



Embassy of Spain in Nairobi

Requirements for Student Visas

Concept of the Student Visa

- ❖ General studies or further education in a full time program at an Officially Recognized University in Spain leading to the awarding of a degree or a certificate.
- ❖ Activities pertaining to research or training, without prejudice regarding the special arrangements for researchers.
- ❖ Participation in a Student Exchange Program in relation to a Secondary or High School Program at a recognized Educational or Scientific Center.
- ❖ Non – labour practices in an agency, public or private entity.
- ❖ Volunteer service within a program pursuing objectives of general interest.

Documents Required.

a) From the applicant:

- Application form duly completed and signed.
- Two colour passport-size photograph not more than six months old, in colour, white background, and full front face, with no hat nor scarf, nor sunglasses.
- Passport or travel document valid for the entire period of stay (original and one photocopy of all the pages).
- Previous passports, if a new passport has been issued within the last 3 years.
- Non-Kenyan passport holders must provide **proof of residence in Kenya**, the validity of which should extend to at least 30 days beyond the date of expiry of the visa. (Original and one photocopy).
- Supporting documents of previous studies and recognition of the academic degrees when necessary. These should be duly **legalized**.
- Documents accrediting the knowledge of the Spanish language, **when required**.
- Documents certifying the availability of accommodation in Spain, for the entire period of study.



- Individual International Medical Insurance (minimum cover of €30,000), covering all costs of arising as a result of emergency medical assistance, emergency hospitalization or medical repatriation and valid for the entire period of stay and all Schengen countries as per the list accompanying this document.
- Supporting documents accrediting the financial means to cover the studies, accommodation and living expenses, during the entire stay (The minimum amount is 900 Euros per month), through:
 - Scholarships or economic grants. The nature and quantity of assistance should be indicated and if the applicant will receive a stipend.
 - Employment Certificate, job description, and salary of the sponsor.
 - Certified personal Bank statement of the applicant or of the sponsor covering the expenses, and origin of the same.
 - Bank/Credit Card statements showing account movements over the last 3 months, fixed deposits/title deeds, as proof of solvency.
 - In the case of ownership of a Company : Articles of Association, bank statements, and latest Tax declaration
 - Sponsors should demonstrate proof of relationship to the applicant.

For Studies lasting more than six months:

- Valid Good Conduct Certificate, from the Country of origin or from the Countries in which the applicant has resided during the previous 5 years; this is applicable for persons over the age of 18 yrs, (original - **duly legalized**).
- Current Medical Certificate, with results of laboratory tests attached, stating the following *“This medical certificate guarantees that Mr./Mrs./Ms. XXXX does not suffer from any disease that may constitute a serious danger to public health as stated in the International Health Regulations of 2005”*. (Original – **duly legalized**).

b) From the centre of studies:

- Document accrediting admission or confirmed pre-registration as a student or researcher, in an officially recognized public or private institution.
- Evidence of the study plan or research approved duration, schedule, language requirements and total cost of the course.

c) Additional documentation in the case of a minor:

- Prior approval from the Sub delegate or Delegate of the Government in Autonomous Communities, where the minor will reside, applied for by the person who will be responsible in Spain, for the said minor.



- Power of Attorney from the Parents or Legal Guardians, drawn up through a Notary Public, authorizing the minor to travel to Spain, indicating the course to be undertaken, the Centre, and the proposed duration of the course.

Spouses and Children below 18 years accompanying the applicant for the duration of his/her studies. These should meet our normal visa requirements as well as provide proof of relationship to the applicant either through Marriage or Birth certificates as the case may apply

Please Note:

- All the documents should be presented in original, plus one photocopy, in English, or with a legalized Spanish translation.
- An interview at the Embassy may be required.
- The Consular Section reserves the right to request any complementary documentation it considers necessary.

Important Notice:

The mere submission of the listed documents does not guarantee the issuance of a visa. Individual assessments are made in every case.

The visa must be collected personally within a period of two months from the date of notification of authorization. Within one month of arrival in Spain, the Student should apply for a Student Card from the relevant Spanish Authorities.