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RESIDENCE VISA FOR RETIREES

This visa allows you to reside in Spain as a retiree 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)
5. **Proof of Permanent Retirement income from an official institution** (social security or other private source) to live in Spain without working. The minimum income required is € 25,560/annually (or its equivalent in USD) plus € 6,390/annually (or its equivalent in USD) per each additional family member. (Social Security source must be translated into Spanish)
6. **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)
7. **Proof of other sources of income or properties in Spain** if applicable.
8. **Proof of health insurance with full coverage in Spain**, necessarily including **Repatriation Coverage**. (In Spanish or translated into Spanish)
9. **Authorization form EX-01**: "Solicitud de Autorización de Residencia Temporal No-Lucrativa"
10. **Initial Residence Authorization. Form 790 code 052.** plus **additional fee**.
11. **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>

12. **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/Documentos/documentosvisados/medicalcertificate.pdf>

13. 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.
- 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

14. **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 Criminal History Information/Police Background Check.**

Marriage and/or Birth certificates must be **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.