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1. Context. International mobility in Catalonia

This document is part of the International mobility in Catalonia KIT. The KIT is a structured and practical information instrument that aims to respond to inquiries from potential investors in Catalonia. The KIT includes information on ACCIÓ's areas of competence, as well as corporate, commercial, labor, and tax information, among others. The information describing mobility is found in the work and/or professional sphere of people and their family environments. In this context, we highlight two blocks: Legislation related to mobility at the state level and the different types of residence and work permits in Spain.

Legislation in Spain regarding visas and work permits

In Spain there are three regulatory blocks for cases of migration and mobility of foreigners in Spain:

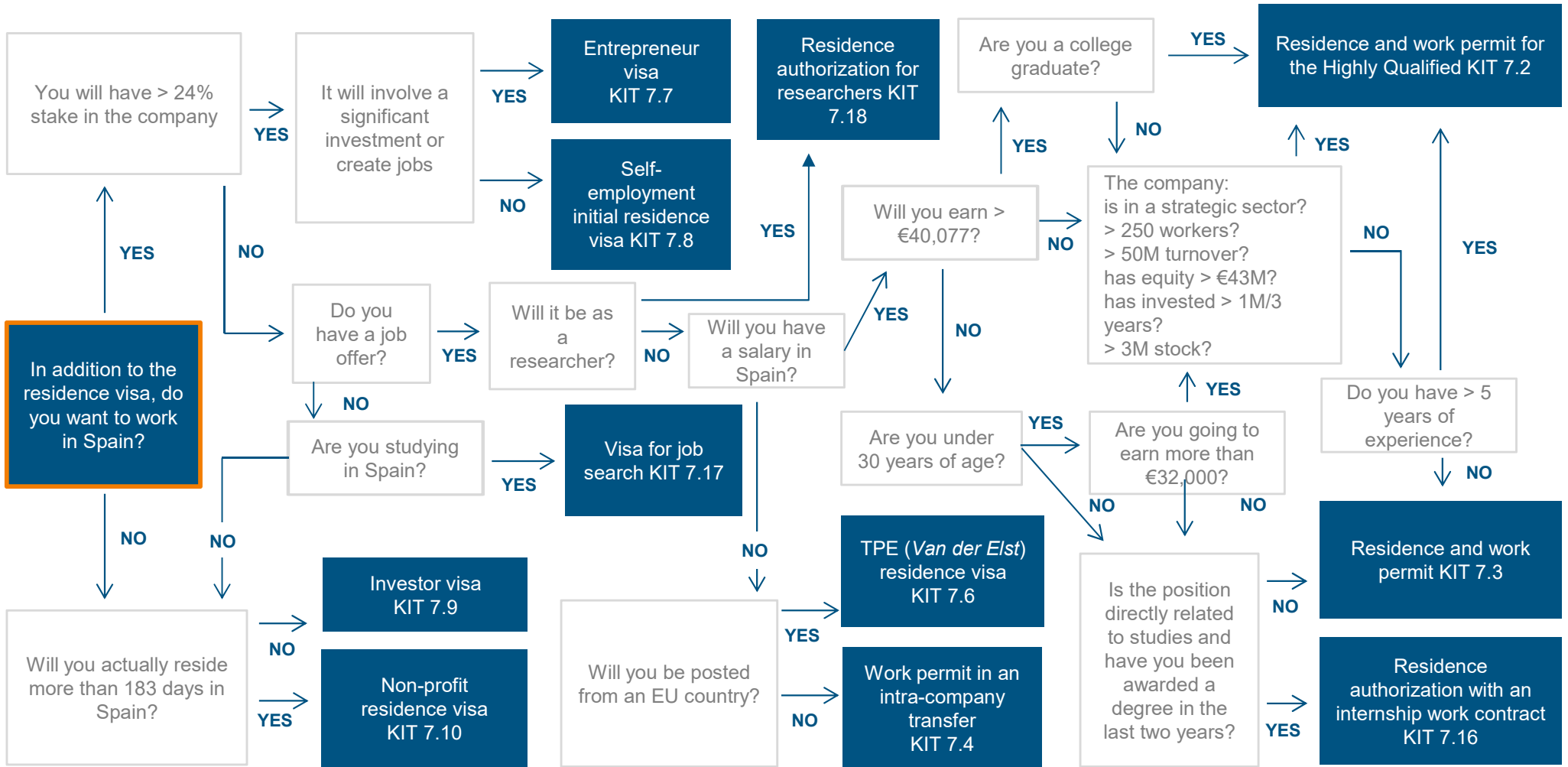
- Entrepreneurs Law (Law 14/2013)
- Immigration Law (Organic Law 4/2000 and Royal Decree 557/2011)
- Community Regime through Royal Decree 240/2007

Type of residence and work permit in Spain



2. Summary of international mobility in Catalonia

A foreigner wishes to obtain a permit/visa for Catalonia. Using binary questions (Yes/No), we can determine what type of permit/visa should be applied for:



3. Regulatory framework for immigration

In Spain there are **three regulatory blocks** for cases of migration and mobility of foreigners in Spain:

ENTREPRENEURS LAW (Law 14/2013)

Regulation of cases in which, essentially, for **reasons of economic interest**, entry and residence are facilitated and expedited for those for whom European Union law is not applicable and who are not beneficiaries of the rights of free movement and residence.

TYPE OF VISAS/PERMITS:

- Residence and work permit for **highly qualified professionals (7.2)**
- Residence and work permit for **intra-company transfer (7.4)**
- **Entrepreneur visa (7.7)**
- **Investor visa (7.9)**
- Residence authorization with an **internship work contract (7.16)**
- Residence authorization for **Job Search (7.17)**

IMMIGRATION LAW (Organic Law 4/2000 and Royal Decree 557/2011)

Regulation of the legal situation, in general, of the foreigner in Spain.

TYPE OF VISAS/PERMITS:

- Residence and work permit for **working for others KIT (7.3)**
- Residence and work permit for **working for yourself (7.8)**
- **Non-profit residence authorization (7.10)**

COMMUNITY REGIME (Royal Decree 240/2007)

Regulates the regime of entry, residence and temporary and permanent stay and work in Spain of **EU/EEA citizens and their relatives**, whatever their nationality. (Entry and residence (7.13)).

4. Benefits of the Entrepreneurs Law

There are certain common characteristics in the residence authorizations of the Entrepreneurs Law that facilitate and speed up the processing:

- Single permit to reside and work in the entire national territory
- The National Employment Situation does not apply (existence in the internal market of personnel with the appropriate professional profile)
- Freedom of movement in the Schengen states
- It is possible to carry out the procedures through representatives
- Fully telematic applications
- Visas resolved and notified in 10 business days
- Residence authorizations resolved in 20–30 business days
- If said period passes without resolution, the application will be deemed as **accepted**
- Joint processing for family members: possibility of carrying out the procedures through a representative

5. Further information

Links that may be of interest:

Immigration Law ([Regulation](#) and [Royal Decree](#) that develops it)

[Entrepreneurs Law](#)

[Royal Decree](#) on the free entry, movement and residence in Spain of citizens of the Member States of the European Union and of other States party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area

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