 1955. Spanish residence does not.

Risks to plan for

- Employees cannot work for an employer located in Spain on this route.
- A working relationship of under three months, or a company trading for less than a year, fails the test.
- Income is measured against the SMI in force, which changes each year.
- The inbound-worker tax regime is not automatic for self-employed nomads.
- Citizenship for Indian nationals takes ten years of legal residence.

Key benefits

- Live in Spain while keeping your remote employer or clients outside Spain.
- One-year visa, then a three-year residence authorisation renewable for two more years.
- Spouse or partner and children can be included.
- Visa-free Schengen travel of up to 90 days in any 180 on your Spanish residence card.
- Employees can opt for the inbound-worker tax regime: 24% on employment income up to €600,000.
- Long-term residence after five years of continuous legal residence.

When this route may not fit

- Employees whose employer is located in Spain.
- A working relationship of under three months, or a company trading for less than one year.
- Income below 200% of the SMI plus family uplifts.
- EU/EEA nationals (the visa is not needed).

Skills, language and points

Job offer: No Spanish job offer needed. Employees work only for companies located outside Spain; self-employed professionals may take Spanish clients for up to 20% of their activity.

Funds to show

Requirement	Amount	Notes
Main applicant: 200% of the SMI (2026)	EUR 34,188	SMI 2026: €1,221 a month in 14 payments, €17,094 a year (Real Decreto 126/2026). About €2,849 a month.
First family member: 75% of the SMI (2026)	EUR 12,820.5	Added to the main applicant's requirement.
Each additional family member: 25% of the SMI (2026)	EUR 4,273.5	Added for each further family member.

How the process works

1. **Step 1: Eligibility check**
   Confirm the three-month relationship, the company's year of trading and income of at least 200% of the SMI.
2. **Step 2: Documents**
   Contract, Commercial Registry certificate, income evidence, qualifications, insurance and police certificate.
3. **Step 3: Consular application**
   File the international telework visa and pay the €90 fee.
4. **Step 4: Arrival and TIE**
   Enter on the one-year visa and apply for the TIE within 30 days.
5. **Step 5: Residence authorisation**
   Apply from inside Spain to the UGE-CE for the three-year authorisation.
6. **Step 6: Renewal**
   Renew for a further two years; long-term residence after five years.

Document checklist

Identity Documents

- Valid passport
- Completed visa application form
- Passport-size photographs
- Marriage or birth certificates for family members

Work and Company

- Employment contract or service agreements showing at least three months' relationship
- Commercial Registry certificate showing the company has traded for at least one year
- Employer letter authorising remote work from Spain

Income

- Payslips, invoices or bank statements evidencing income of at least 200% of the SMI
- Additional income evidence for each family member included

Qualifications

- Degree or postgraduate certificate, or evidence of three years' professional experience

Health and Character

- Health insurance valid in Spain
- Police clearance certificate, legalised and translated as required

Questions clients ask

Who can apply for Spain's Digital Nomad Visa?

Non-EU/EEA professionals working remotely for companies outside Spain, or self-employed professionals working mainly for clients outside Spain, with a degree or three years' experience.

How long is it valid?

The consular visa is valid for one year. From inside Spain you can then obtain a three-year residence authorisation, renewable for a further two years.

What is the minimum income requirement?

200% of the SMI. With the 2026 SMI of €1,221 a month in 14 payments (€17,094 a year), that is €34,188 a year, about €2,849 a month. Add 75% of the SMI for the first family member and 25% for each additional one.

Can I work for a Spanish company?

Only if you are self-employed, and only up to 20% of your total professional activity. Employees may work only for companies located outside Spain.

Can I include my family?

Yes. Your spouse or partner and children can be included, with the income uplifts above.

When can I apply for Spanish citizenship?

Indian nationals need ten years of legal residence. The two-year period applies only to Ibero-American and certain other nationalities, not to India.

Important notes

- Legal basis: article 74 bis of Ley 14/2013, inserted by Ley 28/2022 (the Startups Law).
- Apply for your TIE residence card within 30 days of arrival.
- Keep income, insurance and the remote working relationship in place: renewals re-test them.
- Income figures are confirmed against the SMI in force when you file.

Official sources: BOE — Ley 28/2022, de fomento del ecosistema de las empresas emergentes (Startups Law); BOE — Ley 14/2013, article 74 bis (international telework); BOE — Real Decreto 126/2026, salario mínimo interprofesional for 2026; Programa de Residencia para Inversores y Emprendedores — international teleworkers; Agencia Tributaria — special regime for inbound workers (impatriados); BOE — Civil Code, article 22 (nationality by residence).



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