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We need your help

Brexpat's in Spain, now Expat Support in Spain, was started nearly ten years ago by Anne Hernandez (R.I.P). I joined her very shortly after it commenced becoming her Vice President and rep now president and rep on the Costa Blanca while she handled the Southern region from Mijas. It very quickly grew to covering all of Spain with reps and moderators on all the Costas and Islands where the greatest concentration of British immigrants, swallows and tourists are. Our admins cater for the rest of Spain.

Sadly, with the demise of Anne we lost our southern representation and have tried to find somebody to take on the role without much success. So, we are looking for somebody with local knowledge to take on the role who lives in the southern region. Ideally Marbella, Malaga or Mijas area. Mijas would be perfect as we have a close relationship with the local authority there.

The work is as a volunteer and is not arduous, acting as moderator on our southern region Facebook group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/507562163976423/>, answering questions from local people and maybe taking over or assisting writing these articles with local knowledge (*not essential but helpful if you can*). Full support from our admins and professionals is available as required.

If you can help us, please PM me, Richard T Hill or contact the magazine who will pass your details to me so we can have a chat to take it further.

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Renewing a TIE unfortunately yet again due to misleading information being circulated

There is an awful of a lot of misinformation out there and fake news, including not needing to attend fingerprint appointments.

We have checked this information with our trusted lawyers, Pellicer and Heredia who on our behalf contacted immigration and confirmed with the National Police (multiple times for assurance) that if a person's current TIE (whether it be their first residency card or they previously held the green residencia) was issued under the '**Acuerdo de Retirada Art.18.4**' they do **not** renew through Extranjería but directly through the Policía Nacional by attending a 'Toma de Huellas' appointment. You can see if you are under the withdrawal agreement by looking on the back of your TIE where it should say '**Acuerdo de Retirada Art.18.4**'.

Another bit of misinformation going round is that those who are under the WA still must reapply for a residencia resolution. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO!!**

They do not need to provide proof of income or savings, or health coverage and you must wait until at least one day after the expiry date of their current TIE card to attend the appointment.

Now there is a bit of a problem with this in that as usual some provinces, some offices, even some staff are doing their own thing. It is quite clear under the Guia de Brexit that you can apply for renewal 30 days before your card expires and must complete within 90 days. Madrid in May put out an instruction that cards cannot be renewed until the day they expire and up to 90 days thereafter. Now some provinces are sticking to that rule others are not but using the original rule. I'm afraid it's a case of checking what your locality is doing but nothing stops you applying early to renew your card providing you don't get an appointment until it has expired.

Those who continue to hold the green residencia sheet or card must also attend the fingerprint appointment at the National Police to exchange to a TIE. We have continuously been told since a long time ago that these people will end up not being able to exchange to a TIE at some point, but we have no idea when this will happen or what law this will be based on.

Anyone who does not hold a green residencia or a TIE issued under the WA art. 18.4 (so either new arrivals or those who have lived 'under the radar' with just an NIE number, not a green residencia or TIE) must continue to apply for their residency via Immigration and once their resolution comes through, they then apply for their TIE card.

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These are the two official renewal processes. The first is for those who have reached five years and need to change their TIE for a permanent one...

Temporary Registration Certificate

I HAVE A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE AND
I HAVE 5 YEARS OF LEGAL RESIDENCE IN SPAIN

WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION TO OBTAIN THE DOCUMENT?



Police Stations – You will need to make an appointment on

<https://sede.administracionespublicas.gob.es/pagina/index/directorio/icpplus>

Once in it, choose your *provincia* → *trámites cuerpo nacional de policía*
(*si distingue*) → click *Policía toma huellas, (expedición de tarjetas)*

DOCUMENTATION TO PROVIDE



- ❖ Application form EX23
- ❖ Valid passport or copy of the expired one. If the passport has expired, you will have to provide copy of the passport and copy of the application to renew it.
- ❖ Fee payment form (Modelo 790. Código 012). Tick the box "*Certificado de registro de residente comunitario o Tarjeta de residencia de familiar de un ciudadano de la Unión*".
- ❖ 1 photograph meeting the conditions established in the regulations on the *documento nacional de identidad*.

VALIDITY OF THE DOCUMENT ISSUED



10 years

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The second is for those who still have a green sheet or card. We STRONGLY advise you to change these for a TIE as soon as possible due to changes in border control in Europe. Both the British Embassy and the Spanish are saying the same!

Permanent Registration Certificate

I HAVE A PERMANENT REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION TO OBTAIN THE DOCUMENT?



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Please, remember to bring with you your valid and not expired passport when collecting your residence document (once it has been issued).

*If you have a temporary registration certificate but you do not have 5 years of legal residence in Spain, remember that you can wait to change your document until these 5 years have passed by. Thus, you will be directly issued with a permanent residence document.

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Appointments

A final word of warning. Appointments are becoming very hard to obtain so act early. There is a false rumour that all Gestors and lawyers can get appointments easier so don't get caught out by vague unrealistic promises.

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