



## **Frequently asked questions about the validity and extension of residence and stay permits in Spain affected by the COVID-19 State of Alarm period\***



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According to information from the Ministry of Health order SND/421/2020 of 18 May 2020.  
→ [See the communication here](#)

This measure intends to put an end to the legal uncertainty that the current situation causes both to foreigners living and working in Spain, but also to social and economic agents during the State of Alarm.

The Orientation and Accompaniment Service for Immigrants (SOAPI) has prepared an informative document based on the Communications of the Ministry of Health in this situation.

## 01. **What happens if my temporary residence and/or work permit expires during the state of alarm or expired during the 90 calendar days prior to the state of alarm?**

The permit is automatically extended. No formalities are required and you will not be notified individually. This extension starts the day after the expiry of the permit and lasts for up to six months after the end of the state of alarm.

## 02. **What happens if my stay permit for study purposes, student mobility, non-working internship or volunteer services expires during the state of alarm or it expired during the 90 calendar days prior to the state of alarm?**

The permit is automatically extended. No formalities are required and you will not be notified individually. This extension starts the day after the expiry of the authorisation and lasts for up to six months after the end of the state of alarm.

Attention: This extension will not apply to educational stays in the field of Health Sciences regulated by Article 30 of Royal Decree 183/2008.

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- 03. What happens if my community member family card expires during the alarm state or expired during the 90 calendar days prior to the alarm state?**  
The card is automatically extended. No formalities are necessary and you will not be notified individually. The card remains valid during the alarm state and up to six months after the alarm state ends.
- 04. What happens if my long-term residence card expires during the alarm state or expired during the 90 calendar days prior to the alarm state?**  
The card is automatically extended. No formalities are necessary and you will not be notified individually. The card remains valid during the alarm state and up to six months after the alarm state ends.
- 05. What happens with my residence or stay permit if I submitted an application for renewal, extension or modification before the entry into force of this order (20 May 2020) and I still do not have a decision?**  
The permit you had before you submitted the application is automatically extended as long as the application has not been resolved. This extension starts the day after the expiry of the permit and lasts until six months after the end of the state of alarm. If, during this extension, the request is resolved and it is approved, the extension will not take effect.
- 06. With this extension, what are the new deadlines for submitting the renewal or modification of my permit for residence or temporary stay?**  
You will be able to submit a request for renewal or modification at any time during the term of the extension and up to 90 calendar days after the end of its term.
- 07. What happens if I entered Spain with a 90-day stay visa and it expired during the state of alarm?**  
If it expired during the alarm state, your stay visa will be automatically extended for a period of 3 months valid only on Spanish territory.
- 08. What happens if I have a long term visa (Youth Mobility Agreement or study visa up to 180 days) and it expired during the state of alarm?**  
It will be extended for a period of 3 months from the end of the state of alarm as long as you remain in Spain and have not been able to return to your home country.
- 09. If I am outside Spanish territory without being able to return because of the COVID-19 situation, will this absence count negatively when I want to renew my permit or card?**  
No. The time you were unable to return as a result of the COVID-19 situation will not count as absence to prove continuity of residence.

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## 10.

**What happens if I have one of the following documents that expires during the state of alarm and I am abroad?**

- a. a permit for temporary residence or stay,*
- b. a community member family card,*
- c. a long-term card,*
- d. a long-stay visa for investors or entrepreneurs*

You will be able to enter Spain on presentation of your valid and up-to-date travel document and your expired foreigner's identity card or expired visa.

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