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Ease of Doing Business in

Spain

This page shows summary *Doing Business 2012* data for Spain. The first table lists the overall "Ease of Doing Business" rank (out of 183 economies) and the rankings by each topic. The rest of the tables summarize the key indicators for each topic and benchmark against regional and high-income economy (OECD) averages.

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ECONOMY OVERVIEW		PRINT EXCEL		
REGION	OECD high income	DOING BUSINESS 2012 RANK	DOING BUSINESS 2011 RANK	CHANGE IN RANK
INCOME CATEGORY	High income	44	45	1
POPULATION	46,217,400			
GNI PER CAPITA (US\$)	31,650.00			

TOPIC RANKINGS	DB 2012 Rank	DB 2011 Rank	Change in Rank
Starting a Business	133	148	15
Dealing with Construction Permits	38	39	1
Getting Electricity	69	70	1
Registering Property	56	45	-11
Getting Credit	48	45	-3
Protecting Investors	97	93	-4
Paying Taxes	48	76	28
Trading Across Borders	55	57	2
Enforcing Contracts	54	53	-1
Resolving Insolvency	20	21	1

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Starting a Business

DB 2012 RANK **133** DB 2011 RANK **148** CHANGE IN RANK **15** [View details »](#) [View methodology »](#) [Compare all economies »](#)

Indicator	Spain	OECD high income	OECD
Procedures (number)	10	--	5
Time (days)	28	--	13
Cost (% of income per capita)	4.7	--	4.7
Paid-in Min. Capital (% of income per capita)	13.2	--	14.1

No.	Procedure	Time to Complete	Associated Costs
1	Obtain a certification of uniqueness of proposed company name (certificación negativa de la denominación social) from the Mercantile Register	3 days	EUR 15.95 (certificate) + EUR 3 (stamps)
2	Open a bank account for the company; deposit capital in the bank and obtain a deposit certificate	1 day	no charge
3	Grant a public deed of incorporation before a public notary	1 day	approximately EUR 500, depends on the amount of the share capital and complexity of the operation.
4	Submit Declaración Censal de Inicio de Actividad and obtain the Tax Identification Number (Numero de Identificación Fiscal, NIF) from the Delegación Provincial de la Agencia Estatal de la Administración Tributaria	1 day	no charge
5	Obtain a tax declaration of exemption from the Dirección General de Tributos - Consejería Hacienda Comunidad Madrid	1 day	no charge
6	File the public deed of incorporation of the company for its registration with the Mercantile Registry.	6 days	EUR 155
7	Legalize company books	15 days	EUR 25 per book (2 books) + EUR 21.14 to legalize
* 8	Submit a notification of start of operations (declaración responsable) to the municipality.	7 days	EUR 350
* 9	File for social security and affiliate all workers with the local general treasury of social security (Tesorería General de la Seguridad Social)	1 day (simultaneous with procedure 7)	no charge
10	Notify the Delegación Provincial de la Consejería de Trabajo e Industria	1 day	no charge

* Takes place simultaneously with another procedure.

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