



RETIREMENT RESIDENCE VISA

You can apply for a visa at this Consulate if your permanent address is in **Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas**. Only applications **IN PERSON** are accepted by the Consulate General of Spain in Houston.

This visa allows you to reside in Spain as a retiree without engaging in any type of lucrative activities. The process may take between **2 to 4 months** from the day all documents are presented.

Once your visa is authorized, we will contact you immediately, and **you (and all your family members applying for a visa)** will have to come **in person** to this Consulate General **within 30 days** to pick up your passports.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

The Consular Administration has full authority to evaluate, and request more documents than those submitted by the applicant.

The latter is hereby informed that submitting the aforementioned documents **DOES NOT GUARANTEE** automatic issuance of the visa.

ORIGINAL and ONE PHOTOCOPY of each of the following items must be presented:

1. **National visa application form:** The application forms must be signed and filled out correctly.
2. **Form EX-01:** Form must be signed and filled out in print. Only available in Spanish.
3. **Original Passport:** Valid passport for a minimum of 1 year, with at least one blank page to affix the visa.
4. **Two passport size photos:** White Background, 2x2in. One per application form.
5. **Notarized document explaining why** you are requesting this visa, the purpose, place and length of your stay in Spain and any other reasons you need to explain, plus certified translation into Spanish.
6. **Proof of enough periodic income** (investments, annuities, sabbaticals and any other source of income) to live in Spain without working. The **minimum income** required is **25,560 Euros** annually plus **6,390 Euros per each additional family member**. You must provide a certified translation into Spanish for all these documents.
7. **Proof of other sources of income** or properties in Spain if applicable, plus certified translation into Spanish.
8. **Police Criminal Record clearance** that must be verified by **fingerprints**. It cannot be older than 3 months from the application date plus certified translation into Spanish. The certificate must be either:
 - a) **Department of State clearance** original letter form (from the States where you have lived during the past 5 years). It **must be legalized with the Apostille of the Hague Convention** from the corresponding **Secretary of the State**.
 - b) **FBI Records** for international purposes, issued by the **US Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Investigation**. They **must be legalized with the Apostille of the Hague Convention** from the **US Department of State in Washington DC**.

You must also get a police record from the countries where you have lived during the past 5 years.

9. **Medical Certificate** plus certified translation into Spanish: Doctor's recent statement (not older than 3 months) with doctor's or medical center's letterhead, indicating that *'the patient has been examined and found free of any contagious or infectious diseases according to the International Health Regulation 2005'*. Must be signed by a M.D.
10. **Proof of international medical insurance** while in Spain, plus certified translation into Spanish.

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/HOUSTON/en/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Pages/Visas.aspx>
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11. **Non-US Citizens** will have to provide evidence of their legal residence in the United States (for example: resident alien card, valid US visa).
 12. **Authorization form M790 C052**, plus the **Authorization fee**.
- **BE ADVISED THAT ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS MIGHT BE REQUESTED.**
 - We highly recommend you not to purchase your travel tickets until your visa has been approved.

SPOUSE

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 3. **Original Passport:** Valid passport for a minimum of 1 year, with at least one blank page to affix the visa.
 4. **Two passport size photos:** White Background, 2x2in. One per application form.
 5. **Marriage certificate** (not older than 3 months) authenticated with the **Apostille of the Hague**, plus certified translation into Spanish.
 6. **Police Criminal Record clearance** that must be verified by **fingerprints**. It cannot be older than 3 months from the application date plus certified translation into Spanish. The certificate must be either:
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 7. **Medical Certificate** plus certified translation into Spanish: A doctor's recent statement (not older than 3 months) with doctor's letterhead, indicating that *'the patient has been examined and found free of any contagious or infectious diseases according to the International Health Regulation 2005'*. Must be signed by a M.D.
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MINORS

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4. **Two passport size photos:** White Background, 2x2in. One per application form.
5. **Birth certificate** (not older than 3 months) authenticated with the **Apostille of the Hague**, plus certified translation into Spanish.
6. **Medical Certificate** plus certified translation into Spanish: A doctor's recent statement (not older than 3 months) with doctor's letterhead, indicating that *'the patient has been examined and found free of any contagious or infectious diseases according to the International Health Regulation 2005'*. Must be signed by a M.D.
7. **Proof of international medical insurance** while in Spain.
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VISA FEES

- You can find this information in the document Visa fees.
- We only accept cash (exact change) or money order. No personal check or credit cards will be accepted.
- The processing fee will not be returned even if the visa is not granted or cancelled.