



Do I need a visa for a course lasting less than 90 days?

For courses or traineeship (prácticas) lasting up to 90 days, British nationals do not need a visa. If student's nationality requires a Schengen visa, he/she must apply for a Schengen Tourism Visa through the BLS International Visa Management Agency.

Is it a good idea to start my course without having applied for my study visa?

We strongly recommend that all students apply before travelling to Spain. Students who have already spent 90 days in Spain without visa, and need to stay for a longer period, cannot apply for a short-term national visa (intended for longer stays).

They cannot apply for a Schengen visa either.

I am taking part in Erasmus+ program, studying in 2 different EU countries, which visa should I apply for?

Students taking part in Erasmus+ program, who are spending the first semester of their year abroad in Spain, and the second semester in other EU country, must apply for a long-stay Study visa.

I am “Auxiliar de Conversacion”, which type of visa should I apply for?

Study visa

I am making an internship in a Company in Spain, which type of visa do I need?

University students in a paid or unpaid traineeship in Spain, including Erasmus work placements, must apply for Internship visa. We recommend you to contact the host company in Spain as soon as possible, in order to request from the local Immigration Office (“Delegación del Gobierno”) an authorization for traineeship. This is a compulsory document, to be obtained prior to visa application.

Is a travel insurance accepted for study visa?

No, a travel insurance is only for tourists. Students need an insurance policy (with an insurance company authorized to operate in Spain) covering all the situations covered by the Spain's public health system.

The UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) is acceptable as a medical insurance for all the student visas. Please check the validity of the card as it must cover the entire stay in Spain.



Which documents need to be translated and apostilled?

ACRO, Medical, marriage and birth certificates must be apostilled and translated into Spanish.

Being official documents, they can be apostilled directly through the LEGALIZATION OFFICE: <https://www.gov.uk/get-document-legalised>. Please, do not take official documents to a notary public: Go directly to the legalization office.

Find an authorized translator in the [List of Translators-Interpreters registered in Spain](#).

How do I get a Sponsorship letter from my parents?

In case you want to proof your financial means with an sponsorship letter from your parents, they need to sign the letter before a NOTARY PUBLIC and include: copy of their Passports, copy of the student's birth certificate, and any document proving their financial means, such as: bank accounts statement, property deed, employer letter, etc.

This notarised letter must be translated into Spanish and Apostilled.

Can my parents submit the visa application on my name?

Yes they can. A student's representative needs to include the following documents:

- Copy of the identity document or passport of the representative
- Copy of the power of attorney or document accrediting representation.

The original documents must be shown when submitting the application. All non-Spanish official documents must be apostilled and, when necessary, translated into Spanish.

The student's passport will be kept at the consulate in all cases and the passport/visa will be collected by the STUDENT IN PERSON at the consulate. The option to get the passport delivered at home won't be applicable in this case.

Can I keep my passport during the visa application process?

Applicants must leave their passports in the Consulate during visa processing time. Only for urgent/emergency reasons the passport might be withdrew. The consulate will check the urgent/emergency reasons.

Booked holidays or attending the course in Spain are not considered urgent/emergency reasons. This Consulate strongly recommends to apply for the study/internship visa as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT: Please read carefully all the information in our website.

<https://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/londres/en/ServiciosConsulares/Paginas/Consular/Visado-de-estudios.aspx>

If you can not find the information you are looking for, please send an e-mail to cog.londres.residencia@maec.es

We will only answer those requests that can not be found in our website.