Further information:

Large Business and Strategic Groups Unit (General Secretariat for Immigration and Emigration of the Ministry of Employment and Social Security)

http://extranjeros.empleo.gob.es/ es/UnidadGrandesEmpresas/

Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices of Spain http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal /es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/ EmbajadasConsulados.aspx

Spanish Economic and Commercial Offices abroad www.oficinascomerciales.es

Directorate-General for Trade and Investment. State Secretariat for Trade. Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness www.comercio.gob.es

ICEX-Invest in Spain www.investinspain.org

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General topics

What are the aims of this section?

- To promote **entrepreneurial culture** and develop a business friendly environment.
- To encourage the entry of investment and talent in order to foster economic growth and create jobs.

How is this achieved?

By encouraging the entry and residence (visas and residence permits) in Spain of the following categories:

- INVESTORS.
- ENTREPRENEURS.
- HIGHLY SKILLED PROFESSIONALS.
- R&D&i TRAINING.
- INTRA-CORPORATE TRANSFEREES.

Who can apply?

Non-EU nationals not entitled to free movement and residence.

Where do I apply?

- For **visas: the Spanish Consulate** in your country of origin or residence.
- For **residence permits: the Large Business and Strategic Groups Unit** (Unidad de Grandes Empresas y Colectivos Estratégicos (UGE-CE).

Which documents do I need to submit?

General documents:

- ID or passport. Applicants must be over
 18 years old.
- Health insurance documents. Applicants must take out public or health private insurance with a company authorised to operate in Spain.
- Certificate of no criminal records. You must not have a criminal record in Spain or in the countries in which you have resided in the past 5 years.
- Proof of sufficient funds to support the applicant and members of his/her family during residence in Spain.

Specific documents for each category: refer to the leaflet for the category in question.

What other benefits are there?

- A Residence permit valid anywhere in Spain.
- Combined processing of permits and/or visas for married couples and their children.
- Visa and residence permit procedures can be arranged through a representative.
 - No labour market test is applied.
 - A single permit to live and work.
- Permit applications can be made at any official institution with public registry in Spain.

- Streamlined processing:
 - o Visa decisions are made and notified within 10 working days.
 - o Decisions are made on residence permits within 20 days.
 - o Residence permit procedures are centralised at a single contact point: the Large Business and Strategic Groups Unit (Unidad de Grandes Empresas y Colectivos Estratégicos (UGE-CE).