

On June 30th, 2011 entered into force Royal Decree 557/2011 of 20th April, approving the Regulation of Organic Law 4 / 2000 on the rights and freedoms of foreigners in Spain and their social integration. This Royal Decree provides that all foreigners who are related to Spain for their economic, social or professional circumstances must apply for the NIE in person before the General Directorate of Police and Guardia Civil, directly or through the offices of Immigration or police Stations. If the person is not in Spanish territory at the time of the application, he/she must request the assignment of a NIE number to the General Commissioner for Immigration and Borders, through consular offices of Spain abroad.

Consequently, since the entry into force of this rule it is not possible to apply for the NIE through a representative empowered in Spain

This rule applies to all foreigners, whether or not citizens of the EU.

The cases in which the Police Department proceeds to grant the NIE automatically are not included.

ALERT

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