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- Cricket has been formally recognised as an official sport in the Balearic Islands, following a resolution issued by the Balearic Government's Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sports.
- The decision marks a major milestone for the sport across Mallorca, Menorca and Ibiza.

- The recognition follows more than a year of work and consultation with the Balearic sports authorities and confirms that cricket meets all legal, technical and participation requirements to be recognised as an official sporting discipline within the autonomous community.
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## Hope for “illegal” Britons

**Palma.**—Britons living in Spain “under the radar” could benefit from a new scheme launched by the Spanish government which will mean that they will be issued with paperwork with few questions asked as long as they do not have a criminal record. Legally registered in Spain there are about 300,000 Britons but the number is said to be far higher.

Migration Minister Elma Saiz told a news conference that irregular migrants who have lived in Spain for at least five months as of the end of

2025 and have no criminal record, as well as those who had applied for asylum before the end of the year, would be eligible for the accelerated residence permit.

Some 500,000 people, mostly from Latin America, stand to benefit from the measure, according to government estimates.

The permit will be valid for a year - or five in the case of children - and renewable.

After 10 years, the migrants could become citizens, or even quicker if they are from Latin

America countries or refugees. Despite the best efforts of both the Spanish and British authorities, there are a number of Britons living in Spain who still do not have the necessary paperwork. This new scheme could give them an opportunity to legalise their situation.

Since Brexit the rules for Britons living in Spain have become stricter and it is far more difficult for them to live under the radar with no proper paperwork.

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