

# Renting an Apartment with VidalMarin Abogados

We make the rental process as simple and transparent as possible. Here's how it works:

## 1. Find your new home

Browse our listings and choose the apartment that best fits your needs, lifestyle, and budget.

## 2. Qualification questions

Answer a few simple questions to confirm that the property is suitable for you and your circumstances.

## 3. Schedule a viewing

Book an in-person visit or, if you are not in Alicante, arrange a video call.

## 4. Document verification

Once you've chosen a property, we'll need the following documents to proceed:

- Copy of work contract
- Last 3 payslips and/or bank statements for the same period\*
- For those with work contract in Spain we will require Vida Laboral
- Copy of passport, NIE/TIE, DNI, or national ID card
- For students, landlords typically require a guarantor

*Many landlords may take out rental default insurance. If that would be the case, to carry out the risk assessment through the insurer, we will need you to sign a data protection consent form in accordance with Spanish data protection law (LOPD).*

*\* If you are a pensioner, VidalMarin Abogados will require proof of income or pension as part of the standard verification process before entering into a tenancy agreement. This documentation helps demonstrate the tenant's ability to meet rental obligations throughout the lease term.*

## 5. Reservation Agreement (*Contrato de Arras*)

Once the checks are successfully completed, you will pay a deposit equivalent to circa **25% of the monthly rent** to reserve the property. This is formalized through a *Contrato de Arras*, signed by both parties.

The reservation guarantees that the property is withdrawn from the market while the lease documentation is prepared and, where applicable, while the insurer carries out its risk analysis. The amount paid will be deducted from the total amount due in the first month.

*The reservation fee is split equally: 50% for the landlord and 50% for VidalMarín Abogados' fees.*

## 6. Lease Agreement and Payment

We draft and review the lease agreement, clearly setting out the rights and obligations of both parties. The contract is sent for handwritten signature, as this is the preferred method of the authorities.

At this stage you will make the outstanding payments: the security deposit (minus the reservation already paid), the first month's rent, and the remaining fees due to VidalMarín Abogados.

## 7. Key handover and move-in

Once everything is signed and paid, we will hand over the keys on the start date of the lease, and you can begin enjoying your new home in Alicante.

## 8. Inventory

Depending on the landlord, the inventory provided with the lease agreement must be signed either at the time of contract signing and key handover, or within the first two weeks following the signing date.

With us, renting is clear, safe, and stress-free.