

5 QUESTIONS ON THE SPANISH "NIE" NUMBER



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WHAT IS A SPANISH NIE NUMBER?

THE SPANISH NIE NUMBER, SHORT FOR "NÚMERO DE IDENTIFICACIÓN DE EXTRANJERO", IS A FOREIGNER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, A FISCAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR FOREIGNERS WHO WANT TO STAY MORE THAN 3 MONTHS IN SPAIN.



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WHY DO I NEED IT?

- OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT
- BUY A PROPERTY OR INSURE IT, OR GET A MORTGAGE
- SIGN AN INTERNET OR A PHONE CONTRACT
- OPEN A UTILITY CONTRACT
- BUY A CAR OR GET A DRIVING LICENSE
- SIGN A WORK CONTRACT AND GET SOCIAL SECURITY
- SETUP A COMPANY
- ... AND PAY TAXES



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HOW TO GET IT?

- A. AT THE SPANISH CONSULATE IN YOUR OWN COUNTRY
- B. IN SPAIN, AT THE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL OF THE POLICE, MAKE SURE YOU DON'T NEED TO REGISTER ONLINE BEFORE SHOWING UP, IT'S THE CASE IN BARCELONA FOR INSTANCE.
- C. BY A REPRESENTATIVE



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WHAT DO I NEED?

- I FILL IN TWO FORMS: EX - 15 SOLICITUD DE NUMERO DE IDENTIDAD DE EXTRANJERO NIE Y CERT .
- II PASSPORT AND COPY OF ALL PAGES
- III ADDRESS IN SPAIN
- IV 2 RECENT PASSPORT PHOTOS
- V DOCUMENT PROVING WHY YOU NEED A SPANISH NIE NUMBER, WHICH DIFFERS DEPENDING ON YOUR INTENTIONS. IN MOST CASES IT IS ONE OF THOSE:
 - GOING TO BUY A PROPERTY IN SPAIN
 - JOB CONTRACT FROM THE SPANISH COMPANY
 - SELF-EMPLOYED: A COMPANY OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATE
 - STUDENTS: ACCEPTANCE LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL
- VI NON-EU CITIZENS WILL NEED THE ADDITIONAL PROOF OF LEGAL ENTRY INTO SPAIN (FOR INSTANCE A LANDING CARD, KNOWN IN SPANISH AS A DECLARACIÓN DE ENTRADA)
- VII NIE APPLICATION FEE (YOU COULD NEED TO PAY IT TO THE NEAREST BANK IN CASH)



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HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

BETWEEN ONE HOUR TO UP TO 2 MONTHS DEPENDING ON THE WAY YOU DO IT. SO PLAN ACCORDINGLY!