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Arriving in Alicante: the first 30 days

A short guide for people arriving from another country. These are the usual steps; requirements can change by case and by office, so always confirm with the official sources. This guide is general information, not legal advice.

1. NIE (foreigner identity number). This is the number you will be asked for almost everywhere (contract, bank, utilities). If you are an EU or EEA citizen and will stay more than three months, you apply for the EU citizen registration certificate, which includes the NIE. If you come from outside the EU, the procedure depends on your visa or permit: ask at the foreigners' office or the police. In both cases a fee is paid with form 790 (code 012); check the official site for the amount and how to book an appointment.

2. Padrón (municipal registration). Registering at the town hall of the place where you live is mandatory and free, and many later procedures ask for it. Bring your ID (passport or TIE; EU citizens also the NIE shown on the certificate) and a document that proves your address, such as the rental contract or the owner's authorisation. In Alicante you book at citaprevia.alicante.es or by calling 010; in other towns, check with your town hall.

3. Bank. Banks must identify you with a valid document, usually your passport; some also ask for the NIE or the padrón under their own policy. If you legally reside in the EU, you have the right to apply for a basic payment account. Ask about fees and whether they can serve you in your language.

4. Renting. Before paying anything, see the property, ask for the contract in writing and check who the owner is. The legal deposit for a home is one month's rent: ask for a receipt. Ask in writing what you are being charged and why, and keep a copy of everything you sign and of your payments. Ask which documents they accept as proof of income.

Official sources: sede.policia.gob.es (NIE and registration certificate) · alicante.es (padrón) · europa.eu/youreurope (EU citizens' rights).

If you would like help: Relocation Centers, in Alicante, can accompany you through these steps, if you wish and under your own agreement. Calle Navas 25, Alicante · relocationcenters.es/welcome · +34 682 93 21 30 (WhatsApp). If this guide reached you through your organisation, quote your organisation's code, if you have one.

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