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# Introduction

Spain is one of the most popular destinations for British expatriates. Having made the decision to move to Spain, it is essential that you plan prudently in order to optimise your finances, particularly in relation to the implications of income and capital gains/savings taxes as well as wealth tax, rental tax, succession tax and gift tax, for example.

Tax laws in the UK and Spain differ significantly and if you are going to manage your wealth successfully, the support and guidance of a professional who understands all the relevant cross-jurisdictional issues will be an invaluable asset. As a simple example, which will be discussed later in this document, winnings and growth from all the common UK tax efficient savings vehicles such as premium bonds and ISAs are taxable in Spain.

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# Your Residency Status and Tax

Tax residency status determines which country's tax laws are used to tax your worldwide income and gains.

## Spanish Residency

Spain does not allow split year treatment for tax status. You are considered tax resident, if you are resident in the country for more than 183 days during the year (January to December) or if your major sources of income or economic activity occur in the country.

Family ties may also determine your status – for example, if your spouse or dependent children live in the country.

## UK Residency

In terms of UK tax residency, your status is determined under the UK Statutory Residence Test.

There are several possible statuses under this test:

- Automatic overseas resident
- Automatic UK resident
- Sufficient ties

In the event that you do not meet the respective criteria for either of the automatic residence tests, the third test assesses your residency status based on the number of days you are resident in the UK together with an assessment of your 'ties' to the UK.

Qualifying ties include:

- having 'substantive' work in the UK
- having family in the UK
- having housing or accommodation in the UK
- spending more time in the UK than any other country, together with at least 91 days in the UK over the previous two years.

It is important that you seek advice regarding how any of the above circumstances affect your residency status.

## Social Security and Healthcare

If you are working, you should make sure you are paying social security to the correct country. It is important to note that it may not always be prudent to pay this in the same country in which the work is actually performed. Any failure in this regard can affect your ability to receive state pensions, state healthcare and other benefits. Furthermore, you may incur penalties if you do not follow the rules and consequently fail to meet your obligations.

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# The UK/Spain Double Tax Treaty



The terms of the UK/Spain Double Tax Treaty mean it is only possible to be tax resident in one of the two countries at any given time. The treaty includes rules to help you establish your tax residency. However, as your circumstances may change it is important that you take regular advice to ensure your circumstances continue to align with the rules necessary for your status. Any oversights in this regard could prove costly.

## Establishing Tax Efficiency

Although the UK/Spain Double Tax Treaty prevents income from being taxed in both countries, in some cases it may be possible to pay tax in the wrong country and to consequently pay more than you need to.

Many expatriates in Spain mistakenly continue to pay tax in the UK, particularly if their main source of income is derived from UK pensions, UK savings or other UK-based assets. Taking early-stage advice can help expats establish tax-efficient arrangements that reduce tax liability and consequently increase cash flow.

Any failure to declare income to the Spanish authorities can result in penalties and/or prosecution for tax evasion. Paying tax in the UK is no defence in these circumstances.

And although it is possible to offset tax paid in one country against tax due in the other, this does not always prove advantageous. It is better to avoid the higher liability in the first place. Finding the arrangement that is most suitable for the individual is rarely straightforward, so it is important to take advice regarding the most tax-efficient arrangement for your circumstances.

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# Tax Efficiency of Investments Depends on Residency

What is tax efficient in the UK may not be tax efficient in Spain, and vice-versa. For example both premium bond winnings and Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs) are tax-free in the UK. However, they may attract considerable tax liability in Spain, so it is likely you may want to restructure any investments of this type before you begin residency in the country.

Furthermore, you may wish to consider the tax efficiency of the following investments when moving from the UK to Spain:

- Personal Equity Plans (PEPs) – attract capital gains tax on disposal
- Investment Bonds – Spanish law does not provide for the same beneficial tax-deferred allowance as in the UK
- Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs)
- Investment Bonds
- UK shares – Dividends are taxable in Spain whether the income is received or reinvested

## ISAs

Although it is possible to hold on to an ISA once you have left the UK for Spain, you will be unable to make any further contributions to the account.

Furthermore, all income and gains derived from an ISA are liable for tax in Spain. If you are becoming, or are already, resident in Spain, you should consider the myriad alternative investments available as they are likely to prove more beneficial than an ISA.

## Offshore Bank Interest



The worldwide bank interest income of residents in Spain is subject to a tax rate of between 19% and 23% in Spain, regardless of where in the world the account is situated and whether it is used to make withdrawals etc. Furthermore, this rate is subject to limits imposed by the UK/Spain Double Tax Treaty.

It is worth speaking with your adviser about the possibility of adding any such interest to your other income and to tax it accordingly.

## The Common Reporting Standard

You should declare all your assets and accounts. Spain is signatory to the Common Reporting Standard, under which almost 100 jurisdictions automatically exchange tax and financial information on a global level. Failure to declare could result in significant fines and penalties.

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# Rental Income

## Rental Income from UK Property

There are more than 1.75 million landlords in the UK and many of these are expats who have multiple properties in the UK. Often these serve as a kind of proxy pension fund. Others may have one or more UK properties which they no longer live in, but do not wish to sell because of personal or familial attachments.

Rental income from UK properties remains taxable in the UK regardless of residency status and must be appropriately reported in both the UK and Spain. For residents in Spain, UK rental income is also taxable in Spain, where it is added to all other income and taxed at the scale rates of tax. However, tax paid in the UK can be offset against the Spanish tax on the same income.

Residents of Spain with long-term rental agreements are entitled to a 60% reduction against net rental income; this includes both rental properties owned inside and outside the country. Furthermore, some expenses are deductible.

## Rental Income from Property in Spain

Renting out Spanish property is a common investment for many expats in Spain. Owning Spanish property can help you feel connected to the country, provides real-estate security, and can also provide an invaluable cash flow.

However, all rental income derived from property owned in Spain is subject to tax. For non-residents of Spain living within the EU or EEA, this income attracts a flat rate tax of 19% (although mortgage interest, agency fees, repairs, and some other expenses are tax deductible). Residents from outside the EU or EEA are subject to a higher flat-rate tax of 24% with no allowable deductions.

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# Spain's Property Wealth Tax



Any Spanish properties that are not being lived in and are not being rented out are subject to a separate tax. This is calculated on the notion that you receive annual income 1.1% of the state-sanctioned valuation of the property if the property has been valued within the past decade, or at 2% if no valuation has occurred during the preceding ten years.

This income is known as 'imputación de rentas inmobiliarias' and is assumed by the state regardless of whether you actually receive it or not; as such it is deemed to be taxable. For residents and non-residents who live in the EU or EEA it is taxed at a flat rate of 19%. A higher rate of 24% applies to residents outside of the EU and EEA.

Overseas properties owned by residents in Spain attract a similar tax on the notional income. However, the assumed income is calculated as 1.1% of 50% of the purchase price. This is then subject to a 19% or 24% tax depending on whether you live within the EU/EEA.

## Capital Gains on Property

You are likely to be exempt from capital gains tax on the proceeds from a sale of your main Spanish residence provided you are over 65 and have lived in the property for at least three years. Similarly, you will be exempt if you are under 65 and reinvest the entire sum in a new residence.

The UK/Spain Double Tax Treaty dictates that any gains realised from the disposal of UK properties attracts Spanish capital gains tax of up to 23%. This is true regardless of whether the property was your main residence, although you may still qualify for the exemptions outlined above.

It is worth bearing in mind that you will also be liable for UK capital gains tax for gains accrued after 6 April 2015, even if you are resident in Spain. Unless you have particular reasons for owning UK property while residing in Spain it may be worth consulting your adviser about the potential benefits of alternative investments.

## Undeclared Income or 'Black Money'

Not that long ago in Spain many property transactions were borderline in their legitimacy as neither vendor nor buyer always disclosed the full value of the transaction. Not only is this practice of under-declaring the purchase price illegal, it can also result in a much larger capital gains liability than would otherwise apply when the property is sold further down the line. Such 'black money' transactions should be avoided.



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# Succession Laws



In August 2015 Spain implemented an EU regulation known as ‘Brussels IV’. Under the terms of Brussels IV, if you reside in Spain you can choose to have UK succession law apply to your estate, otherwise Spanish succession law will apply automatically upon your death, including if you die intestate (without a Will).

There may be significant advantages to electing UK succession law: Spain’s forced heirship rules do not allow you to choose certain beneficiaries – for example step-children – while simultaneously forcing you to hand on as much as half of your estate to your ‘bloodline’ – this includes children (biological and adopted), spouse, parents and grandparents, regardless of whether you want this.

You should be aware that if you are a resident in Spain, the country’s succession law will apply to all your worldwide assets (excluding non-Spanish real estate). As such, careful planning in relation to succession laws and inheritance taxes is essential.

## Wills and Probate

UK Wills are valid in Spain but can be complicated by the cross-jurisdictional probate process – the Will needs to be translated and notarised before it will be ready for the Spanish probate process. It can be a laborious and time-consuming process negotiating cross-border probate before assets can be distributed.

It is important to be careful and to take advice. Writing a Spanish Will, even if it is just for your Spanish assets, can potentially invalidate your UK Will and in some cases may even lead to disputes between your heirs.

## Inheritance Tax

Both lifetime gifts and bequeathed assets are liable for Spanish succession and gift tax. This is true for all assets situated in Spain regardless of who the asset/gift has been given to (including spouses) and applies regardless of the recipient’s country of residence.

As such all of the following assets in Spain attract this tax:

- Property
- Cash
- Stocks
- Valuable items such as paintings or antiques

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# Tax Obligations of Beneficiaries

In the UK, inheritance tax is paid by the estate. In Spain, succession and gift tax is paid by the beneficiaries. However, just as in the UK, the tax must be paid before the assets can be released. This can make matters complicated, particularly as in most cases the tax must be paid within six months of the testator's death.

The applicable rate of tax is calculated according to the following criteria:

- The relationship between testator (donor) and beneficiary (donee).
- The value of what is being passed on.
- The pre-inheritance wealth of the beneficiary.
- The respective residence status of the testator and beneficiary.

## Regional Differences

Rates of tax and exemption thresholds may vary in Spain depending on the rules of the applicable autonomous region you are residing in. However, sometimes the state rules may apply and working out which takes precedence can be complicated for the uninitiated.

National tax exemption thresholds are €16,000 for spouses, parents or children older than 21 – further reductions are available against the value of the main home, although their complicated nature means it is best to take advice in this regard.

It is important to note that although some autonomous regions have more favourable rates in place than others, overall there is not a great deal of variance in approach.

## Inheritance Tax for UK Domiciles with Strong Links to Spain

UK domiciles are subject to UK inheritance tax on death even if they have previously lived for extended periods in Spain. In theory, this can result in estates being liable

for inheritance tax in both Spain and the UK. However, although there is no double tax treaty between the two countries relating to inheritance tax, the two countries will provide unilateral relief to prevent double taxation. In most cases, those in this situation will have to pay tax on the higher liability.

On occasion, tax may be due in both Spain and the UK but for different events. In such situations it is not possible to offset the tax from one country against the tax due in the other. Good advice and prudent planning are likely to prove invaluable in helping you pass on your estate in line with your wishes and with only the minimum level of tax.

## Unmarried Couples, Step-Families and Succession Law

Spanish succession laws mean that any person who is considered a 'desconocido' (stranger – not married to the deceased or related through marriage) could be liable for a succession or gift tax of up to 82% on the value of any gifted or inherited asset. However, this level is rarely applied. Unmarried couples, step-children and other non bloodline families should be prepared and it is wise to plan carefully in order to reduce tax liability as much as possible.

## Civil Partners and Same-Sex Marriages

Spain recognises same sex marriages performed in other countries and allows same sex marriage within its own law. However, UK civil partners are not recognised as 'married' for tax and other purposes. To receive marriage legal rights in Spain, including tax benefits, you should therefore seek to convert your civil partnership into a UK civil marriage.

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# Modelo 720

All residents of Spain are required by law to declare all assets they hold outside Spain worth more than €50,000 (per asset class), regardless of the holder's nationality. The reporting form for these assets is known as Modelo 720.

Modelo 720 divides assets into three groups:

- Overseas property
- Cash, deposits, ISAs – held in overseas financial entities
- Financial assets (bonds, investments, pensions, insurances) located abroad

The Spanish tax agency (Agencia Tributaria) issue severe fines for any non-disclosure of assets – in some cases these can be as high as 150% of the value of the undeclared assets. Furthermore, there is no limit to how far back fines may be retrospectively imposed for historical incidents of non-disclosure.

Following an intervention by the European Commission, which was concerned about the seemingly punitive nature of these fines, the Spanish Tax Authorities no longer impose the penalty of 150% of the value of the undeclared assets in the event that there is voluntary (even if late) declaration of the Modelo 720. Previous to this, even small errors made in good faith could receive stern punishment.

Any person who has assets exceeding a value of €50,000 at 31 December (the official reporting date) is required to submit a report. Modelo 720 reporting is only required in subsequent years in the event the value of the assets reported increases by €20,000 on the previous stated value. You must also report any event involving the sale or closure of an asset previously reported on the form.



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# Wealth Tax

Wealth tax is payable annually on the total net value of your assets at 31 December of that year. All residents of Spain who meet the threshold for this tax are liable for the total value of their worldwide assets. Non-residents are liable only for assets located in Spain. It is important to note that loans are deductible from your net taxable wealth – the exception is if they have been used to purchase or invest in assets which are exempt from wealth tax.

Although the wealth tax was introduced as an emergency measure, ostensibly to help deal with the financial crisis of 2008, there has long been expectation that it will be abolished. However, it still exists today.

Wealth tax is payable on the value of most assets, including the following:

- Property
- Art
- Jewellery
- Cars
- Yachts
- Savings
- Investments

Some assets may be exempt from wealth tax. These include the following:

- Some household contents  
(not jewellery, fur coats, boats, vehicles, art and antiques)
- Certain family companies meeting certain conditions  
(not including most property investment companies)
- Pension pots
- Owner-managed small businesses

- Intellectual property rights owned by the author/creator/artist
- Business assets where income from the business make up at least 50% of the individual's taxable income and meet certain other criteria

Spanish wealth tax is effectively a tax on capital assets. There is no comparable tax in the UK and it can be very difficult to plan for without advice. Furthermore, wealth tax rates may vary depending on the autonomous region in which you or your assets are located. There are limits to Spanish wealth and income tax and this means that there are ways to limit your liability by intelligently managing your assets alongside your total income. It is best to seek advice in this regard.

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# Conclusion

Professional, expert advice is critical to effectively manage your tax liability in Spain, particularly if there are possible cross-jurisdictional and language issues to consider.

Spain's taxation and succession laws differ markedly from those in the UK – sometimes this may work to your personal advantage, but at other times it may not. It is only by carrying out full analysis of your situation and with careful planning that you can feel confident of striking a balance that most closely aligns with the interests of you and your family.

At Blacktower, we understand that everyone is different and it is important your adviser has an understanding of you, your circumstances, your long-term goals and your cash-flow needs. We take the time to get to know you and will answer your investing, savings and retirement planning questions so that we may provide a truly bespoke service.

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# Tax Rates in Spain

## Income tax

In Spain, your taxable income (including capital gains) is split into **general income** and **savings income**.

Savings income includes:

- Interest on savings
- Shareholder dividends
- Income from annuities
- Income derived from life assurance contracts
- Capital gains on the sale/transfer of assets

General Income, not categorised as savings-related, includes:

- All earned income (i.e. salary, self-employment and pension income)
- Income from rental properties
- Notional rental income (imputación de rentas inmobiliarias)
- Royalties
- Any imputed income and gains not made on the sale/transfer of assets (for example, from lottery/gambling)

## General income tax

Income tax rates are made up of a state tax plus a regional tax. Each autonomous community sets their own local rates.

The following pages contain the 2018 tables for the regions most popular with expatriates.

# Income Tax Tables

## Andalucía

TAXABLE BASE FROM €	TAXABLE BASE TO €	NATIONAL TAX RATE	REGIONAL TAX RATE	TOTAL TAX RATE	TAX PAYABLE ON BAND €	CUMULATIVE TAX PAYABLE €
0	12,450	9.5%	10.0%	19.5%	2,428	2,428
12,450	20,200	12.0%	12.0%	24.0%	1,860	4,288
20,200	28,000	15.0%	15.0%	30.0%	2,340	6,628
28,000	35,200	15.0%	16.5%	31.5%	2,268	8,896
35,200	50,000	18.5%	19.0%	37.5%	5,550	14,446
50,000	60,000	18.5%	19.5%	38.0%	3,800	18,246
60,000	120,000	22.5%	23.5%	46.0%	27,600	45,846
120,000	Onwards	22.5%	25.5%	48.0%	-	-

## Cataluña

TAXABLE BASE FROM €	TAXABLE BASE TO €	NATIONAL TAX RATE	REGIONAL TAX RATE	TOTAL TAX RATE	TAX PAYABLE ON BAND €	CUMULATIVE TAX PAYABLE €
0	12,450	9.5%	12.0%	21.5%	2,677	2,677
12,450	17,707	12.0%	12.0%	24.0%	1,262	3,938
17,707	20,200	12.0%	14.0%	26.0%	648	4,587
20,200	33,007	15.0%	14.0%	29.0%	3,714	8,301
33,007	35,200	15.0%	18.5%	33.5%	735	9,035
35,200	53,407	18.5%	18.5%	37.0%	6,737	15,772
53,407	60,000	18.5%	21.5%	40.0%	2,637	18,409
60,000	120,000	22.5%	21.5%	44.0%	26,400	44,809
120,000	175,000	22.5%	23.5%	46.0%	25,300	70,109
175,000	Onwards	22.5%	25.5%	48.0%	-	-

## Comunidad Valenciana

TAXABLE BASE FROM €	TAXABLE BASE TO €	NATIONAL TAX RATE	REGIONAL TAX RATE	TOTAL TAX RATE	TAX PAYABLE ON BAND €	CUMULATIVE TAX PAYABLE €
0	12,450	9.5%	10.00%	19.50%	2,428	2,428
12,450	17,000	12%	11.00%	23.00%	1,047	3,474
17,000	20,200	12%	13.90%	25.90%	829	4,303
20,200	30,000	15%	13.90%	28.90%	2,832	7,135
30,000	35,200	15.0%	18.00%	33.00%	1,716	8,851
35,200	50,000	18.5%	18.00%	36.50%	5,402	14,253
50,000	60,000	18.5%	23.50%	42.00%	4,200	18,453
60,000	65,000	22.5%	23.50%	46.00%	2,300	16,553
65,000	80,000	22.5%	24.50%	47.00%	7,050	23,603
80,000	120,000	22.5%	25.00%	47.50%	19,000	42,603
120,000	Onwards	22.5%	25.50%	48.00%	-	-

## Islas Baleares

TAXABLE BASE FROM €	TAXABLE BASE TO €	NATIONAL TAX RATE	REGIONAL TAX RATE	TOTAL TAX RATE	TAX PAYABLE ON BAND €	CUMULATIVE TAX PAYABLE €
0	10,000	9.5%	9.5%	19.00%	1,900	1,900
10,000	12,450	9.5%	11.75%	21.25%	521	2,421
12,450	18,000	12.0%	11.75%	23.75%	1,318	3,739
18,000	20,200	12.0%	14.75%	26.75%	589	4,327
20,200	30,000	15.0%	14.75%	29.75%	2,916	7,243
30,000	35,200	15.0%	17.75%	32.75%	1,703	8,946
35,200	48,000	18.5%	17.75%	36.25%	4,640	13,586
48,000	60,000	18.5%	19.25%	37.75%	4,530	18,116
60,000	70,000	22.5%	19.25%	41.75%	4,175	22,291
70,000	90,000	22.5%	22.0%	44.50%	8,900	31,191
90,000	120,000	22.5%	23.0%	45.50%	13,650	44,841
120,000	175,000	22.5%	24.0%	46.50%	25,575	70,416
175,000	Onwards	22.5%	25.0%	47.50%	-	-

## Islas Canarias

TAXABLE BASE FROM €	TAXABLE BASE TO €	NATIONAL TAX RATE	REGIONAL TAX RATE	TOTAL TAX RATE	TAX PAYABLE ON BAND €	CUMULATIVE TAX PAYABLE €
0	12,450	9.5%	9.5%	19.0%	2,366	2,366
12,450	17,707	12.0%	12.0%	24.0%	1,262	3,627
17,707	20,200	12.0%	14.0%	26.0%	648	4,275
20,200	33,007	15.0%	14.0%	29.0%	3,714	7,989
33,007	35,200	15.0%	18.5%	33.5%	735	8,724
35,200	53,407	18.5%	18.5%	37.0%	6,737	15,461
53,407	60,000	18.5%	23.5%	42.0%	2,769	18,230
60,000	90,000	22.5%	23.5%	46.0%	13,800	32,030
90,000	Onwards	22.5%	24.0%	46.5%	-	-

## Murcia

TAXABLE BASE FROM €	TAXABLE BASE TO €	NATIONAL TAX RATE	REGIONAL TAX RATE	TOTAL TAX RATE	TAX PAYABLE ON BAND €	CUMULATIVE TAX PAYABLE €
0	12,450	9.5%	10.0%	19.5%	2,428	2,428
12,450	20,200	12.0%	12.5%	24.5%	1,899	4,327
20,200	34,000	15.0%	15.5%	30.5%	4,209	8,536
34,000	35,200	15.0%	19.5%	34.5%	414	8,950
35,200	60,000	18.5%	19.5%	38.0%	9,424	18,374
60,000	Onwards	22.5%	23.5%	46.0%	-	-

## Savings Income

TAXABLE BASE FROM €	TAXABLE BASE UP TO €	STATE TAX	AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY TAX	TOTAL TAX RATE
0	6,000	9.5%	9.5%	19.0%
6,000	50,000	10.5%	10.5%	21.0%
50,000	Onwards	11.5%	11.5%	23.0%

Tax rates on income from savings 2018.

## Wealth Tax Rates and Allowances

Wealth tax is payable annually on the total net value of your assets at 31 December of that year. Residents of Spain are liable for the total value of their worldwide assets. Non-residents are liable only for assets located in Spain.

## Allowances

ASSETS	RESIDENTS WORLDWIDE €	NON-RESIDENTS SPANISH ASSETS ONLY €
DEDUCTIONS Individual Main home	€700,000 €300,000	€700,000 None
EXAMPLE Married couple 2 x individual 2 x main home	- €1,400,000 €600,000	- €1,400,000 None
TOTAL ALLOWANCES AVAILABLE	€2,000,000	€1,400,000

The above assumes a main home value in excess of €600,000 and all assets held in joint names. For lower value property, the balance of allowance cannot be offset.

Autonomous regions can and do vary the allowances and rates. Wealth tax is an individual tax and joint tax returns are not permitted.

Please note:

The *Cataluña* individual deduction has fallen from €700,000 to €500,000.

The *Comunidad Valenciana* individual deduction has fallen from €700,000 to €600,000.

## State Wealth Tax Rates

ASSETS	RESIDENTS WORLDWIDE €	NON-RESIDENTS SPANISH ASSETS ONLY €
DEDUCTIONS Individual Main home	€700,000 €300,000	€700,000 None
EXAMPLE Married couple 2 x individual 2 x main home	- €1,400,000 €600,000	- €1,400,000 None
TOTAL ALLOWANCES AVAILABLE	€2,000,000	€1,400,000

## Andalucia Wealth Tax Rates

FROM €	TO €	TAX RATE	TAX ON BAND €	CUMULATIVE TAX €
0	167,129	0.24%	401	401
167,129	334,252	0.36%	602	1,003
334,252	668,499	0.61%	2,039	3,042
668,499	1,336,999	1.09%	7,287	10,328
1,336,999	2,673,999	1.57%	20,991	31,319
2,673,999	5,347,998	2.06%	55,084	86,404
5,347,998	10,695,996	2.54%	135,839	222,243
10,695,996	Onwards	3.03%	-	-

## Cataluña Wealth Tax Rates

FROM €	TO €	TAX RATE	TAX ON BAND €	CUMULATIVE TAX €
0	167,129	0.210%	351	351
167,129	334,253	0.315%	526	877
334,253	668,500	0.525%	1,755	2,632
668,500	1,336,999	0.945%	6,317	8,950
1,336,999	2,673,999	1.365%	18,250	27,200
2,673,999	5,347,998	1.785%	47,731	74,930
5,347,998	10,695,996	2.205%	117,923	192,854
10,695,996	Onwards	2.750%	-	-

## Comunidad Valenciana Wealth Tax Rates

FROM €	TO €	TAX RATE	TAX ON BAND €	CUMULATIVE TAX €
0	167,129	0.25%	418	418
167,129	334,253	0.37%	618	1,036
334,253	668,500	0.62%	2,072	3,109
668,500	1,336,999	1.12%	7,487	10,596
1,336,999	2,673,999	1.62%	21,659	32,255
2,673,999	5,347,998	2.12%	56,689	88,944
5,347,998	10,695,996	2.62%	140,118	229,061
10,695,996	Onwards	3.12%	-	-

## Islas Baleares Wealth Tax Rates

FROM €	TO €	TAX RATE	TAX ON BAND €	CUMULATIVE TAX €
0	170,472	0.28%	477	477
170,472	340,937	0.41%	699	1,176
340,937	681,869	0.69%	2,352	3,529
681,869	1,336,739	1.24%	8,120	11,649
1,336,739	2,727,479	1.79%	24,894	36,543
2,727,479	5,454,958	2.35%	64,096	100,639
5,454,958	10,909,915	2.90%	158,194	258,833
10,909,915	Onwards	3.45%	-	-

## Islas Canarias Wealth Tax Rates\*

\*State wealth tax rates apply.

## Murcia Wealth Tax Rates

FROM €	TO €	TAX RATE	TAX ON BAND €	CUMULATIVE TAX €
0	167,129	0.24%	401	401
167,129	334,253	0.36%	602	1,003
334,253	668,500	0.60%	2,005	3,008
668,500	1,336,999	1.08%	7,220	10,228
1,336,999	2,673,999	1.56%	20,857	31,085
2,673,999	5,347,998	2.04%	54,550	85,635
5,347,998	10,695,996	2.52%	134,770	220,404
10,695,996	Onwards	3.00%	-	-



## Succession and Gift Tax Rates and Allowances

Rates vary across each autonomous region, and notably in Andalucía, Murcia, Comunidad Valenciana, Cataluña, Madrid, Islas Baleares and Islas Canarias.

The following are national rates.

### Categories

First, beneficiaries are divided into the following four groups depending on the closeness of relationship to the donor or the deceased:	
GROUP I	Natural and adopted children and other descendants (e.g. grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc...) under 21
GROUP II	Natural and adopted children and other descendants aged 21 and over Ascendants (e.g. grandparents, great-grandparents, etc...). Spouses
GROUP III	In-laws and their ascendants/descendants* Step-children* Brothers and sisters Cousins Nieces and nephews Aunts and uncles
GROUP IV	All others including unmarried partners even if they have registered as a pareja de hecho (a de facto couple). However, in some regions, pareja de hecho are treated as married couples for succession and gift tax purposes, provided certain requirements are met.

\*In-laws and step-children can also be considered as Group IV beneficiaries in certain circumstances.

### Relatives' Reductions

There are no state reductions for life-time gifts. The tax-free state relatives' reductions for inheritances received by members of the different groups are as follows:

GROUP I	€15,956 with extra €3,990 for each year less than 21 years old, up to a maximum of €47,858
GROUP II	€15,956
GROUP III	€7,993
GROUP IV	nil

## Succession and Gift Tax State Rates

FROM €	TO €	TAX RATE	CUMULATIVE TAX €
Nil	7,993	7.65%	612
7,993	15,981	8.5%	1,290
15,981	23,968	9.35%	2,037
23,968	31,956	10.2%	2,852
31,956	39,943	11.05%	3,735
39,943	47,930	11.9%	4,685
47,930	55,918	12.75%	5,704
55,918	63,906	13.6%	6,790
63,906	71,893	14.45%	7,944
71,893	79,881	15.3%	9,166
79,881	119,758	16.15%	15,606
119,758	159,635	18.7%	23,063
159,635	239,389	21.25%	40,011
239,389	398,778	25.5%	80,655
398,778	797,555	29.75%	199,291
Over	797,555	34%	-

Tax liability is dependent on the relationship between donor and recipient and the pre-existing wealth of the recipient – multipliers apply.

### Succession and Gift Tax Multipliers

NET WORTH OF DONEE		GROUP I & II (ASCENDANTS DESCENDANTS SPOUSES)	GROUP III (2nd & 3rd RELATIVES)	GROUP IV (OTHERS)
FROM €	TO €			
Nil	402,678	1.0000	1.5882	2.0000
402,678	2,007,380	1.0500	1.6676	2.1000
2,007,380	4,020,771	1.1000	1.7471	2.2000
Over	4,020,771	1.2000	1.9059	2.4000

For region specific tax rates, please contact Blacktower directly and we will be happy to help.



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