

Who Should Apply for a Residencia (Residence Permit)?

The current Spanish law states any individual intending to remain in Spain longer than 183 days in any one period throughout the calendar year, who is not working and does not intend to work, should apply for a Residencia. Anyone legally working, either as an employee or in a self-employed capacity, no longer need apply for a Residencia (but it may be convenient to have one rather than carry/use your passport).

Alternatively, you can apply to the Hacienda for a Certificado de Residencia Fiscal. Either of the above will be sufficient to confirm your Resident status to the Notary when you come to sell your property. If you need and/or decide to apply for a Residencia, you will need the following:

current passport + 1 photocopy

2 recent passport style photos with your name clearly written on the back

The relevant application form, duly completed + 3 photocopies

Your province Comiseria will inform you by letter when your Residencia is ready for collection, and when and where you must go to sign, fingerprint and collect the document.

Renewing a Residencia

You will not be reminded when your Residencia needs renewing, so it is up to you to check.