



**Factsheet on long-term visas to study, to do research or training,  
to participate in a student mobility program,  
to complete an internship or to do volunteer work**

These visas allow the holder to remain in Spain for a period exceeding ninety days to pursue studies, research or training programs, to participate in a student mobility program, to complete an internship or to do volunteer work.

**Regulations**

The procedures and conditions for issuing these visas are set out in Organic Law 4/2000 of 11 January (articles 30 bis and 31) and in its implementing regulation, approved by Royal Decree 557/2011 of April 20<sup>th</sup> (articles 45 to 49)

**Foreigners subject to the requirement of this visa**

All foreign nationals who wish to stay in Spain for more than ninety days per semester, to pursue studies, research or training programs, to complete an internship or to do volunteer work, must be in possession of this type of visa, unless they are citizens of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland.

**Place of application**

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

**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 travel with the family, each member of the family must present an independent visa application, 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 two photocopies of the following documents with the application:

1. Valid passport with a minimum validity of the entire period for which the visa is requested.
2. 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.)
3. If the duration of the stay is over six months, medical certificate issued by a 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”

4. If the duration of the stay is over six months, and applicant is of age, negative criminal record issued by the authorities of the country or countries where he or she have resided in the past 5 years, including Canada.
5. Furthermore, as the case may be:
  - a) Study:  
Proof of being admitted to an educational institution authorized in Spain, on a full-time program, leading to a degree or certificate.
  - b) Research or training:  
Proof of being admitted to an officially recognized institution in Spain for research or training activities.
  - c) Student mobility program:  
Proof of being admitted to an educational institution to participate in a student mobility program in a teaching or research center officially recognized.
  - d) Internship:  
Proof of being admitted to a public or private company or training center officially recognized in Spain and copy of the agreement signed with a public or private entity.
  - e) Volunteer work:  
Copy of the agreement signed with the organization running the volunteer program and proof of liability insurance.
6. Overseas medical insurance coverage (minimum: 30.000€).
7. Proof of financial reliability. - Bank statements, scholarships, etc. A minimum amount of CAN \$ 1.000 per month of stay is required.  
  
If your parents are to cover the costs, you must present a notarized letter signed by them indicating their consent and a copy of their bank statement for the last two months.
8. Proof of accommodation: Confirmation letter from the Academic Institution indicating the conditions of your accommodation. Private housing must be accompanied by a letter of invitation issued at a police station in Spain.
9. In the case of an underage student, you must also submit an authorization of your parents or guardian/legal tutors.
10. Look up the consular fees chart to know the amount you must pay. **ONLY** money order or certified cheque payable to the Consulate General of Spain will be accepted.
11. A prepaid XPRESSPOST envelope if passport is to be sent.

### **Delay**

The delay for a student visa is one months.

### **Visa issue**

If the duration of the studies is under six months, the visa issued will have a validity of six months and fifteen days, with multiple entries and 180 days of stay.

If the duration of the studies is over six months, the visa issued will have a validity of three months and fifteen days, with multiple entries and 90 days of stay.

### **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 enter into Spain during the period of validity of the visa.

#### **Residence authorization**

The initial residence authorization will begin the day of entry into Spain, which must be stamped in the passport.

#### **Foreign National Identity Card (Tarjeta de Identidad de Extranjero)**

If the duration of the studies is over six months, the holder of a student visa 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: (416) 977-1661, ext. 2)