

SOC

Servei d'Ocupació de Catalunya

New authority

The Catalan Statute of Autonomy acknowledges that the Catalan Government has “executive authority regarding work permits for foreigners working in Catalonia” which includes:

- a) The processing and resolving of first work permits for self-employed or salaried workers.
- b) The processing and resolving of all appeals filed and the application of the inspection and sanctioning systems.

Through the SOC, Catalonia is the first Autonomous Region in Spain to have this authority which it exercises in coordination with the authority of Spain with respect to the entry and residence of foreign citizens.

For further information, please contact

- www.oficinadetreball.gencat.cat
- Job Centers of the Catalan Government
- Catalan Government



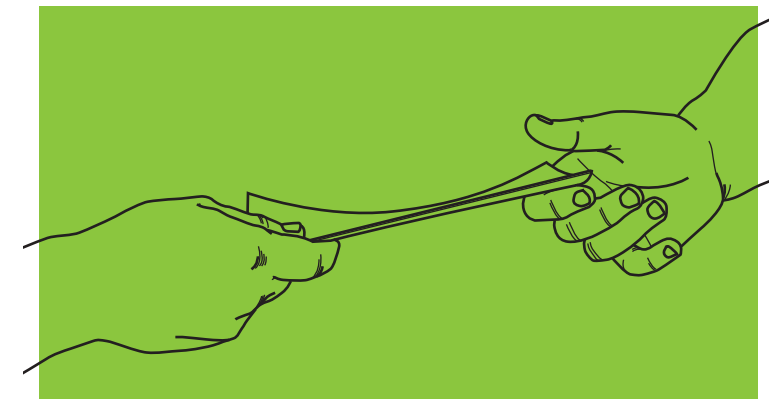
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Information for companies
and foreigners

First work permits for foreigners

English



The SOC (Employment Service of Catalonia) is the competent organization for processing first work permits for foreigners, and there are 10 Job Centres in Catalonia dedicated to these formalities.

What are first work permits for foreigners?

They are permits that all foreign workers living outside the EU aged over 16 years must hold in order to perform any lucrative activity in Catalonia as self-employed or salaried workers.

From October 2009, the SOC is the competent organization for resolving applications for first work permits for foreigners in coordination with Spain, which is responsible for taking decisions with respect to resident permits and renewals.

There are 10 Job Centers in Catalonia where foreigners can apply for first work permits.

What type of application can be presented at the Job Centers?

- Applications for temporary resident permits and first work permits for self-employed and salaried workers.
- Changes in first work permits.
- Work permits for foreigners in stable jobs in foreign workers contingents systems.

Where can one obtain an application form?

at: www.oficinadetreball.gencat.cat

All other applications [permit renewals; extensions and return permits; permits affecting only residence; family regrouping requests; travel document or registry document requests; requests for certificates and for foreigner identification numbers, or Foreigner Identity Cards (NIE) must be processed by the Spanish foreign citizens offices.

Request for prior appointments for carrying out the necessary formalities
For companies:
www.oficinadetreball.gencat.cat/citaprevia/autoritzacions/empresa
For foreigner workers:
www.oficinadetreball.gencat.cat/citaprevia/autoritzacions/ciutada

Job Centers processing



BARCELONA-Aragó
C/ Aragó, 182

L'HOSPITALET-La Farga
C/ Girona, 12
(La Farga Building)

SABADELL- Ali Bei
C/ De Sardà, 121-123

BARCELONA-Sepúlveda
C/ Sepúlveda, 156-160

LLEIDA-Comarques
C/ Mossén Reig, 3

TARRAGONA-Claret
C/ Sant Antoni
M. Claret, 19

FIGUERES
C/ Anicet de Pagès, 10

MANRESA
C/ Verge d'Alba, 5-7

TORTOSA
C/ Ferran d'Aragó, s/n

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Pericot, 86-90