



## PREVIOUS REQUIREMENTS

You must appear **in person**. Applicants must have permanent residency status in the US.

The request for a visa must be made at the Consulate of Spain which has jurisdiction over the state where the applicant resides. This Consulate General has jurisdiction over the following states: New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

The visa will be affixed to your passport, before the departure. It is not possible to request the visa in Spain or do the process through the mail.

To book your **appointment**, please [click here](#). It is not relevant if you select “business” or “tourism” for the purpose of the appointment. The Visa Department will assist you according to the long stay visa you are going to apply for. If you cannot find availability at your convenience, please revisit the online appointment system frequently since cancellations are usual.

## WHAT IS A RESIDENCE VISA TO REUNITE A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A LEGAL RESIDENT IN SPAIN?

The foreigner, who has been a legal resident in Spain for one year and had its residency permit renewed for another year can reunite the following family members:

1. **Spouse** (if they are not legally separated)
2. Their **children** or their spouse's, who are not married and are under 18 years of age or incapacitated and are not married.
3. Minors (**under 18 years old**) or incapacitated that are under his/her legal custody.
4. **Parents**, or from the spouse's, if they are dependents and there are proven reasons for them to justify their need for residency in Spain.

## SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants **must submit originals and 1 copies of the below mentioned documents**. If your documents are accepted to process the visa they will not be returned.

1. One [national visa application form](#) duly filled out and signed.
1. **Passport** valid for a minimum of four months with at least two blank pages to affix the visa.
2. Two passport size **photographs** in color, 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm) in size, printed on matte or glossy photo quality paper, taken within the last 6 months to reflect your current appearance and in front of a plain white or off-white background.
2. **Non-US citizens:** Alien Residence Card (Green-Card) or residence visa valid in USA (except B1/B2).
3. **Copy of the residency permit authorization** notified to the foreign resident that wants to reunite a member of his family. This process is done in Spain by the resident that wants to reunite a member of his family mentioned above and it must obtain the proper resolution from the *Delegación o Subdelegación del Gobierno*.
4. **Documents** proving the **family ties** and if applicable the legal ones.



5. **Birth certificate or marriage certificate** bearing the "Apostille of the Hague Convention" or if the country issuing such document is not part of the "Hague Convention". Such documents must be duly legalized.
6. **Copy of the passport** from the **foreigner** residing in Spain.
7. **Copy of the Police Record Certificate** for persons 18 years old and up from the country of origin or place of your residence for the last five years, bearing the "Apostille of the Hague Convention" (see additional information below). If the certificate is issued outside the US it must be duly legalized by the corresponding Consulate of Spain plus one copy. The **original** certificate must be kept and brought to Spain in case of being required by the Spanish Police.
8. **Medical certificate:** doctor's statement on a doctor or medical center letterhead, indicating that the student has been examined and found in good physical and mental health to travel to study abroad and is free of contagious diseases or any other illnesses which could lead to public health repercussions according to the International Sanitary Regulations-2005 of the [World Health Organization](#).
9. **Money Order** from a USPS post office to pay the **non-refundable fee**. Consult our [Consular fees](#).
10. Fill out the form [EX02](#).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If your documents are accepted to process the visa they will not be returned.

Once the visa is collected, you must enter Spain within the period the visa is valid for and your entry date must be stamped on your passport or travel document. After that -and **within one month of your arrival in Spain- you must request in person your residency card** from the Police Department in Spain (*Oficina de Extranjería*).

#### Special notes for police certificates

US records issued by the **F.B.I. or State Police background checks are valid. Local Police background checks will not be accepted.**

Also remember that an [apostille certification is required for Spain](#). An apostille is a certification that a document that has been "legalized" or "authenticated" by the issuing agency through a process in which various seals are placed on the document.

Does the FBI provide apostilles? Yes. The CJIS Division will authenticate US Department of Justice Order 556-73 fingerprint search results for international requests by placing the FBI seal and the signature of a division official on the results if requested at the time of submission.

Documents prepared in this way may then be sent to the US Department of State by the requester to obtain an apostille if necessary. This procedure became effective on January 25, 2010 and will apply only to documents finalized after that date. Requests to authenticate previously processed results will not be accepted.

This procedure replaces the letter formerly provided by the CJIS Division that indicated the service was not provided. The apostille service is not provided to individuals requesting search results for Canadian immigration, as it is not required for this purpose.

#### **•ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS MAY APPLY•**