



WHAT IS **the birth registration of foreign citizens acquiring Spanish citizenship?**

The birth registration is the entry bearing witness to the birth, its date, time and place, the sex and if applicable, the parentage of the Spanish registered subject born outside Spain.

Foreign citizens who have acquired Spanish citizenship must:

- If aged over 14 and capable of declaring on their own behalf, swear or promise loyalty to the King and obedience to the Constitution and the law.
- Declare they renounce their previous nationality. Unless the interested party incurs in one of the cases of dual citizenship.
- Subsequently, the corresponding marginal registration will be made regarding the acquisition of the new nationality on the main birth registration in the Register in which the appropriate registry proceedings have been entered, whether in the Municipal Civil Register corresponding to the residence of the interested party or in the Central Civil Register.



Central Civil Register

C/ Bolsa, 1
28012 Madrid.
Opening times: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm,
Monday to Friday.

For more information:

www.mjusticia.es

Citizen Support Centre:

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Guide to access to the services of the **Central Civil Register**

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BIRTH
REGISTRATION
OF FOREIGN CITIZENS
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CITIZENSHIP



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WHAT IS the Central Civil Register?

The Register records the events and acts of marital status which are not the responsibility of other registries, or when exceptional circumstances mean that the corresponding registry is unable to record them; it also records events and acts of civil society affecting Spaniards abroad. Additionally, when a Consular Register is responsible for recording an event because it occurred abroad and the person affected is resident in Spain, this must first be registered in the Central Civil Register, and later transferred to the corresponding Consular Register.

The Central Register will also receive books consisting of duplicates of:

1. consular registrations.
2. Registrations of births registered in the Municipal Registries of the home country in the case of international adoption, and of foreign citizens who have acquired Spanish citizenship.
3. Registrations of Municipal Registries relating to judicial rulings affecting legal capacity, parental authority and custody of a minor, the care or administration of persons presumed incapable or minors not subject to legal custody, and the constitution and administration of protected assets.



WHO can apply?

Any foreign citizen who has obtained Spanish citizenship.



HOW can I apply?

- Application in person at the Municipal Civil Register of the residence of the interested party in which the appropriate registry proceedings have been entered, or in the Central Civil Register.

1 Time limit

Birth registration can be requested from the time of acquiring Spanish citizenship in a maximum period of 180 days in order, if applicable, to renounce the previous nationality, make the required promise or oath, and register as a Spanish subject in the relevant Register from the time of reception of notification of the granting of nationality by choice.

Documentation needed

The procedure begins with the presentation of documentation accrediting all these items at the relevant Civil Register, providing together with the information sheet:

- Identification documents of the applicant (National Identification Card, passport, etc.)
- Census Certificate in the town council of residency and any other document accrediting permanent and stable residency in Spain.
- Birth Certificate from the foreign Local Civil Register, legalised or, if applicable, with apostille and translated by a sworn translator when it has not been written in an official language of Spain.
- If applicable, full birth certificate issued by the Spanish Civil Register of the father or mother providing cause for Spanish citizenship.

(These documents will be collected for purely informational purposes. At the time of classification any data deemed appropriate may be required by the senior judge presiding the registry classification or the Secretary of the Registry taking part in the proceedings.)

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