



**PROCEDURE FOR THE ENTRY INTO AND STAY IN SPAIN
OF PROFESSIONALS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES
WORKING IN THE AUDIOVISUAL SECTOR**



The following document presents a summary of the **Agreement** of the Council of Ministers of 2 November 2021, **which approves the instructions determining the procedure for the entry into and stay in Spain of third-country nationals who work in the audiovisual sector.**

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WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THIS NEW PROCEDURE?



Foreign artists, technicians and professionals who are going to carry out activities within **the audiovisual sector**, artistic activities presented before the public or activities intended for recording of any kind for the purpose of dissemination by different mass media.



Family members accompanying the professional:

- The spouse or person with an accredited analogous affective relationship.
- Underage offspring or adult offspring who depend economically on the holder.
- Ascendants who are economically dependant on the holder.
- Parents or tutors of an underage person who performs an activity within the audiovisual sector.

Stay of up to 90 days for performing an activity in the audiovisual sector



How long can one remain in Spain?

90 days within a maximum period of 180 days.

There is no need to apply for a residence or work authorisation.



Who must apply for this?

- **A visa will be needed for those foreigners from a country whose nationals are subject to the obligation of obtaining a visa** to cross exterior borders. See at the following icon: 
- **No visa will be needed for those foreigners from a country whose nationals are exempt from the obligation of obtaining a visa** to cross exterior borders.



What documentation is needed?

- **Foreigners from a country requiring a Visa:**
 - » Visa.
 - » Foreigner's Identification Number (NIE).
 - » Registration with Social Security (in those cases not covered by an agreement on Social Security).
- **Foreigners from a country not requiring a Visa :**
 - » Foreigner's Identification Number (NIE).
 - » Registration with Social Security (in those cases not covered by an agreement on Social Security).

Stay visa for the audiovisual sector



What are the characteristics of this visa?

This visa is enough for one to stay and perform an activity in the audiovisual sector for a **period of more than 90 days and up to a maximum of 180 days**.



What process must one follow?

The foreigner in question, his or her legal representative if he or she is underage or a representative of the company hiring or transferring the professional, if authorised by the latter, may all apply for the stay visa for the audiovisual sector before the corresponding [Diplomatic Mission or Consular Office](#).



What documentation is needed?

- » 1 photograph.
- » A valid and current travel document.
- » A document proving residence in the consular demarcation.
- » A document that proves the labour or professional relationship with the company that hires or transfers abroad.
- » Documentation proving that the foreigner is part of a production project in the audiovisual sector.
- » In the case of relatives accompanying the worker, documents that prove the relationship of kinship and, where appropriate, the dependent condition of the worker or professional.
- » A public or private medical insurance in the event that the foreigner is not going to be covered by the National Health System or covered by a Social Security agreement.
- » A responsible declaration that the Spanish company that hires or transfers the professionals is registered in the Social Security system regime.

Stay authorisation for the audiovisual sector



What are the characteristics of this authorisation?

This authorization will be requested when foreign professionals are going to perform an activity in the audiovisual sector for a **period of more than 180 days**.

Should the foreign professional not be in Spain, once the residence permit has been granted, he or she must apply for the corresponding visa.



What documentation is needed?

- » A completed application form (select ICT-national figure).
- » A valid and current travel document.
- » A document accrediting the payment of fees (form 790).
- » A document proving the labour or professional relationship with the company that hires or transfers abroad.
- » Documentation proving that the foreigner is part of a production project in the audiovisual sector.
- » In the case of relatives accompanying the worker, documents that prove the relationship of kinship and, where appropriate, the dependent condition of the worker or professional.
- » A public or private medical insurance in the event that the foreigner is not going to be covered by the National Health System or covered by a Social Security agreement.
- » If the applicant is underage, an authorisation from his or her parents.



What process must one follow?

The Spanish company, or whoever has a validly attributed legal representation will be able to submit the **application** along with the supporting documentation of compliance with the requirements by electronic means before the [electronic headquarters of the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migrations](#).



In the event of the **professional not being in Spain**, once the authorisation has been granted, **he or she will have to request the corresponding visa at the Spanish consulate belonging to his or her jurisdiction**. The documentation he or she must submit is the following:

- » A visa application form.
- » 1 photograph.
- » A valid and current travel document.
- » A document proving residence in the consular demarcation.
- » A residence permit issued by the Unit of Large Companies (CGU from its Spanish initials) and payment of the visa fee.
- » Should the application be done via a representative, an authorisation document from the person represented.

COUNTRIES REQUIRING OR NOT REQUIRING A VISA FOR A 90-DAY STAY



Countries requiring a visa

- AFGHANISTAN
- ANGOLA
- ALGERIA
- ARMENIA
- AZERBAIJAN
- BAHRAIN
- BANGLADESH
- BELARUS
- BELIZE
- BENIN
- BHUTAN
- BOLIVIA
- BOTSWANA
- BURKINA FASO
- BURMA/MYANMAR
- BURUNDI
- CAMBODIA
- CAMEROON
- CAPE VERDE
- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
- CHAD
- **CHINA**
- COMOROS
- CONGO
- CONGO, DEMOCRATIC
- REPUBLIC OF THE CUBA
- DJIBOUTI
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- ECUADOR
- EGYPT
- ERITREA
- ESWATINI
- ETHIOPIA
- FIJI
- GABON
- GAMBIA
- GHANA
- GUINEA
- GUINEA, EQUATORIAL
- GUINEA-BISSAU
- GUYANA
- HAITI
- **INDIA**
- INDONESIA
- IRAQ
- IRAN
- IVORY COAST
- JAMAICA
- JORDAN
- KAZAKHSTAN
- KENYA
- KOREA, NORTH
- KUWAIT
- KYRGYZSTAN
- LIBERIA
- LIBYA
- MADAGASCAR
- MALAWI
- MALDIVES
- MALI
- MAURITANIA
- MONGOLIA
- MOROCCO
- MOZAMBIQUE
- NAMIBIA
- NEPAL
- NIGER
- NIGERIA
- OMAN
- PAKISTAN
- PAPUA NEW GUINEA
- PHILIPPINES
- QATAR
- RWANDA
- **RUSSIA**
- SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE
- SAUDI ARABIA
- SENEGAL
- SIERRA LEONE
- SOMALIA
- SRI LANKA
- SOUTH AFRICA
- SOUTH SUDAN
- SUDAN
- SURINAM
- SYRIA
- TAJIKISTAN
- TANZANIA
- THAILAND
- TOGO
- TUNISIA
- TURKEY
- TURKMENISTAN
- UGANDA
- UZBEKISTAN
- VIETNAM
- YEMEN
- ZAMBIA
- ZIMBABWE



Visa-exempted countries

- ALBANIA
- ANDORRA
- ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
- **ARGENTINA**
- **AUSTRALIA**
- BAHAMAS
- BARBADOS
- BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
- **BRAZIL**
- BRUNEI
- **CANADA**
- CHILE
- COLOMBIA
- COSTA RICA
- DOMINICA
- EAST TIMOR
- EL SALVADOR
- GEORGIA
- GRENADA
- GUATEMALA
- HOLY SEE (VATICAN CITY STATE)
- HONDURAS
- ISRAEL
- **JAPAN**
- KIRIBATI
- **KOREA, SOUTH**
- LAOS
- LEBANON
- LESOHTO
- MALAYSIA
- MARSHALL ISLANDS
- MAURITIUS
- **MEXICO**
- MICRONESIA
- MOLDOVA
- MONACO
- MONTENEGRO
- NICARAGUA
- NEW ZEALAND
- NORTH MACEDONIA
- PALAU
- PANAMA
- PARAGUAY
- PERU
- SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS
- SAINT LUCIA
- SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
- SAN MARINO
- SAMOA
- SERBIA
- SEYCHELLES
- SINGAPORE
- SOLOMON ISLANDS
- TONGA
- TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
- TUVALU
- **UKRAINE**
- UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
- **UNITED KINGDOM**
- **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**
- URUGUAY
- VANUATU
- VENEZUELA

STAY AUTHORISATION FOR UP TO 90 DAYS IN 180 DAYS

For people who come from a country whose nationals are subject to the obligation to obtain a visa to cross the borders (for Stay of less than 90 days), a Uniform Schengen Visa should be requested. What motive is to be selected?



The options: Tourism, Business, Visit to relatives or friends, Cultural, Sports, Studies, Other (specify), Official Visit. One must select “**Other: audiovisual sector job**”.

In stays of up to 90 days in 180 in Spain in which the permanence in Schengen is going to be exceeded: can you apply for the stay visa for the audiovisual sector?



It is necessary to anticipate the duration of the stay well in advance. If it is going to exceed 90 days, one must go through the visa route as, otherwise, professionals may encounter problems, especially if they are going to be coming and going. Let us imagine that they need to leave and re-enter while they are processing an extension of the stay, in which case they would be denied entry at the border, all the more so when the electronic entry and exit control system comes into force.

In unforeseen cases in which the stay has to be extended beyond what was initially set, an authorisation to stay can be requested from the UGE. Once in Spain, it is no longer necessary to apply for a visa.

STAY AUTORISATION FOR UP TO 90 DAYS IN 180 DAYS

How can I process the authorisation for the audiovisual sector?

- The application must be made 30 days before the expiry of the 90-day period starting from the date of entry into the Schengen area..
- This application will be made by electronic means before [the electronic headquarters of the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migrations \(Unit of Large Companies and Strategic Groups\)](#).
- The form that must be filled in is the ICT-national form and the fee form is model 790. The corresponding fee is of 73.26 euros.
- The supervening reasons for applying for this stay authorisation must be justified.

If I am in Spain and, before the end of the 90-day period, I have received an offer to participate in a different project, can I apply for a residence or stay permit?

Yes, you could, as long as supporting documentation is presented in this regard..



STAY AUTORISATION FROM 90 TO 180 DAYS

Is it necessary to submit a criminal record certificate

▶ No, because it is not indicated in the third instruction as this type of permanence in Spain is contemplated as a stay.

May the audiovisual sector professional come with his or her family?

▶ Yes, in all the cases regulated in the order. For these purposes, family members are understood to be:

- The spouse or person with an accredited analogous affective relationship.
- Underage offspring or adult offspring who depend economically on the holder.
- Ascendants who depend economically on the holder.
- The parents or tutors of an underage person who performs an activity in the audiovisual sector.

Is it mandatory to justify a supervening need if a residence permit is to be requested?

▶ Yes, it is mandatory. It is necessary to foresee the duration of the stay in Spain well in advance.



STAY VISA

Is silence in the application for the stay visa for the audiovisual sector positive?

▶ Visa regulations do not contemplate positive silence. On the other hand, to obtain a visa, an action by the Administration is always necessary. The time limit is of a maximum of 10 business days, as with the rest of the visas regulated in Law 14/2013.

What is the maximum duration of the stay visa for the audiovisual sector?

▶ A maximum of 180 days.

Does the visa allow for stays out of Spain during its period of validity?

▶ Yes, it is possible to leave and come back several times.



STAY VISA

Can this visa be presented by a third party that has been authorised/empowered by the company or by the foreign national and that is not his or her legal representative or the representative of the company he or she has authorised to do so?

- ▶ According to the instructions, the application must be made by:
- The party concerned.
 - His or her legal representative, if he or she is underage.
 - A representative of the company, authorised by the party concerned.

RESIDENCE AUTHORISATION

Is it possible to make the application while staying or residing in Spain or must this be done from abroad?

- ▶ The application can be made either way, but if it is done from abroad after having obtained the authorisation, it will be necessary to apply for the corresponding visa at the consular office to enter Spain.

Where are the residence authorisations requested before the Unit of Large Companies?

- ▶ Exclusively by telematic means through the [electronic headquarters of the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migrations](#).



RESIDENCE AUTHORISATION FOR THE AUDIOVISUAL SECTOR

What is the fee for a residence permit for the audiovisual sector?

▶ It is the same as for any residence authorisation regulated in Law 14/2013, that is, 73.26 euros and 78.67 euros in the event of renewing a residence authorisation.

Where can I find the application form for a residence authorisation of the audiovisual sector?

▶ At this [link](#) you will find all available forms. For this category, indicate the ICT-national figure.

Is it compatible with stays outside Spain during its period of validity

▶ Yes, but in accordance with current regulations, the continuity of the residence in Spain will be taken into account for the renewal of this authorization, acquisition of long-term residence or Spanish nationality.



FOREIGNER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER CERTIFICATES

Is it possible to apply for them prior to entering Spain?

▶ It can be requested before the consulates. It is advisable to do so well in advance so that it can be processed with sufficient time upon arrival in Spain, especially since there are several consulates with long waiting times for getting an appointment.

Would it be possible to authorise the issuance of the Foreigner's Identification Number certificate with the simple authorization of the foreign nationals and/or the company in Spain + documentation accrediting the participation of the foreign national?

▶ To issue a Foreigner's Identification Number certificate at the request of the interested party, it is necessary to provide an authorisation before a notary or before a certifying authority.



SOCIAL SECURITY REGISTRATION

If the worker does not have a Social Security Number, how can he or she obtain it?

▶ This must be requested by the company that transfers you to or hires you in Spain. The company may obtain this Social Security Number through the RED System, to which all employers are authorised, or through the CASIA application in those cases in which the worker's nationality lies outside the European Union. **Once the Social Security Number has been obtained**, the company must register the worker with Social Security. This procedure must be done through the RED System. For more information, see [here](#).

What documentation must I submit to apply for the social security number for stays of up to 90 days?

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- A document that proves the labour or professional relationship with the company that hires or transfers abroad or documentation that proves that the foreigner is part of a production project in the audiovisual sector or an artistic activity presented before the public or intended for recording of any kind for the purpose of dissemination by different mass media.
 - An identification document containing the Foreigner's Identification Number or, failing that, a copy of the passport and, if available, proof of having applied for the Foreigner's Identification Number certificate or, failing that, a responsible statement on the reasons that have impeded the presentation of this document and the commitment to provide the Foreigner's Identification certificate once obtained.
 - If the foreigner comes from a country for which a visa is required by community regulations, it will be necessary to present a copy of the Schengen visa, including the reference that corresponds to the Audiovisual Sector.



SOCIAL SECURITY REGISTRATION

What documentation must I submit to apply for the Social Security number for stays of between 91 and 180 days

- Specific visa for the audiovisual sector.
- If the company does not hold a Contribution Account Code with 0112 REGIME, it will be necessary to provide an accreditation of being part of a production project in the audiovisual sector or an artistic activity presented before the public or intended for recording of any kind for the purpose of dissemination by different mass media.
- An identification document containing the Foreigner's Identification Number or, failing that, a copy of the passport and, if available, proof of having applied for the Foreigner's Identification Number certificate or, failing that, a responsible statement on the reasons that have impeded the presentation of this document and the commitment to provide the Foreigner's Identification certificate once obtained.

FAMILY MEMBERS

Can the family members work

- ▶ Only if they hold a residence permit



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