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**NON-LUCRATIVE RESIDENCE VISA**

This visa allows you to reside in Spain without engaging in any type of lucrative activities. The visa process takes **12 weeks** from the day the application and all documents are submitted, plus **10 days** for mail delivery. 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. **Notarized document** explaining why you are requesting this visa, the purpose, the place and length of your stay in Spain and any other reasons you need to explain. (In Spanish or translated into Spanish)
5. **Proof of adequate financial resources:** Bank statements of the last 3 months, investments, sabbaticals, annuities and any other source of income totalling a minimum of € 2,130/month (or its equivalent in USD). Add € 532/month (or its equivalent in USD) per spouse and per each child.
6. **Proof of accommodation.** Provide one of the following documents:
  - Lease (minimum one year) with a "Nota Simple" (issued in the last 3 months by [www.registro.es](http://www.registro.es) requested by the owner). (In Spanish or translated into Spanish)
  - Title deed of property. (In Spanish or translated into Spanish)
7. **Proof of health insurance with full coverage in Spain, no co-payments or deductible, necessarily including Repatriation Coverage.** (In Spanish or translated into Spanish).  
*"Travel insurance would not be valid, so the applicant should contract health insurance with an insurance company authorized to operate in Spain. Regarding the scope of insurance coverage, it must be, at least, equal to the one offered by the National Health System in Spain to those who are insured. Therefore, it should not have coverage limits or grace periods for certain benefits"*
8. **Authorization form EX-01:** "Solicitud de autorización de residencia temporal no lucrativa"
9. **Initial Residence Authorization. Form 790 code 052.** plus payment of **additional fee.**
10. **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 either:
  - a) **State Department of Justice.** Original Conviction Information Request Form (from all the States where applicant has lived during the past 5 years). **Legalized with the Apostille of the Hague Convention** by the corresponding **Secretary of the State.**
  - b) **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.  
- Translated into Spanish by a certified translator

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>

11. **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/Serviciosconsularesenchicago/Documents/documentosvisados/medicalcertificate.pdf>

12. 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 affixed to the envelope**, (*label should be fill out the TO: part, with the applicant's name and address, the FROM: part with the name and address of the Consulate*) 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)**

13. **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 12 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 6 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.