



Residence Visa with Work Permit Exemption

Foreigners who are included in article 41 of Organic Law 4/2000, of January 11, and meet the following conditions (section 7 listed below) are exempt from the obligation to obtain work authorization for the exercise of a lucrative, labor or professional activity for more than ninety days.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

1. **National visa application form.** The applicant must complete and sign an official application form, filling in each of its sections. If the applicant is a minor, one of their parents must sign the application.
2. **Photo** glued to the application form. An updated photo-paper picture, passport size, facing forward, without dark or reflective glasses, or any garments concealing the oval of the face. Photographs of toddlers and babies must not show any part of the adult holding them.
3. **Valid, unexpired passport.** Original and copy of the page or pages of the passport that contain biometric data and contain at least two blank pages. The passport must have a minimum validity period of 4 months. In case of a temporary contract, the validity period must cover the duration of the contract. Passports issued more than 10 years ago will not be accepted
4. **Proof of residence in the consular jurisdiction:** State ID, Driver's License, or Student ID.
5. **Proof of legal residence in the United States (Non-Americans).** Must present one of the following documents. Holders of B-1/B-2 visas cannot apply in the United States; they must apply in their country of permanent residence.
 - Original and copy of Permanent Resident Card (Green card)
 - Valid US long-term Visa
6. **Visa fee.** For nationals of Australia, Ethiopia, Canada, the United Kingdom and others, different rates are applied based on reciprocity. Please check the complete most recent visa fees.

Present the payment the day of your appointment. Only money orders are accepted, payable to the Consulate of Spain. No cash, personal checks, nor credit cards. The processing fee will not be returned even if the visa is not granted or canceled.

APPLICANT	FEE 2025
Americans	\$ 140
Other Nationalities	\$ 104



7. Proof of being in one of the cases of exemption from the work authorization according with the following:

A. Technicians and scientist, invited or hired by the Spanish authorities or public institutions whose purpose is to promote and develop a research promoted or majority owned by the above.

Supporting documents: Invitation or work contract endorsed by the legal representative of the Spanish authority or public institution, along with the project description (*Memoria descriptiva*) and professional background.

B. Teachers, technicians, researchers and scientists invited or hired by a Spanish university.

Supporting documents: Invitation or work contract endorsed by the legal representative of the university.

C. Managerial, teaching or research staff, from cultural or educational institutions, private or state-owned, officially recognized by Spain.

Supporting documents: proof of the validity in the country of origin of the degrees or diplomas issued in Spain, of the employment contract or designation for the exercise of management or teaching activities and, in the case of private entities, of documents justifying their official recognition by Spain.

D. Civil or military officials from Foreign States Administrations that come to Spain to perform activities under co-operational agreements with the Spanish Administration.

Supporting documents: certificate issued by the competent Foreign State Administration and justification of such aspects.

E. Correspondents from foreign media who develop their journalistic activity in Spain, duly accredited by the Spanish authorities, as correspondents or special correspondents.

Supporting documents: accreditation issued by the Spanish authorities.

F. Members of International Scientific Missions duly authorized by the relevant Spanish administration that will engage in studies or research activities programmed by an International organization or agency.

Supporting documents: authorization issued by the competent Spanish administration to take part in the International Scientific Mission.

G. Artists traveling to Spain for specific performances which are not supposed to be continuous activities (the performances carried out cannot exceed more than five continuous days of performance or twenty continuous days of performance in a period lesser than 6 months)

Supporting documents:

- Copy of the employment contract
- List of the corresponding authorizations or licenses and Event calendar of the performances



8. **[Authorization form EX-09](#)**: "Solicitud de autorización de residencia excepción permiso de trabajo" Filled out and signed .

9. **[Form 790 code 052](#)**, Each applicant must complete and sign a copy of this form, and ticking the box: "Autorización inicial de residencia temporal", **from July 1st 2025 US\$ 13**.

10. **Health insurance/Proof of public or private health insurance**: Certificate in Spanish issued by an Insurance Company operating in Spain specifying:

- Name of applicant.
- Start date of the coverage.
- The insurance must cover all risks normally covered for nationals and must be maintained for the entire duration of the authorization.
- The health insurance must not have a deficiency, copayment, or coverage limit; it must cover 100% of the medical, hospital, and out-of-hospital expenses.
- If the applicant is participating in a volunteer program, he/she must also provide a copy of the civil liability insurance policy taken out by the organization.
- An Insurance card will NOT be accepted as proof of coverage.
- Travel insurance is not accepted.

11. **Criminal record certificate. (Validity for 6 months from the date of its issuing)**, applicants over 18 must present original and copy of the criminal record certificate issued by [FBI](#) and legalized with the Federal Apostille of the Hague Convention requested to the [Department of State in Washington DC](#).

- The applicant must present criminal record certificates from the countries of residence of the last 5 years.
- The certificates must be translated into Spanish by a certified translator : American Translators Association <https://www.atanet.org/>
- Local State apostille is not valid

12. **Bilingual Medical certificate**, accrediting student's good health pursuant to the 2005 International Health Regulations. It must have the Doctor's Stamp, or can be printed on medical center's letterhead; it must not be older than 3 months. It is recommended to use our [template](#).

13 . Pre-Paid Priority/Express mail envelope from the **United States Postal Services** along with a tracking number. Once the visa is approved, the Consulate will return the applicant's passport inside that envelope.

14. **Shipping Disclaimer form** must be downloaded [here](#).

When necessary to assess the application, the Consular Office may request additional documents or data.