

HIGHLY QUALIFIED WORKERS (HQW)

Overview

Temporary residence and initial work for highly qualified professionals authorises the foreign worker to carry out a work activity for which a higher education qualification is required. Exceptionally, a minimum of five years of professional experience that can be considered equivalent to this qualification, related to the activity for the performance of which the authorisation is granted, may be accredited.

A higher education qualification shall be understood as a higher education qualification resulting from a higher education course of at least three years' duration and which provides the level of qualification necessary to pursue a profession requiring a high level of training or to enter an advanced research programme.

Procedure

This application is 2 folded if the application is made from outside Spain. If it is made within Spain, only (i.) below applies:

(i.) employer's authorisation request to the Unidad de Grandes Empresas y Colectivos Estratégicos who must resolve it within 20 days from being submitted.

We can assist with drafting the authorisation request and submitting it on behalf of your employer.

(ii.) once the authorisation is granted, you must then submit your visa application at the Spanish Consulate who must resolve within 10 days.

We will assist you with preparing all the documentation to be submitted.

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Our costs & Disbursements

(a.) For applications made from outside Spain:

Fees: £3,500 plus VAT

Disbursements:

- i. Consular fee £555
- ii. Legalisation fee £36 per document
- iii. Sworn Translations TBC but likely to be £60 per single page documents.
Multiple pages documents TBC by sworn translator

(b.) For applications made within Spain:

Fees: £2,000 plus VAT

Disbursements:

- i. Legalisation fee £36 per document
- ii. Sworn Translations TBC but likely to be £60 per single page documents.
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- iii. Application fee: 74 Euros

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