Temporary residence permits based on humanitarian grounds will no longer be issued

Before the Qualification Regulation entered into application, Spain granted temporary residence permits to applicants who did not qualify for international protection but required protection for humanitarian reasons. Following the rejection of the international protection, in the same procedure, a 1-year residence permit was granted.

Following the entry into application of the Qualification Regulation, the Ministry of the Interior issued an information note on granting or renewing temporary residence permits for humanitarian reasons linked to international protection:

"As of 16 April 2026, persons holding temporary residence permits for humanitarian reasons of international protection on an annual basis may process their amendment to a different residence permit. Additional instructions on this procedure of transitioning to a new permit were issued and are available here.

From 12 June 2026, and irrespective of whether the application for international was lodged before that date, authorisations for temporary residence on humanitarian grounds of international protection may not be granted or renewed."

Applicants affected by this policy are mainly Venezuelan nationals.

Source(s)

- Ministry of the Interior | Ministerio del Interior (12 June, 2026), Nota informativa sobre la concesión o renovación de las autorizaciones de residencia temporal por razones humanitarias de protección internacional [Information note on the granting or renewal of temporary residence permits for humanitarian reasons of international protection], https://proteccion-asilo.interior.gob.es/es/informacion-de-interes/

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