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Spain - Express Work Permits for Cinema Industry

The Spanish Ministry of Migrations on 7 July relaxed the requirements and shortened the deadlines for certain immigration matters concerning the audio-visual sector in order to attract foreign professionals in that sector.¹ Among other things, deadlines for work permits are now 20 working days and 10 working days for visas.

WHY THIS MATTERS

These permits are now governed under Law 14/2013 with more flexible timing and procedures, instead of Law 4/2000.² The procedures needed to be updated to address the new reality, which is aimed at creating important opportunities for this sector in Spain.

Work Permit Procedures for Audio-Visual Sector

Before the new instructions, the immigration procedures for audio-visual professionals were covered under a law from 2000 that did not address the streaming productions of today.

With the approval of the plan to promote the audio-visual sector presented on 24 March 2021, and its inclusion in the Action Plan for the Internationalisation of the Spanish Economy 2021-2022, the cinema industry is now a key, strategic sector.

Therefore, it is now possible to apply for immigration under the procedures and requirements established in Law 14/2013, of 27 September, to support entrepreneurs and their internationalisation. On 7 July, the Spanish Ministry of Migrations published the new criteria for that law's application.

The 2013 law addresses work and resident permits for highly-skilled professionals, including intra-company movements and the well-known permit for investors, the Golden Visa. Law 14/2013 enables shortened procedures and now, for the cinema industry, it allows applying for work permits for the entire staff at the same time.

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KPMG NOTE

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FOOTNOTES:

1 See (in Spanish): *Instrucción 1/2021 de la Dirección General de Migraciones relativa a residencia en España del personal, nacional de tercer país, que forme parte del equipo de producciones en el sector audiovisual.* (https://extranjeroinclusion.gob.es/ficheros/normativa/nacional/instrucciones_sgie/documentos/2021/210701_Instruccion_sector_audiovisual.pdf.)

2 See *Ley 14/2013, de 27 de septiembre, de apoyo a los emprendedores y su internacionalización* published in *Boletín Oficial del Estado*, núm. 233, de 28 de septiembre de 2013, páginas 78787 a 78882 (96 págs.) at: https://boe.es/diario_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2013-10074 . And *Ley Orgánica 4/2000, de 11 de enero, sobre derechos y libertades de los extranjeros en España y su integración social* published in *Boletín Oficial del Estado*, núm. 10, de 12/01/2000 at: <https://boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2000-544> .

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