

FACT SHEET 07



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Providing support and information to the English speaking community from Pilar along the coast through Torreveija to La Marina Urb. and inland to Orihuela and Albaterra

N.I.E. NUMBERS

Every foreigner, whether resident or not, who has any type of financial interests in Spain is required by law to have an N.I.E. number (Numero de Identificacion Extrajero) or 'foreigners identity number'.

As of January 2007, Notaries require this certificate for all conveyance operations and, equally, under EU money laundering/terrorism laws, Banks require an NIE Number, although, initially they can open an account with a passport. An NIE number is required for all dealings with tax offices and must be produced to secure contracts for water, electricity, etc, the purchase of motor vehicles, boats, shares or any other property "with title". All beneficiaries of a Spanish Inheritance need an NIE number in order to claim their inheritance. An NIE number is required to obtain a Residencia Certificate, which, in turn, is required to obtain SIP cards with the health care authorities.

The authority that issues an N.I.E. is the national police (Policia Nacional). You should apply to the police station in the area where you live or have an address. Their offices are found in principal cities and towns. The offices for the Vega Baja region are in Alicante, Elche, Orihuela and at Calle Maldonado 57. (Plaza Del Molino) in Torreveija (open Monday to Friday 9.00 to 14.00). Tel: 96 570 8834. You can also go to the Orihuela Costa Town Hall.

To obtain a NIE number you need:

(This varies between offices, but to be safe prepare the following)

- 1) A completed application form
(Obtainable from an office of the Policia Nacional or offices of The HELP Association in Torreveija and San Miguel de Salinas)
- 2) 2 photocopies of the above.
- 3) Your passport – Although an authorised copy ('compulsada') will be made by the authorities, it is advisable to take 2 photocopies as well.
- 4) 2 identical passport size photographs. These must be on a clear, white background.

You will be told when to return to collect your NIE Certificate. However, **in urgent cases**, the tax office ('Hacienda') in Orihuela, situated at Calle Obispo Rocamora, No.49, tel: 96 530 59 40, can issue a 'provisional' N.I.E. number to personal callers. Ask for a Form 037 and complete it there. They will need your passport, plus if you live here, an 'escritura' (title deed) or document such as a utility bill to prove your address. The 'provisional' N.I.E. will serve until the permanent one is available.

These facts were verified by our Legal advisor Mike A Cockman of JMC Legal Services
Tel: 670 224 822. However, rules and regulations can and do change so it is advisable to check with our office that this fact sheet has not been superseded. RG/JBH nov 09