

**NEW PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING RESIDENCY FOR BRITISH
CITIZENS IN SPAIN DUE TO “BREXIT”**

The new procedure for obtaining a residency card/document will be valid from July 6th 2020 until December 31st 2020.

1. British citizen holders of a *temporary registration certificate* with less than 5 years of legal residency in Spain can apply for a residency document that will be valid for 5 years. The document will expressly mention “*Temporal*” (Temporary). Once the period of validity of such document has expired, it can be renewed by the holder for a further 10 years. The renewed document will expressly mention “*Permanente*” (Permanent).

The procedure is the same for holders of a *temporary residency card of a family member of an EU citizen* with less than 5 years of legal residency in Spain.

2. British citizen holders of a *temporary registration certificate*, with more than 5 years of legal residency in Spain and without obtaining a permanent registration certificate, can apply for a residency document that will be valid for 10 years. The document will expressly mention “*Permanente*”. The residency permit can be renewed for a further 10 years.

The holder of the *temporary residency card of a family member of an EU citizen*, with more than 5 years of legal residency in Spain, can apply for a permanent residency document for 10 years. The applicant will have to prove that he/she complies with the mandatory requirements stated by the Foreign Office. The Foreign Office will check the documentation presented by the applicant and will issue a determination of residency within a maximum period of 3 months.

3. British citizen holders of a *permanent registration certificate* can apply for a residency document that will be valid for 10 years. The document will expressly mention “*Permanente*”. The residency permit can be renewed for a further 10 years. The procedure is the same for holders of a *permanent residency card of a family member of an EU citizen*.

4. British citizens *without a certificate of registration* will have to apply for this, in person or through a representative, at the Foreign Office of his/her residency. In this case, it is a longer procedure, and the applicant will have to prove that he/she complies with the mandatory requirements stated by the Foreign Office. The Foreign Office will check the documentation presented by the applicant and will



issue a determination of residency within a maximum period of 3 months. If it is accepted, the applicant will have to obtain the residency document, the validity period of which will differ depending on:

- a. If the applicant has less than 5 years of legal residency in Spain, the residency document will be valid for 5 years. The residency permit can be renewed for a further 10 years once the 5 year period has elapsed.
- b. If the applicant has more than 5 years of legal residency in Spain, the residency document will be valid for 10 years. The residency permit can be renewed for a further 10 years.

The procedure is the same for family members of a British citizen without a residency card for family members of an EU citizen.



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