



RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES VISA

This visa allows residing in Spain performing religious activities without engaging in any type of lucrative activities.

The visa process takes approximately 6 weeks from the day the application and the whole documentation is submitted.

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 2024.

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. Letter (in Spanish or translated into Spanish) from the religious organization in Spain stating that you have been sent as a missionary/other. It must contain:

- Activities to be performed by the applicant
- Full financial responsibility for the applicant and their family.
- Address, email, telephone number and contact person.

8. **Inclusion in the Article 117.h (Real decreto 557/2011):** Original document issued recently by the "Ministerio de Justicia" in Spain (Ministry of Justice), certifying that religious organization is duly register, that you have been accepted as a representative of the religious organization and that they will assume full financial responsibilities for the applicant.

9. **Authorization form EX-09:** "Solicitud de autorización de residencia excepción permiso de trabajo" Filled out and signed.

10. **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

11. **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.

12. **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



13. 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](#).

14 . 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.

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

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

SPOUSE AND MINOR CHILDREN

The spouse must submit the same documents as the Non-lucrative visa, together with a marriage certificate (original issued in the last 6 months + photocopy)

The minor children must submit the same documents as the Non-lucrative visa, together with birth certificate (original issued in the last 12 months + photocopy), except Criminal History Information/Police Background Check

Marriage and/or Birth certificates legalized with the Apostille of the Hague Convention from the corresponding Secretary of the State and translated into Spanish by a certified translator.

For representative (Attorney): Copy of the identity document or passport of the representative and notarized power or document accrediting representation must be submitted. The originals must be shown when submitting the application. Foreign documents must be legalized or apostilled and, if necessary, submitted with an official translation into Spanish.