

# Relocation Resource



**Congratulations! You found a new job and you are relocating to Spain. This document will help you get up to speed with what you need as you prepare for this big change.**

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## Visa, Registration & Other Key Information

Firstly, if you are not from EU/EEA/Switzerland and a few other countries you will likely need to get a visa to live and work in Spain - check out [Expatica](#) for a summary of the different visas. Make sure that if you need to get your documents translated, you do so with a [sworn/certified translator](#) appointed by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- Check the [Immigration Spain](#) to see if you need a visa.
- More information on the different [Spain Visas](#).

As an expat, even when from EU/EEA/Switzerland, after moving to Spain and within 30 days you need to apply for a residence card/permit (Tarjeta de Residencia or TIE). You can apply for it at the Foreigner's Office (Oficina de Extranjeros) or the police station in the province where you're living.

After registering for a residence card you need to get a Foreigner's Identity Number (Número de Identificación de Extranjero or NIE). If you are an EU national you will get your NIE when you apply for your registration certificate. If however, you need a residence permit then you can only get the NIE after that.

Getting the right documents at the right place and knowing what to do can be a lot so you can find a guide [here](#) or an English-speaking [lawyer](#).

You will use your NIE to open a bank account, get paid for your job and pay your taxes.

Some Major Spanish Banks are:

- [CaixaBank](#)
- [BBVA](#)
- [Banco Sabadell](#)

Some Online Banks are:

- [Bunq](#)
- [N26](#)
- [Revolut](#)

And International Bank options:

- [Deutsche Bank](#)
- [ING](#)



State healthcare is free of charge to anyone living and working in Spain, since it is paid partly by social security payments, which will be deducted from your wage. Check out the post on [Expatica](#) for all the information you need to know about the healthcare system in Spain.

If you would prefer to take out private health insurance check out some of these international companies that offer coverage packages for expats:

- [Allianz Care](#)
- [Cigna Global](#)
- [Globality Health](#)

## HOUSING

Long term rentals in Barcelona range from over 6 months, so from 12 months (usual minimum) up to 5 years (standard term). Leaving after 6 months will usually mean you have to pay a penalty. Looking for a place to stay will likely be your biggest challenge. For some rental options check out:

- [Fotocasa](#)
- [Idealista](#)
- [Spainhouses](#)
- [Badi](#)

Social media can once again help you find something you really need - check out [Facebook groups](#) to find places to rent, or share.

If you are seriously considering having roots in Barcelona, buying a property may not be a bad idea - you can check out [Barcelona life](#) for more information that will help you come to a decision.

## WORKING CULTURE

This article on [Next Station](#) gives you some information on what you can expect when working in Barcelona, from the 'old fashioned' hierarchical structure, 40-hour work weeks, work days starting at 10 am and more.

In case you didn't know Barcelona is rich in Catalan culture more so than Spanish. In the working context, most business conversations are held in Catalan more than English so it will be good to learn.

This post on [Expat Arrivals](#) also gives information on working culture, the job market and finding a job in Barcelona.

For more information on working in Spain also check out [Barcelona International Welcome](#).

## COST OF LIVING

To find out the cost of living in Spain vs Elsewhere check out [Numbeo](#).



## COMMUNITIES & COWORKING SPACES

As you might have found in your research on the city, Barcelona is well known for its thriving tech scene. This is a great place to meet the movers and shakers in different industries. Check out:

- [Tech Barcelona](#)
- [4yfn](#)
- [Startup Grind Barcelona](#)
- [Smart City Expo](#)

With the huge rise in self-employment over the last 10 years coworking spaces have become very prevalent in the city. Check out [Barcelona life](#) for a couple of recommendations which will help you find what you are looking for. Use the link in the article for 10% off a membership! Also check out the following coworking spaces:

- [Betahaus](#)
- [Makers of Barcelona \(MOB\)](#)
- [Loom Glòries](#)

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Barcelona is well connected when it comes to public transportation with busses, trains and the metro available for use. On this [website](#), you can find the costs of trips and common routes. You can also check out [TMB Barcelona](#) for information on the public transport system.

If you would like to rent or own your own mode of transportation you could own a motorcycle or scooter which will not give you the troubles associated with struggling to find parking in the city and suburbs check out:

- [OK Mobility](#)
- [Horwin](#)

## INCOME TAX & BENEFITS

During your time in Spain, you will need to file your personal income tax - have a look at this [Tax Agency](#) website to familiarise yourself with what you need to know.

This [Ministry of Finance](#) site has information about how to log your tax returns and more information on taxes.

This nifty [calculator](#) will help you get an idea of how much tax you will need to pay according to your salary. (select region 'Catalonia'). You need to select Catalonia because in Spain taxes are paid according to the region you are based in.

As a temporary or permanent employee in Spain, you are entitled to some mandatory benefits from your employer. Have a look at the links below to familiarize yourself:

- [Remote.com](#)
- [Papaya Global](#)
- [Expatica](#)

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## LANGUAGE LEARNING RESOURCES

If you are looking for an application or online learning tool to help you learn some Catalan, check out:

- [Mondly](#)
- [uTalk](#)

If you are interested in learning some Spanish, a slightly less formal way could be through watching TV and videos. If this sounds interesting to you check out [Lingopie](#).

If you prefer in-person Spanish classes and are based in Barcelona you can check out:

- [Camino Barcelona](#)
- [Speakeasy](#)

Here are some Catalan phrases to get you going:

English	Catalan
Good Morning	Bon dia
Bye	Adéu
Please	Si us plau
Thank you	Gràcies
Yes	Sí
No	No
Cheers	Ànims

## EXPAT BLOGS ON LIVING IN THE CITY

There is so much to learn from those who have done this move before you, from what you need to do to prepare for this change to how you can make the most of your time in this new country. Check out:

- [Barcelona life](#)
- [Expat Info Desk](#)
- [Expatra](#)
- [Barcelona City Guide](#)

All the best with your new role  
and until next time, Ànims!

