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Non Contributory Pensions in Spain.

Non Contributory pensions are available to protect citizens financial needs in retirement.

Therefore those who are not eligible for the contribution-based Spanish pension and who do not have sufficient income can get a basic pension in Spain via the **Compulsory Old Age and Disability Insurance – or Seguro Obligatorio de Vejez e Invalidez (SOVI)**

This benefit is not dependent on a contributory system but based on need.

It is a means-tested pension available to all Spanish citizens aged over 65, or 60 in the case of disabilities, with their income or earning below a threshold. Foreign residents can claim a non-contributory pension if they have lived in Spain for at least 10 of the last 15 years (including the two years prior to making a claim) and meet all other requirements.

You need to provide your Renta tax return, or certificate from Hacienda that says you do not have one.

A certificate from the UK to prove your income / non income.

Passport and NIE, Resident certificate or TIE Card.

Details of bank account to receive the payments

The pension rate will depend on your income and number of dependents. The current maximum amount is just over €470 a month if you are not drawing any other pension and have no other regular sources of income. Because this is a means-tested pension, non work-related finances such as savings and partner income are also considered when assessing eligibility.

Management of these non contributory pensions is assigned to regional government and paid by the Social security Institute.

You can find out where to make an application here [Seguridad Social: Servicios \(seg-social.es\)](https://seg-social.es)

To make a claim for this pension you must contact the Social security office:

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