

## **SELF-EMPLOYED WORK VISA**

Visa for people aged 16 or over who seek to engage in self-employed activity in Spain. To obtain a self-employed work visa, it is first necessary to obtain an initial residence and self-employed work permit. For this reason, the procedure comprises two stages.

First stage: Obtaining an initial residence and self-employed work permit.

| REQUIRED DOCUMENTS   | CHECKING | NOTES |
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| Duly completed <u>application form for an initial residence and</u> <u>self-employed work permit</u> (EX-07) signed by the applicant.  |          |       |
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| One recent passport photograph in colour with a white background, frontal view (3.5 x 4.5 cm) according to ICAO regulations.   |          |       |
| Original passport.  Note: If applying with a foreign passport, one of the following documents must be provided:  A Lebanese or Syrian Passport *,  A Lebanese or Syrian ID or Civil Register ("EKHRAJ KAID FARDE") *,  A valid residency permit in Lebanon or Syria ("IKAMA") *. |          |       |
| - Walla residency permit in Legation of Syria ( Invitativ ) .  |          |       |
| Photocopies of all the pages of the current passport (even if they are blank).   |          |       |
| Activity permits and licences: List of permits or licences required for the installation, opening or operation of the planned activity or professional practice, indicating the status of the procedures for obtaining them *.   |          |       |
| Certification of applications to the corresponding bodies must be attached.  |          |       |
| <u>Professional training and qualifications</u> : Documents accrediting the legally required training, and where applicable, qualifications, for the professional practice *.  |          |       |
| Plan for the establishment or activity: Plan for the establishment or activity to be carried out, indicating the planned investment, the expected return, and, where applicable, the jobs that will be created *.  |          |       |
| <u>Financial means</u> : Original and a copy of the documents accrediting that the applicant has sufficient financial means to carry out the planned investment, or a commitment by financial or other institutions to provide support *.  |          |       |
| Note: Scanned copies or photocopies of bank statements are not accepted; only original and official copies signed and stamped by the bank are to be submitted.   |          |       |



| <ul> <li>Payment of fees: To pay the fees, the applicant must complete all the fields of, and sign:</li> <li>Two copies of form 790 code 052 (amount in USD equivalent to 10,20 EUR), ticking box 2.1 (initial temporary</li> </ul> |  |
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| residence permit) and,  |  |
| <ul> <li>Two copies of <u>form 790 code 062</u> (amount in USD equivalent to 190,12 EUR), ticking box 1.5 (self-employed work permits).</li> </ul>  |  |
| Note: If a work permit is applied for in the Autonomous Community of Catalonia, the fee must be paid directly to that Autonomous Community.   |  |

## Second stage: Obtaining a self-employed work visa.

If the decision is favourable, the applicant will be informed of the decision issued by the corresponding Delegation or Sub-delegation of the Spanish Government and will be invited to submit a visa application.

| REQUIRED DOCUMENTS   | CHECKING | NOTES |
|--|----------|-------|
| Duly completed <u>national application form</u> signed by the applicant.   |          |       |
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| One recent passport photograph in colour with a white background, frontal view (3.5 x 4.5 cm) according to ICAO regulations.   |          |       |
| Original passport with a minimum validity of 4 months.  Note: If applying with a foreign passport, one of the following documents must be provided:  |          |       |
| <ul> <li>A Lebanese or Syrian Passport *,</li> <li>A Lebanese or Syrian ID or Civil Register ("EKHRAJ KAID FARDE") *,</li> <li>A valid residency permit in Lebanon or Syria ("IKAMA") *.</li> </ul>  |          |       |
| Photocopies of the biometric data page/s of the current passport (only applicable if the passport is different to the one used in the first stage).  |          |       |
| Residence permit approval issued by the Delegation or Sub-<br>Delegation of the Spanish Government *.  |          |       |
| Criminal record certificate ("SEJEL AADLEH / LA HOKM AALE") issued by the authorities of the country of origin and all countries where the applicants have resided during the last 5 years and where it is shown that the person has not been sentenced for offences included in the Spanish Penal Code *. |          |       |
| It has to be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country that has issued the document.   |          |       |
| This document should have a <u>maximum validity of 3 months</u> on the moment it is handed with the application.   |          |       |
| Only applicable to applicants above 18 years old.  |          |       |



| THE POLICE CERTIFICATES ISSUED OUTSIDE LEBANON AND/OR SYRIA SHOULD ALSO BE LEGALISED BY THE EMBASSY OF SPAIN LOCATED IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THEY WERE ISSUED OR APOSTILLED ACCORDING TO THE HAGUE CONVENTION.   |  |
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| Medical Certificate including literally one of the following formula *:   |  |
| o <u>In Arabic:</u>   |  |
| بعد معاينة السيد/ة (ذكر اسم الشخص المعني)، تبيّن أنه لا يعاني من أي مرض معد أو أي آفة قد تشكل خطراً على السلامة العامة، وذلك وفقاً للقانون  |  |
| o <u>In English:</u>  |  |
| This is to certificate that the applicant (state the name of<br>the concerned person) does not suffer of any kind of<br>illness that could generate severe repercussions on<br>Public Health, according to the 2005 International<br>Sanitary Regulation.                 |  |
| o <u>In Spanish:</u>  |  |
| Este certificado médico acredita que (state the name of<br>the concerned person) no padece ninguna de las<br>enfermedades que pueden tener repercusiones de<br>salud pública graves, de conformidad con lo dispuesto<br>en el Reglamento Sanitario Internacional de 2005. |  |
| Any medical doctor registered in the Order of Physicians/Doctors may issue this certificate. This document should have a <u>maximum validity of 3 months</u> since its issue date.  |  |
| <u>Visa fee</u> (amount in USD equivalent to 80 euros).   |  |

## All documents written in a different language from Spanish have to be handed with a translation into Spanish by a juror translator.

\*The originals and the copies of all the documents must be handed.

If needed for the assessment regarding the application, the Embassy may ask the applicant to submit any documents or additional data and to call the applicant for an interview.

The legal period for reaching a decision is of 1 month from the day after the application submission date, but this period may be extended if an interview or additional documents are requested.

Once the visa is approved, the applicant has a maximum of 1 month to retrieve the visa in person. Otherwise, the Embassy will consider that the applicant has renounced the right to get the visa and the application will be filed.

Applicants may leave the passport at BLS office or retain it during the processing of the application. If the visa is approved, it will only be delivered once the applicant hands his passport back to the Embassy.