

What happens with the Residence Permits? Are they extended?

This 18th May was published the Order SND/421/2020 which establishes the measures regarding the extension of residence and/or work permits and other situations of foreigners in Spain, in application of RD 463/2020, of 14th March, that declares the state of alert for the management of the health crisis situation caused by the COVID-19.

1. Entry into Spain of third-country nationals

Holders of an authorization, a family member's card for EU citizens or residence permit card given on the basis of extended long-term residence or long-term visas for investors and entrepreneurs whose validity expires during the state of alert and who are currently abroad, **may enter Spain just showing their valid and current travel document such as passport and the expired residence permit card.**

2. Extension of temporary residence and/or work permits

Temporary residence and/or work permits, student permits, EU citizens family member cards, long term residencies or non-working internship permits whose validity expires during the state of alert or has expired in the 90 calendar days prior to the date on which the state of alert was declared (15/12/2019), **will be automatically extended, without any decision issued by the Foreigner's Office, starting on the following day of the expiry of the authorization and until six months after the ending date of the state of alert.** This will apply regardless of whether **requests for renewal** have been filed prior to the entry into force of this order, provided that they have not been expressly resolved.

3. Extension of stay permits

Those who are in Spain with an authorization of **stay**, for a period not exceeding **90 days**, and which has expired during the validity of the state of alarm, will have their authorization **extended, automatically, for a period of three months.** This validity will be limited to Spanish territory.



4. Absences from Spanish territory

Absences from Spanish territory as a result of the impossibility of returning to Spain because of the COVID-19 **will not be counted.**



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