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HOW TO OBTAIN SPANISH NATIONALITY

Having Spanish nationality presents many advantages, as beeing able to easily travel throughout Europe, legally working in any european country, having the right to vote, spanish passport and no Spain exit .

In this article we would to explain you **how to get Spanish citizenship by residency**.
First you have to demostrate that you have lived legally in the country during enough time.
Unlike other nationality procedures, this specific type is the easiest to get. You only need to reside with your residence permit in Spain **uninterruptedly during 10 years**, and you will become a national of the country.

Nevertheless, there are **certain exceptions** or situations in which you can get nationality much faster:

- For example if you are married to a Spanish national, you only need to be in Spain one year to get citizenship.
- If you are from Portugal, the Philipines, Andorra, from any Latinamerican country or from Equatorial Guinea only 2 years.
- If you are a refugee, the required time is 5 years.

To apply for the Spanish nacionality we need of this docuemnts:

- Complete passport and NIE
- Your current residency permit
- Birth certificate
- Criminal records. It is important that you don't have any background records registered.
- Current census and historic ("padrón")
- The two lenguage required exams, DELE A2 and CCSE.
- If you would like to grant your children the possibility to get citizenship by option, include their birth certificate
- Document proving that you paid the corresponding fee, which is about 103€.
- Demonstration of the possession of sufficient economic means to leave in Spain

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