



What is the 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.

Why do I need it?

- Open a bank account
- Buy a property or insure it
- 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

How to get it?

1. At the **Spanish consulate** in your own country
2. 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

Who can get it?

1. Yourself
2. A duly mandated representative

What do I need?

1. Fill in **TWO forms** “EX – 15 Solicitud de Numero de Identidad de Extranjero NIE y Cert”, You have to fill it in this Spanish version! [But here is a very](#)

[useful English Version where you will find everything translated and English instructions.](#)

2. **Passport**, copy of all pages
3. **Address in Spain**
4. **Two recent Passport pictures**
5. 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**: an acceptance letter from the school
6. **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”)
7. **NIE application fee, less than 15€** (you could need to pay it to the nearest bank in cash)

How long does it take?

Between one hour to up to 2 months depending on the way you do it. So plan accordingly!

Check our infographic on this subject on the last page of this report.

All those information are from reliable sources. We advise you to check those with your fiscal and legal agent in order to get all those costs up to date and adjusted to your specific situation.



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?

- AT THE SPANISH CONSULATE IN YOUR OWN COUNTRY
- 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.
- BY A REPRESENTATIVE



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WHAT DO I NEED?

- FILL IN TWO FORMS: EX - 15 SOLICITUD DE NUMERO DE IDENTIDAD DE EXTRANJERO NIE Y CERT .
- PASSPORT AND COPY OF ALL PAGES
- ADDRESS IN SPAIN
- 2 RECENT PASSPORT PHOTOS
- 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
- 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)
- NIE APPLICATION FEE (YOU COULD NEED TO PAY IT TO THE NEAREST BANK IN CASH)



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