

TRAVELLING DURING YOUR TIE RENEWAL

As a general rule, you cannot travel outside Spain during your TIE renewal.

If you want/ need to travel in this period and the trip is **to your home country**:

- 1. If you come back to Barcelona before the expiry date of your TIE card**, you will be able to enter in Spain without any additional procedure.
- 2. In case you will come back after the expiry date of your TIE card**, you will have to do the procedure: Authorization of return (<https://www.upc.edu/sri/en/students/students-mobility-office/international-students/about-your-legal-status-in-spain/in-order-to-travel-authorization-of-return-to-spain>).

In this case, the main requirement to do the authorization of return is to have initiated the TIE renewal. So you should:

- a) Begin the TIE renewal process during the last two months of validity of the TIE card.
- b) After that you should obtain the authorization of return.
- c) Then you can travel and enter again in Spain by means of the authorization of return.

In case that the trip you had / would like to do is **to another country**:

- 1. If you come back to Barcelona before the expiry date of your TIE card**, you will be able to enter in **Spain** without any additional procedure. In this case, **if your travel is to a country outside the European Union**, you should contact the Consulate of that country in Spain to check if you have to do any additional procedure to enter there.
- 2. In case you will come back after the expiry date of your TIE card**, you will have to do the procedure: Authorization of return (<https://www.upc.edu/sri/en/students/students-mobility-office/international-students/about-your-legal-status-in-spain/in-order-to-travel-authorization-of-return-to-spain>).

In this case, the main requirement to do the authorization of return is to have initiated the TIE renewal. So you should:

- d) Begin the TIE renewal process during the last two months of validity of the TIE card.
- e) After that you should obtain the authorization of return.
- f) Then you can travel and enter again in Spain by means of the authorization of return.

On the other hand, you should contact the Embassy or Consulate in Spain of the country/ies where you are going to travel (**in this case, the fact that the countries belong or not to the European Union makes no difference, as the rest of the European Union countries only accept the Spanish student card valid to let you in**) in order to ask if you should do any additional procedure to enter that/those country/ies.

When asking for an authorization of return, you must have some other things into account:

- a) **The authorization of return is only valid for Spain. You cannot enter in other countries, even if they belong to the European Union, by means of the authorization of return. If you are planning to visit other countries, you should contact the Consulate of said countries in Spain in order to ask if you should do any additional procedure to enter there.**
- b) **In case you return to Spain by plane and with the authorization of return, please remember that you could have problems in case you do a transfer in the airport of another Schengen European Union country. The authorization of return is accepted only by the Spanish border crossings, the rest of Schengen border crossings could deny the entrance to you.**
- c) If you had begun the TIE renewal procedure just before leaving Spain, you should know for sure if all presented documents have been accepted by the Spanish authorities (by sending an e-mail to the International Students Office of UPC if you had begun the procedure by means of this Office). In case the Spanish authorities would have not accepted all your documents, you will have 30 days to present the lacking documents to the OMI office of UPC. After this period without presenting the required documents, your application could be closed and you would lose the possibility of renewing your TIE card.

OTHER SITUATIONS IN WHICH YOU COULD NEED TO OBTAIN THE AUTHORIZATION OF RETURN:

1. When your TIE card is valid but you have lost it or it has been stolen

In case you have asked for the duplicate of the TIE card but you don't have the definitive card yet and you have to travel, you should ask for an authorization of return in order to be able to come back without problems.

In this situation, remember that to travel to other countries, even if they are of the European Union, won't be sure because you don't have the TIE card valid, so you should contact the Consulate of Spain of the country/ies where you would like to travel.

2. When you have just arrived into Spain and you are asking for your first TIE card

When you arrive in Spain with a Spanish long term student visa, you are supposed to remain in Spain until you obtain your first TIE card. Then you can travel to all European Union Schengen countries and remain there for a maximum of three months and coming back to Spain without problems.

However if for some reason you should have to travel before having your first TIE card, you should ask for an authorization of return (and also justify the reasons of your travel). Be careful, because you only will be able to ask for an authorization of return when you had visited the Police Office and received the receipt of your TIE card,