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## RESIDENCE VISA FOR INVERSTORS OR SELF-EMPLOYED

This visa allows you to reside in Spain as a **self-employed** and work in a company in which the applicant **has invested the required capital**.

The visa process can take **12 weeks** from the day the application and all documents are submitted. Due to the number of applications received by this Consulate, we recommend you schedule an appointment (**appointments are free of charge**) as soon as you have all the required documents.

## DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT TOGETHER WITH THE APPLICATION

All documents to be submitted in original form + 1 copy. Translations must be done by a certified translator.

1. **National visa application form**: application form signed and filled in, in legible print.
2. **Original Passport and ID** (plus 1 photocopy of both): Valid passport for a minimum of 1 year, with at least one blank page to affix the visa. Your passport may remain at the Consulate. Please provide proof of residency by means of a copy of US Driver's license or US State ID or Voter's Registration Card.
3. **One recent passport sized photo**: (White Background, 2x2") glued to the form.
4. **Authorization form EX-07**: "Solicitud de autorización de residencia temporal y trabajo por cuenta propia".
5. **Initial Residence Authorization. Form 790 code 052**. plus payment of **additional fee**.
6. **Initial Residence self employment Authorization. Form 990 code 062**. plus payment of **additional fee**.
7. **Studies homologated** by Spanish Ministry of Education when required by your profession/occupation. (In Spanish or translated into Spanish).
8. **Proof of income for the investment in Spain** (bank statements or letter from the bank in Spain).
9. **Work or Investment Project** showing the type of business to conduct as well as the projected financial gains and, if applicable, jobs to be created by such project. (In Spanish or translated into Spanish).
10. **List of the authorizations and/or permits required** to open or conduct the future business along with the permits and /or licenses already obtained from the proper authorities (in Spanish).
11. **Proof of accommodation**. Provide one of the following documents:
  - Lease (In Spanish or translated into Spanish).
  - Title deed of property (In Spanish or translated into Spanish).
12. **Proof of health insurance with full coverage in Spain** and necessarily including Repatriation Coverage (In Spanish or translated into Spanish).
13. **Criminal History Information/Police Background Check** (translated into Spanish). Must be verified by **fingerprints**. It cannot be older than 3 months from the application date. The certificate must be issued from:  
**FBI Records**, issued by the **US Department of Justice – F.B.I. Legalized with the Apostille of the Hague Convention** by the **US Department of State in Washington DC**.  
Local Police background check will not be accepted.  
You must also get a police record from the countries where you have lived during the last 5 years.  
For the Apostille of The Hague Convention in the US, please visit:  
<http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/english/legal-considerations/judicial/authentication-of-documents/notarial-and-authentication-apostille.html>.

14. **Medical Certificate** (In Spanish or translated into Spanish). A recent doctor's statement (not older than 3 months in doctor's or medical center's letterhead) indicating that *the applicant (identified by Passport's First and Last name) has been examined and found free of any contagious diseases according to the International Health Regulation 2005*. Signed by a M.D.

Follow our template:

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/CHICAGO/es/ServiciosConsulares/Serviciosconsularenchicago/Documentos/documentosvisados/medicalcertificate.pdf>

15. If you are not picking up your passport and visa in person, you should include an **Express Mail envelope self-addressed and with prepaid stamps** from the **US Postal Service (only)**, so your passport and visa can be returned by mail. **We only accept one envelope per visa applicant.**

Once the visa is approved, the Consulate will do one of the following:

- Return applicant's passport inside the Express Mail envelope. Applicant can check the status of the shipment by tracking the envelope at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).
- If the applicant didn't provide an envelope, we will send the applicant a written confirmation email using the email address applicant gave to obtain the appointment.

**THE CONSULATE DOES NOT TRACK MAIL, OR ANSWER EMAILS ASKING FOR VISA STATUS**  
**(DOWNLOAD AND FILL OUT THE DISCLAIMER FORM HERE (MUST BE PRESENTED WITH APPLICATION))**

16. **Evidence of Immigration Status in the US, for non US passport holders only:** Please provide a Permanent Resident Card or a US Visa with I-20.

- Please, be advised that additional requirements may be requested.

#### SPOUSE AND MINOR CHILDREN

The **spouse** must submit the same documents as the **Non-lucrative visa** applicant, together with a marriage certificate (original issued in the last 6 months + photocopy)

The **minor children** must submit the same documents as the **Non-lucrative visa** applicant, together with an original birth certificate (original issued in the last 12 months + photocopy), except the **Criminal History Information/Police Background Check**

**Marriage** and/or **Birth certificates legalized** with the **Apostille of the Hague Convention** from the corresponding **Secretary of the State** and *translated into Spanish* by a certified translator.

#### VISA FEES

- Please visit our website to check the most recent visa **fees**.
- We only accept money orders. No personal checks, no credit cards.
- The processing fee will not be returned even if the visa is not granted or cancelled.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE AFTER ARRIVAL IN SPAIN: Please read carefully

- No later than 30 days after applicant's arrival in Spain, applicant must request a Residence Card (Tarjeta de Residencia) at the Subdelegación del Gobierno (Oficina de Extranjeros).
- Documents to be submitted when applying for a Residence Card:
  - Original Medical Certificate
  - Original Criminal History Information/Police Background Check