



Spanish NIE number guide



What is a Spanish N.I.E. Number?

N.I.E. is an abbreviation for Número de Identidad de Extranjeros, which translates as Identification Number for Foreigners.

The NIE is your all-purpose identification number in Spain. You need it for everything that involves an official process in Spain. For example, you will need a NIE number to buy a property, buy a car, or get connected to utilities.

Who needs a NIE in Spain?

1. Any foreign national who becomes resident for tax purposes in Spain needs an NIE number in Spain.
2. Any non-resident foreign national who buys property in Spain.
3. Anyone who wants to work in Spain or start a business in Spain.

How do you apply for a NIE number?

There are three ways to apply for a Spanish NIE number:

1. Apply in person in Spain.
2. Apply in person via a Spanish consulate abroad.
3. Apply through a representative in Spain.

1.- APPLYING PERSONALLY IN SPAIN

You have to go to one of the immigration offices (oficinas de extranjeros) that are usually found in designated police stations (comisaría de policía). If there is no immigration office in your area, then it should be possible to make your application at a national police station. Using this link you can book an appointment to obtain your NIE.

You will need the following Documents:EX-

- 15 application form.
- British nationals and other non-EU nationals: Your passport and a photocopy of your entire passport (all pages), plus proof of your legal entry in Spain (for instance a landing card, flight tickets, boarding passes, etc).
- 790 payment form. Please complete and print the online form, then pay the tax (9,84 € - January 2022) at a bank before your appointment
- An original document (plus a photocopy) that justifies your reason for applying for an NIE number, such as a private purchase contract for a property, deposit contract, or a mortgage approval, etc.

After you have submitted your NIE application you will be given an official receipt and a time/date after which you can return to collect your NIE document. In some places you can collect your NIE number immediately, in other places it might be a couple of days later, or a couple of weeks – the police officer will tell you.

You do not have to collect your NIE in person – anyone can collect it for you if they have the official receipt or resguardo you were given when you submitted your application.

2.- APPLYING FOR NIE NUMBER IN PERSON VIA A SPANISH CONSULATE ABROAD

You can also apply for an NIE from any of the Spanish consulates around the world.

If you are going to apply in the Spanish Consulates in the UK, you can obtain an appointment sending an email to London: cog.londres.leg@maec.es, Edinburg: cog.edimburgo@maec.es and Manchester: cog.manchester@maec.es

Prepare the necessary documentation:EX-

- 15 application form
- British and other Non-EU nationals: Your passport and a photocopy of your entire passport.
- 2 copies of the appropriate application form (EX-15) duly completed but NOT SIGNED as you will need to sign it in the presence of a consular official. The Spanish consulate will not be able to provide you with this form so you must obtain it beforehand.

- 790 payment form. Please complete and print the online form. Payment should be done at the Consulate on the day of the appointment (£8.35 in fees -January 2022)
- You might also have to produce an original document (plus a photocopy) that justifies your reason for applying for an NIE number.
- If all the documents are correct you should receive your NIENumber in pdf format by email within 2/3 weeks.

3.- APPLYING FOR NIE NUMBER THROUGH A LEGALREPRESENTATIVE IN SPAIN

In this case, your legal representative will need to have thefollowing documents:

- EX-15 application form
- Grant them a poder, or power of attorney signed before notary, expressly granting permission to request an NIE number on your behalf.
- Original passport or a notarized copy of your passport (copia legitimada). If you go to a notary outside of Spain, the documentation will also need the Hague Apostille (but not if you get the notarized copy done by the Spanish embassy or consulate).
- 790 payment form. Please complete and print the online form. Payment should be done at the Consulate on the day of the appointment (9,84 € -January 2022)
- You might also have to produce an original document (plus a photocopy) that justifies your reason for applying for an NIE number.