**STUDENT VISA**

Schedule an appointment: [http://goo.gl/EEyNE8](http://goo.gl/EEyNE8)

Each applicant must have an appointment to submit the documents. You are not allowed to have more than ONE appointment; otherwise all your appointments will be cancelled. Please note, visa appointments may be full in busy seasons, please book your appointment as soon as possible.

Visa application

The application must be signed and submitted in person, at the time of the appointment. Our working hours are from Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm, excluding bank holidays.

What is a Student Visa?

A Student Visa allows you to stay and study in Spain. This visa application is not applicable for Citizens of EU, EEA or Switzerland, and their family members.

Students who are currently studying in any country of the European Union are allowed to study in Spain WITHOUT a Spanish visa (Art. 44 of the Royal Decree 557/2011, 20 of April). This exemption also applies to their family members. Within 1 month upon arrival to Spain students must apply for the Authorization of Stay (form EX-00) at the Immigration Department branch where they live (Oficina de Extranjeros).

Types of Student Visa

**Short term student visa**, to stay between 91 and 180 days in Spain. The short term student visa cannot be renewed in Spain under any circumstances. The student must come back to Hong Kong/Macao to apply for a new visa.

**Long term student visa**, to stay more than 180 days. When the applicant arrives to Spain, he/she has to apply for the student residence card (similar to Hong Kong ID) **within 1 month upon arrival** at the nearest Immigration Department branch (Oficina de Extranjeros).

Which courses, studies can I attend with the Student Visa?

Spanish language courses, University degrees, training courses and research programs without receiving salary from a Spanish University or Organization. If you receive a salary from a Spanish University, you should apply for a Residence Visa with Work Permit Exemption.

I need information about Spanish language schools, Universities, courses … in Spain

You can request this information from the Education Department of the Embassy of Spain in Beijing. Website: [http://www.mepsyd.es/exterior/cn](http://www.mepsyd.es/exterior/cn) E-mail: consejeria.cn@mepsyd.es Tel.: +86 10 8460 8286

Can I work while I study in Spain?

Part-time jobs are accepted provided they are compatible with the studies. Before you start to work you must apply for a work permit at the Foreigners Office (Oficina de Extranjeros).

If you want to make an unpaid internship your student ID is enough, you don’t need to apply for a work permit.

Can I travel with a Student visa to other Schengen countries?

Yes. From April 5th 2010 both short and long term student visas allow travelling to other Schengen countries up to 90-days in any 180-days period.

Processing Time and Fees

A Student Visa application shall be decided within 1 month from the submission of a complete application. The current fee for a student visa ranges from **500 to 600 HKS** (except for passport holders of USA or Canada) and must be settled in cash upon application. Fees are non-refundable, regardless of the visa result.

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1 For stays in Spain up to 90 days a Schengen visa should be requested.
VISA REQUIREMENTS:

The Consulate General reserves the right to request additional documents. All documents must be presented in Spanish or English. Documents in other languages will be accepted as long as they are officially translated into Spanish or English.

Please note that submission of all documents does not involve that the visa will be automatically granted. Applicants might be invited for an interview concerning the visa application.

1. **One form ‘Application for a National Visa’** filled in and signed by the applicant. ([Download](#)).
2. **One** recent colour **photo**, passport size, with white background.
3. **Passport** + photocopy of all pages. Passport must be valid for at least the period of the studies.
4. **Hong Kong visa / Macao stay permit** + 1 photocopy
5. **Hong Kong / Macao ID** + 1 photocopy
6. Support letter form applicant’s Hong Kong University, College or School.
7. **Admission letter** from University, College or school in Spain, including the **school curriculum**.
8. **Accommodation** for the whole duration of the stay in Spain.
9. **Financial proof** from a local bank (HK, Macau or Spain), such as last 3 months bank statements (internet statements are not accepted unless chopped by the bank) / bank deposits / bank book. The minimum amount is €537.84 per month, depending on the length of study period.
   If the applicant cannot provide own financial proof and presents his/her spouse’s or parent’s, he/she must submit the marriage certificate or birth certificate. If such certificate has not been issued by Hong Kong or Macao Authorities, it should be legalised through diplomatic legalization or the Apostille of The Hague and translated into Spanish or English.
10. **Medical Insurance.** The insurance must be valid throughout all of the Schengen countries and must cover the whole duration of the stay. Please include the insurance policy so that we can check the insurance fulfills the requirements.
11. For **short term student visas only:** Round trip **flight bookings.** (This Consulate General suggests not to make any payment until your visa is issued). If you are applying for a long term student visa, the flight ticket will be requested after the approval of your visa application.
12. For **long-term student visa only:** A **Medical Certificate** issued within the last 2 months. It should be provided by a registered doctor in Hong Kong or Macao stating that the student does not suffer from any disease which needs quarantine under the International Health Regulation (2005). It must also state which tests were done and their results.
13. For **long-term student visa only:** **Certificate of No Criminal Conviction** issued within the last 2 months provided that the applicant is 18 years-old or older, from every country that the applicant has lived in the last 5 years.
   For the certificate from Hong Kong, the Consulate General of Spain will issue a letter of request that you need to submit to the [Hong Kong Police Department](#). The certificate usually takes 3 weeks to be sent to us, so please ask for the letter of request in advance. In order to do so, please submit the followings by email: **Application form**, Passport copy, HKID copy, School Admission letter.
   For the [Macao Direccao dos Servicos de Identificacao](#); no letter of request is needed.
15. **For Minors:**
   a. **Authorization from parents** or guardians stating the center, organization, entity and person responsible for the activity and the period of expected stay. This authorization letter must be signed at this Consulate General; you need to contact us to book a time slot.
   b. **Birth Certificate** must also be provided and **must be legalised** if it has not been issued in Hong Kong, Macao or EU countries.