



Factsheet on residence visas for activities exempted from work authorization

These visas allow the holder to remain in Spain for more than 90 days and undertake activities exempt from work authorization.

If the duration of the activity does not exceed ninety days, the foreigner must apply for a short stay visa and present a document confirming that he or she is in one of the cases contemplated in Article 117 of the Aliens Regulation (for example: artists, etc.).

Regulations

The procedures and conditions for issuing these visas are set out in Organic Law 4/2000 of January 11th (Article 41) and in its implementing regulation, approved by Royal Decree 557/2011 of April 20th (articles 117 and 119).

Foreigners subject to the requirement of this visa

All foreigners who do not hold the nationality of a European Union member state, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Switzerland, and who wish to undertake activities exempt from work authorization, must apply for this visa.

Place of application

The visa is requested in the Spanish Diplomatic Mission or Consular Office for the area in which the foreigner national resides.

The consular jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Spain in Montreal covers the provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Québec (except Gatineau), and Newfoundland and Labrador.

Requirements

The visa must be requested and collected in person. The application may also be submitted by a duly authorized representative under duly accredited exceptional circumstances.

The required fee must be paid at the moment the visa is requested, and will not be refunded in the event the application is refused.

If the applicant travels with the family, each member of the family must present a non-lucrative residence visa, the documents to be enclosed and a document proving the relationship (Marriage or birth certificate, as the case may be).

Visa application form

The visa application must be submitted on a duly completed [Application for National Visa form](#) (original and copy), which can be downloaded free of charge from this web page or can also be obtained free of charge from the Consular Office.

The application must include a recent full-face photograph, Canadian passport size, in color, on a light, plain and uniform background, without dark glasses or any garment that may prevent identification of the applicant.

Documents to be enclosed

Aliens shall enclose the original and a copy of the following documents with the application:

1. A completed and signed application for a residence authorization form ([form EX_09](#))
2. A completed and signed fee payment form for an initial temporary residence authorization ([form 790, code 052](#)).
3. Valid passport with a minimum validity of 4 months prior to your arrival in Spain.
4. If the applicant is not a Canadian citizen, he/she must provide documentation proving his/her residence status in Canada (permanent residence permit, working permit, study permit, etc.)
5. Negative criminal record, issued by the authorities of the country or countries where you have lived during the past five years, including Canada.

Criminal records issued in others countries must be legalized with the Apostille (see [Countries members of the Hague Convention](#)) or by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of those countries and by the Embassy or Consulate of Spain in those countries (se Embassies and Consulates of Spain abroad)
6. Medical certificate issued by your family doctor with the following text:

"This medical certificate confirms that Mr. / Mrs. [.....] does not suffer from any of the diseases that can have serious implications for public health in accordance with the provisions of the 2005 International Health Regulations"
7. Documents confirming that you are in one of the cases contemplated in article 117 of the Aliens Regulation (for example: Teachers, technicians, researchers and scientists guests or contracted by the public Administrations or by a Spanish university, etc.)
8. [Look up the consular fees chart to know the amount you must pay](#). **ONLY** cash, money order or certified cheque payable to the Consulate General of Spain will be accepted.
9. A prepaid XPRESSPOST envelope if passport is to be sent outside Montreal.

Delay

The delay for a non-lucrative residence visa is three months.

Collection of the visa

The foreign national must collect his or her visa within one month of being notified that it has been granted.

Entry into Spain

The foreigner must entry into Spain during the period of validity of the visa.

Foreign National Identity Card (Tarjeta de Identidad de Extranjero)

The holder of a residence visa for activities exempt from work authorization must obtain a foreign national identity card within one month of his or her entry into Spain.

Schengen Space

Foreign nationals who hold a valid long term national visa can move freely through other Schengen States for a maximum of three months within any six month period, so long as they meet the entry conditions.

Information

For more information or any clarification, please contact the Visa Department at the Consulate General of Spain (Tel: (514) 935-5235, ext. 224)