

- **I AM A BRITISH NATIONAL RESIDING IN THE UK.DO I NEED A VISA TO VISIT THE SCHENGEN AREA AFTER JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>?**

No, UK citizens can travel to Spain (and Schengen area) with only a valid British passport. A minimum validity of 90 days beyond the return date from Schengen area is required. Spain can only accept passports / travel documents issued within the past 10 years.

Please note that additional requirements are now in force. Travelers not requiring a Visa entering Spain as tourists (This applies to British citizens from January the 1<sup>st</sup> 2021) are required to have a valid Travel Insurance (with repatriation clause included and minimum of 35.000 euros of medical expenses), proof of economical means of support, accommodation and evidence of return may be requested upon arrival. Please also note that European Health Insurance Card issued by NHS UK is no longer accepted, therefore the requirement for a valid Travel Insurance.

- **I AM A BRITISH NATIONAL RESIDING IN THE UK. CAN I STAY LONGER THAN 3 MONTHS AS A TOURIST IN SPAIN?**

No, you can stay in the Schengen Area up to 90 days (within any period of six months) for the purpose of tourism, business, family visits, medical treatment, studies, placements in companies or volunteer activities with a duration of less than 3 months, or for other unremunerated activities. For stays for more than 3 months, a long term visa is required. You will find more information regarding this kind of visas at the Spanish Consulate's website

Please note that if you have used your 90 days in six month period, you will not be allowed to enter the Schengen Area until your new trip does not exceed it. Bear in mind that you cannot spend 90 days, exit and re-enter to spend another 90 days.

- **I AM A BRITISH NATIONAL RESIDING IN THE UK. DO I NEED A VISA TO STUDY IN SPAIN?**

For studies less than 3 months, a visa is not required. UK citizens can stay in Spain with only a valid British passport.

For studies longer than 3 months, a student visa is required. You can only apply for it directly at this Consulate General in person, by appointment through the email: *cog.edimburgo.vis@maec.es*. E-mail us with your personal details, what type of application are you requesting and two intended dates for your appointment.

Currently applications are limited to Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 13.30 to 14.30 due to COVID restrictions . More information regarding the requirements and forms will be found at the Spanish Consulate's website.

- **I AM A THIRD NATIONAL RESIDING IN THE UK AND MARRIED/DEPENDENT OF A UK CITIZEN. WHICH KIND OF VISA DO I NEED TO VISIT SPAIN AFTER JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>?**

A tourist visa will be required if your nationality is not exempt. Countries exempt from visa requirement can be found on a list at the Spanish Consulate's website. This type of visa application can only be lodge at BLS center. More information at [www.uk.blsspainvisa.com](http://www.uk.blsspainvisa.com)

- **I AM A THIRD NATIONAL RESIDING IN THE UK AND MARRIED/DEPENDENT OF A UK CITIZEN WHO HOLDS A VALID VISA FOR UE RELATIVES. MAY I TRAVEL TO SPAIN?**

If your trip starts before December 31<sup>st</sup>, you can travel and stay in Spain with this type of visa, no matter when your trip finishes (e.g. travelling by the end of December to Spain and coming back to UK on January).

If you plan to visit Spain after December 31<sup>st</sup>, you must apply for a tourist Schengen visa if your nationality is not exempt. Countries exempt from visa requirement can be found on a list at the Spanish Consulate's website.

If you hold a UK residency card as family member of an EU citizen and your spouse is British, unfortunately the exemption of Visa does no longer applies to you. Therefore, from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 you will require, if your nationality is not exempt of Schengen Visa, to enter the Schengen Area with a valid Visa.

- **I AM A THIRD NATIONAL RESIDING IN THE UK AND MARRIED/DEPENDENT OF A UK CITIZEN WHO HOLDS A RESIDENCE CARD OF A FAMILY MEMBER OF A UNION CITIZEN. MAY I TRAVEL TO SPAIN?**

Yes, you can travel with this type of a Spanish card after 31<sup>st</sup> December, as long as you are able to provide evidence that the residence of the British citizen has been applied for before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

- **I AM A BRITISH NATIONAL, OWNER OF A PROPERTY IN SPAIN. DO I NEED A VISA?**

For visits longer than 90 days in a period of 180 days, a visa is not required.

For stays over 90 days in a period of 180 days, a non-lucrative visa applies if the value of your property is less than 500.000 euros, or an investor visa if the value is equal or more than 500.000. This applies to those who own properties in Spain as long as they do not exercise any other activity involving remuneration

- **I NORMALLY STAY DURING AUTUMN AND WINTER PERIOD IN SPAIN. THAT IS MORE THAN 90 DAYS. BUT THE VALUE OF MY PROPERTY IS LESS THAN 500.000 EUROS. WHAT COULD I DO?**

You could stay 90 days in a six month period. You need to adjust your entries in the Schengen Area, as per not to exceed those 90 days. Note that the six month is a continuous period. This is, you can not stay 90 days, exit and enter and a new six month period starts. You will need to count backwards 6 months and make sure than on those six months you do not exceed the 90 days

- **I DO NOT HAVE A PROPERTY, BUT I TRAVEL BY MOTORHOME. DOES THE ABOVE QUESTION APPLY TO ME AS WELL?**

It does apply exactly as the question above but you will need to have some additional care. For example you must check with you Insurance Company. Some Insurers do not allow staying outside the UK for more than 90 days a year. Exceeding the time limit might void the validity of your Motorhome Insurance. Please check with your Insurer as some may offer you the additional time coverage with an additional payment.

You will also need to have an International Driving License. Please contact the DVLA for further information: <https://www.gov.uk/view-driving-licence>

- **I AM A BRITISH NATIONAL AND I AM INTERESTED IN WORKING IN SPAIN. DO I NEED A VISA?**

Yes, a visa will be required. The requirements must be checked at the Spanish Consulate's website, as they vary depending on whether it will be a contractual work, contractual work for a fixed period, transnational service work, permit exception or self-employed work.

There are also transnational workers who can apply for temporary Visas or Transnational Work Services. This allows a British employee to move into a work center in Spain and work for, through the expressed employment relationship, a company that is not established in the European Union or the European Economic Area in the following cases:

1. When the temporary transfer occurs under the guidance and on the behalf of the foreign company for the fulfilment of a contract of services to a company established in Spain.
2. When a worker is temporarily transferred to a work center in Spain from the same company or company groups.
3. When transferring highly skilled workers to monitor construction and services of companies based in Spain to go abroad.