

What is a Padrón ?

The “Padrón Municipal” is an administrative record where all residents of a municipality are registered. It reflects, among others, the personal data, nationality, identity card or passport number, level of education and the habitual residence.

Registration in the Municipal Register constitutes proof of residence in the town and habitual residence in the same, although it does not constitute proof of legal residence in Spain nor will it give any right not conferred by the current legislation.

The census aims to count and identify the inhabitants of a municipality for the purpose of providing it with public services (health centers, schools, public transport, etc.) that are appropriate to their population size. The Spanish law requires each Local Administration to organize certain municipal services for its citizens, so that the more inhabitants a municipality has, the more complete mandatory services it has. Being registered at the Municipal Register is a necessary requirement to access essential services such as education, primary social care or in order to obtain the Health card.

How and where can I register?

Registration in the Register shall be done in the municipality in which the citizen normally lives. In the case of having several homes in Spain, registration should be made in the municipality in which one lives a longer period throughout the year.

Registration in the Municipal Register is a free process. Everyone living in Spain is obliged to register in the Register of the municipality in which he/she usually resides. To proceed with the registration, the applicant shall provide the original and photocopy of their identity card or passport and Certificate of Registration in the Central Register of Foreigners (only for those who have it), provisional document for asylum seeker or identity card valid for non-EU foreign nationals issued by a Spanish authority.

In addition, to establish habitual residence in the home, you will need to provide evidence to prove so, for example, deed of home ownership, lease contract or other means to prove residency.

All residents must inform their local Town Council about any changes of personal circumstances which may imply modification of the registration data.