

LONG-TERM VISAS FOR STUDYING IN SPAIN

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

General considerations

Any foreigner who is not a national of an EU/Schengen State and intends to enter and remain in Spain for the sole or main purpose of carrying out any of the teaching and/or training activities mentioned below for more than 90 days, must first apply for and obtain a long-term student visa, with the exceptions set out in current regulations.

Except in cases g) and h), only applications from students over 18 years of age will be accepted. As an exception, applications to pursue higher education exclusively [case a)] may be accepted from 17-year-olds, provided they submit, along with the rest of the documentation, an official document from the educational authority of their country of origin stating that the student has high intellectual abilities and has completed their pre-secondary studies at an age lower than the generally established age.

If the duration of the studies, training, or activity does not exceed 90 days, **THOSE WHOSE NATIONALITY REQUIRES A VISA** (Annex I, EU Regulation 2018/1806 of 14 November) must apply for a Schengen visa, not a student visa. The general rules for Schengen visas will apply to this application. **THOSE WHOSE NATIONALITY REQUIRES A VISA** (Annex II, EU Regulation 2018/1806 of 14 November) will not need to apply for any type of visa, but they will need to obtain travel authorization registered in the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) **when it comes into effect**. In both cases, the applicant must meet the entry requirements for Spain as established by current regulations, and should also be aware that border authorities may request documentation justifying the purpose of the trip.

If the intended studies are taught in Spanish, the applicant must demonstrate sufficient language skills in Spanish (especially if the intended studies are higher education and/or technical); basic knowledge of the language is not sufficient. This rule does not apply if the studies involve learning Spanish or any co-official language, nor to minor students participating in student mobility or humanitarian programs.

This visa can only be requested if the studies or training to be carried out are **full-time¹**, which can be taken **in face-to-face or semi-face-to-face mode, provided that at least 50% of the program taught is in person**:

This visa allows the following studies to be undertaken

a- Completion of higher education studies at a recognized higher education institution or center in Spain (including international higher education centers located and authorized in Spain), within the framework of a full-time program leading to a higher education qualification recognized in Spain or, in the case of international centers, recognized in other States. For these purposes, higher education studies include university studies, advanced vocational training, higher artistic studies, advanced professional studies in plastic arts and design, and advanced sports studies, including, where applicable, the completion of a preparatory course prior to such studies (provided that the student has been previously admitted as a student in them) as well as curricular or extracurricular non-work placements after their completion (provided that such placements form part of the studies previously carried out in Spain and are compulsory).

b- Higher education studies undertaken by nationals of third countries not members of the EU/Schengen in whose respective educational programs, whether or not covered by an EU program (for example, the ERASMUS Program), intra-community mobility measures are provided, provided that the higher education studies are started in any case in an educational institution in Spain.

c- completing doctoral studies.

¹ A full-time study program shall be understood as one in which the student has enrolled in at least 90% of the credits in the case of university studies, or, where applicable, in 90% of the study program.

d- completion of preparatory courses for the selection tests for access to specialized health training positions in an officially authorized and recognized teaching center, provided that the interested party has obtained a Spanish degree in medicine, pharmacy, nursing or other university qualifications that enable participation in the annual calls for selection tests for access to specialized health training positions, or a foreign degree duly recognized or homologated to those provided for in this paragraph.

e- Completion of post-compulsory secondary education studies (1st and 2nd year of Baccalaureate) leading to the award of the Baccalaureate degree, only in private educational centers authorized and recognized in Spain.

f- Completion of intermediate-level vocational training, including supervised internships (provided that such internships are part of the vocational training previously carried out in Spain and are mandatory), leading to the obtaining of a certificate of technical aptitude or professional qualification, only in private educational centers authorized and recognized in Spain.

g- Completion of compulsory secondary education studies (1st to 4th year of ESO) or post-compulsory secondary education studies (1st and 2nd year of Baccalaureate) in officially authorized and recognized educational centers in Spain, only within the framework of student mobility programs.

h- displacement of minors from 12 years of age for the purpose of temporary schooling in Spain, exclusively within the framework of official humanitarian programs promoted by the Spanish public administration (state or regional).

i- attendance at courses for learning Spanish or any of the co-official languages in Spain as a foreign language (provided that it is not the mother tongue or the official language of the country of which the foreign person is a national), taught in person at official language schools or at centers accredited in Spain by the Cervantes Institute or by the analogous public body of the corresponding co-official language.

j- Provision of unpaid volunteer services (except in the form of reimbursement of expenses, pocket money or both), carried out exclusively in legally constituted volunteer entities and registered in the registers established for this purpose, provided that the volunteering is carried out within a program that pursues objectives of general interest for a non-profit cause, or is carried out within a program managed by the European Voluntary Service.

k- unpaid internships by foreign students in Embassies, Consulates or International Organizations accredited in Spain, provided that they have been previously selected by the competent authority in their country of origin or, where appropriate, by an international organization for the aforementioned purposes.

On the contrary, they do not need a student visa for Spain:

-Higher education students who are nationals of third countries not belonging to the EU/Schengen Area and who are studying in another EU Member State other than Spain under a valid visa or authorization issued by that Member State in accordance with Directive (EU) 2016/801 of 11 May (ERASMUS Programme), and which includes intra-Community mobility measures. These students will have the right to enter and remain in Spain, in order to continue their studies and for a period of up to 360 days, with the student visa issued by the corresponding Member State; however, they must notify the Immigration Office of the province in which they will begin their studies of their stay in Spain.

-higher education students who are nationals of third countries not members of the EU/Schengen and who are studying in another EU Member State other than Spain under a visa or
A valid authorization issued by that Member State outside the scope of Directive (EU) 2016/801 of 11 May, and which includes intra-Community mobility measures or an agreement between two or more higher education institutions for that purpose. In this case, students must submit an application for authorization to enter and remain in Spain in order to pursue or complete part of their studies at a Spanish higher education institution, either to the Spanish Consular Office corresponding to their previous place of residence in the European Union (at any time prior to entering Spanish territory), or to the Immigration Office of the province in which the academic activity is to begin (within one month from

that entry into Spain is made) in which case you must present the documentation proving your status as a student in another Member State of the European Union, in addition to the documentation mentioned in points 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 17 of the following section.

Family members of students may apply for a student visa, **exclusively with respect to higher education students** [cases a), c) or d)], the spouse, registered civil partner or stable partner (understood as one with whom the student has lived for at least one year before applying for the visa), as well as unmarried children under 18 years of age or children who have not formed their own family unit or disabled adult children (the student's ascendants are not entitled to this type of visa, nor are they students under the age of 18), taking into account the following: they will be processed in all cases following the same procedure established for student visas; no prior period of stay in Spain is required for the holder of the student visa, but family member visas will not be authorized until the student visa has been authorized, so in no case may they be requested simultaneously; spouses, civil partners or stable partners (and where applicable, children under 18 years of age of working age) may not obtain authorization to carry out gainful activities; and they will not be able to accompany the student family member to another EU Member State within the framework of a European Union mobility program [case b)], as they are not considered beneficiaries of said program.

Applying for a student visa to achieve family reunification in Spain, which is not permitted by law, is considered a legal fraud.

Visa applications for studies (including, where applicable, those of accompanying family members) may be submitted either in person (those corresponding to applicants under the age of 18 must be submitted in all cases by their parents or guardians), or through a duly authorized representative, and may not be submitted electronically under any circumstances .

Only applications submitted by those who actually and permanently reside in this consular district will be accepted for processing; if they are nationals of third countries, they must also be in a legal situation of residence and/or stay with authorization of return (not tourist).

Exceptionally, and only in the cases of higher education students and students who are going to carry out preparatory courses for the selection tests for access to specialized health training places, the application may be submitted in Spain to the corresponding Government Delegation/Subdelegation (Immigration Office), provided that the interested party is legally in Spain at the time of submission.

Consequently, the Consular Office will not issue a short-stay visa to a student if it verifies that the purpose of said visa is to submit an application for a stay of higher studies in Spain at an Immigration Office.

The consular office may establish an appointment system for receiving applications for this type of visa. Granting an appointment to submit a visa application does not automatically imply visa approval.

Visa applications will be rejected in the cases provided for in the Fourth Additional Provision of Organic Law 4/2000 of January 11.

In cases of incomplete files or if any document submitted does not meet the legally required standards, the applicant will be required to rectify the situation.

Except in cases g), h), j) and k), **the minimum period for submitting a student visa will be TWO MONTHS in advance of the start date of the teaching activity** to be carried out, and applications submitted outside this period will not be accepted unless the interested party provides a justified reason that

preventing the submission with the required advance notice (the center's admissions process itself, being on a waiting list, having received a scholarship at a date that does not allow for the two-month advance notice, the student not having been admitted to the first-choice place of study, not having been able to access the necessary documentation to apply for the visa due to reasons beyond their control, etc.). Given that student visa applicants are subject to a specific academic calendar, it is strongly recommended to submit the corresponding application as quickly as possible, in order not to miss classes.

2 For in-person submission at this Consulate General, you must first check the current public service hours and whether this procedure requires a prior appointment **[CUSTOMIZE]**

In any case, the issuance of a student visa by the Consular Office requires prior authorization from the corresponding Immigration Office in Spain, a process that has a minimum term of 15 working days from its receipt.

A student visa cannot be provisionally granted, as a precautionary measure, so that the interested party can begin studies that have already been paid for or have already started, until a positive decision is received from the corresponding Immigration Office.

If the visa is granted, it will be issued for a long-term stay of up to one year. The authorization will be valid one month prior to the start of the teaching activity and will extend for 15 days beyond the end of the activity or studies; therefore, it is not possible to issue a visa outside of these limits.

The deadline for collecting the visa is one month from the date of its issuance. It must be collected in person only if the application was submitted through a duly authorized representative; otherwise, the representative may collect it (visas issued to minors must be collected by their parents or guardians). If the visa is not collected within this period, the Consular Office will issue a decision to close the application due to renunciation. The visa cannot be collected from any Consular Office other than the one that processed the application.

In the case of higher education students, the residence permit obtained automatically authorizes them to work in Spain, either as an employee or self-employed, without the need for any additional procedure, provided that the work activity is compatible with their studies and in no case may it exceed 30 hours per week. In all other cases, students may only engage in self-employment or employment if, once in Spain, they apply for and obtain authorization to engage in paid work, according to the regulations established for both scenarios. Alternatively, higher education students and those who have obtained places in specialized healthcare training programs may obtain residence and work permits, either as an employee or self-employed, or residence permits without requiring a work permit, if they have previously obtained the corresponding degree or certificate, apply within two months before or three months after the expiration of their student visa, and are not receiving scholarships or grants from public or private organizations within sustainable development or humanitarian action programs.

Possession of a valid long-stay visa does not guarantee automatic entry into Spain. The holder must demonstrate to border authorities that they meet the requirements that led to the visa's issuance. Nor does it, on its own, allow the holder to leave their country of origin, nationality, or residence, which may impose regulations on this matter.

Entry into Spanish territory will be denied, even if a valid visa is held and it is proven to the border authorities that the requirements that motivated its issuance are met, if there is an entry ban.

Once entry into Spain has been authorized by the border authorities, the visa holder must ensure that their passport is stamped by them. If entering Spain from a Schengen State and therefore without crossing external borders, they must, within a maximum of 3 business days, go to a Police Station or an Immigration Office to sign an entry declaration. From the date the Entry-Exit System becomes operational, the information contained therein will supersede the provisions of this paragraph.

For stays longer than six months, the interested party (or their representative in the case of minors) will have a maximum period of 1 month, starting from the day after the date of the entry stamp in Spain or from the signing of the entry declaration, to request their Foreigner Identity Card (TIE) from the corresponding Immigration Office.

Foreigners holding a student visa in Spain may not be beneficiaries of the Spanish public health and healthcare system, without prejudice to the rights derived in those cases where an employment contract is signed.

Possession of a student visa only implies for its holder a right of stay in Spain during its validity, but does not generate any right of residence; consequently, its holders may not impute the time of stay in Spain as students to any other calculation

legal for the purposes of Spanish nationality, residency, etc.

If the visa is denied, the Consular Office will issue a decision rejecting the application, which will be communicated in writing to the applicant, with information on the legal basis for the denial, the available appeals and the bodies to which they must be submitted.

Documents to be submitted

For all student visas, the same documentation must be submitted, regardless of their duration (except for number 19), provided that it exceeds 90 days.

All students must submit the following documentation:

1. Original passport or travel document.
2. National visa application form (1 copy).
3. 1 photograph.
4. Admission document (a simple reservation of a place is not valid). Depending on the activity to be carried out:
 - In the case of higher education, doctorate, post-compulsory secondary education, intermediate vocational training, learning Spanish or any co-official language of Spain, or taking preparatory courses for the selection tests for access to specialized health training positions, the student's final admission document or letter.
 - In the case of participation in student mobility programs or humanitarian programs [cases g) and h)], a document issued by the managing body of the program in which it must necessarily be mentioned that the student has been admitted to said program and also already has a place in the corresponding educational center.
 - In the case of participation in volunteer programs, a copy of the agreement with the organization in charge of the program, which must include a description of the program, the activities planned, the schedule and duration of the program, as well as the conditions of accommodation and food.
 - In the case of carrying out unpaid internships in Embassies, Consulates or International Organizations accredited in Spain, a Verbal Note from the corresponding foreign authority.
5. Comprehensive health insurance, with benefits similar to those provided by the National Health System, contracted with an insurance company authorized to operate in Spain, covering 100% of medical, hospital, and outpatient expenses related to illness or accident for the entire period of the applicant's intended stay in Spain, for a minimum amount of €30,000 or its equivalent in local currency, and exempt from co-payments, reimbursements, or waiting periods. This insurance must be contracted with an insurer registered on the list of insurance and reinsurance companies of the Directorate General of Insurance and Pension Funds of the Spanish Ministry of Economy, Trade and Business. For British students, the GHIC card remains valid medical coverage for visa processing.
6. Negative certificate proving that you do not suffer from any disease that could have serious repercussions for public health, in accordance with the provisions of the WHO International Health Regulations of 2005.
7. Document proving the applicant's actual and permanent residence in this consular district (housing rental agreement, utility or telephone bills, proof of enrollment in an educational center provided that classes are mandatory in person, etc.).
8. Amount of the corresponding consular fee; if claiming free service, supporting documents.
Foreign students who are going to carry out unpaid internships in Embassies, Consulates and International Organizations accredited in Spain are exempt from paying the fee [case k)] (except for reciprocity).

In addition, the following documentation must be submitted, depending on each specific case:

9. IN ALL CASES EXCEPT g), h) and k). Documentary proof that the studies or activity to be carried out will be full-time, indicating the start and end dates of the course, the program or content of studies, the schedule that involves face-to-face attendance, and where applicable, the language in which they will be taught.

10. IN ALL CASES EXCEPT g), h), j) and k). Document reflecting the total amount of the course, including registration and/or enrollment fees, reservation of place and similar, indicating the amounts already paid and those pending payment, with the following particularities, where applicable:

-In the case of students participating in programs or agreements between institutions that stipulate that the originating center is responsible for paying the receiving center these amounts, a document proving this circumstance.

-in the case of students participating in student mobility programs [case g)], document by which the organization responsible for the program takes charge of the cost of the studies, without prejudice to the fact that, where appropriate, said cost may be subsequently charged to the parents or guardians of the student.

-In the case of students participating in humanitarian programs [case h)], supporting document that the Spanish public administration promoting the program is responsible for the expenses of the student's stay in Spain.

-In the case of students who, for any reason, are exempt from paying these amounts, supporting documentation.

11. ONLY IN THE CASES a), b), c) and d). Alternatively:

-If the teaching activity is to be carried out in Spanish, a document certifying that they possess sufficient knowledge of the Spanish language to allow them to follow the teachings (only in the case of students not from Spanish-speaking countries).

-If the teaching activity is to be carried out in a language other than Spanish, a document proving that they have sufficient knowledge of the language in question to allow them to follow the teaching (only in the case of students not from countries whose official and/or commonly used language does not coincide with the language in which the teaching will be given).

12. ONLY IN THE CASES a), d), e), f). Certificates or diplomas of previously completed studies (unless the studies to be undertaken in Spain are within an official exchange program or complementary to those undertaken in the country of origin) do not require prior validation, but this may be requested subsequently by the educational institution; as an exception, in the case of applying for a visa to undertake preparatory courses for the selection tests for access to specialized healthcare training positions [case d)], if the Bachelor's or Master's degree was obtained abroad, prior to submitting the application, its recognition or validation in Spain must be carried out. If non-regulated courses (photography, acting, etc.) are to be undertaken in Spain as a continuation, extension, or specialization of others previously completed, the prior knowledge required on the subject by the Spanish educational institution must be accredited, where applicable (certificates, diplomas, etc.).

13. ONLY IN THE CASE OF COURSES IN SPANISH OR ANY OF THE CO-OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IN SPAIN [case i)], a certificate stating that the academy that teaches these courses is accredited as such by the Cervantes Institute or by the analogous public body of the corresponding co-official language.

14. IN ALL CASES EXCEPT g), h) and k). Documents that prove that the necessary economic means are guaranteed to cover the expenses of stay and return to the country of origin.

The minimum monthly amount is 100% of the Public Indicator of Income for Multiple Purposes (IPREM)³, unless it is duly proven that accommodation has already been paid for in advance for the entire period of stay, in which case this amount will be reduced. Amounts used, if any, to cover the cost of studies will not be counted towards the guarantee of living expenses. Financial resources may be personal funds or those derived from family members, subsidies, grants, or scholarships (conversely, documents proving ownership of assets, documents signed by guarantors, or mere declarations of financial support from third parties without any proven relationship with the applicant will not be considered). At the request of the Consular Office, the source of these funds must be justified, and bank statements for the past year must be provided. Bank loans must be documented by presenting a contract signed by both parties indicating the total amount. ONLY in the case of students who are going to pursue higher education [cases a), b), c) or d)], the availability of an employment contract or job offer may be assessed, provided that it is compatible with the performance of face-to-face studies.

15. IN ALL CASES EXCEPT g), h), j) and k). If the visa application is submitted less than 2 months before the start date of the studies or activity to be carried out, supporting documentation must be provided to demonstrate the applicant's inability to have done so.

³ This amount is reviewed annually. You can check the current amount at the following link: <http://www.iprem.com.es>

submitted within the legally prescribed period.

16. ONLY PARTICIPANTS IN VOLUNTEER SERVICES (EXCEPT THE EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE), REGARDLESS OF THEIR DURATION [case j)]. Civil liability insurance taken out by the corresponding entity.

17. IF THE PLANNED STAY EXCEEDS 6 MONTHS, AND ONLY FOR APPLICANTS OF THE AGE OF CRIMINAL CONSIDERATION ACCORDING TO SPANISH LAW (15 years and older). Negative certificate of criminal record for offenses under Spanish law, issued by the country or countries in which the applicant has resided in the last 5 years (in the case of applicants under 20 years of age, the certificate(s) must cover the entire period from the day the applicant turned 15 years old).

18. ONLY IF THE APPLICANT IS A NATIONAL OF A THIRD COUNTRY. Official, valid document proving their legal residence and/or stay status with authorization to return to the country (visa, resident alien identity document, etc.). Driver's licenses issued by local authorities, registration certificates, and for this purpose, rental agreements or utility or telephone bills will not be accepted. If the visa or stay permit does not allow the holder to return to the country of issuance after departure, they must present a return flight ticket from Spain to their country of origin, booked for the expected date of arrival in Spain.

*In the case of students under the age of 18 participating in student mobility or humanitarian programs [cases g) and h)]. All the documentation mentioned in points 1 to 8, 17 (only for applicants between 15 and 17 years of age) and 18 (where applicable). IN ADDITION, and in all cases:

19. Copy of the creation document or, where applicable, authorization of the mobility or humanitarian program to which the student is a party, or similar document.

Regarding the program's managing body:

20. Document by which said body designates a natural person (not a legal entity) of legal age and with effective (and where applicable legal) residence in Spain as responsible for the student during their stay in Spain.

21. Photocopy of the National Identity Document or Passport of the person mentioned in the previous point, in all cases valid. If the person is a national of a third country, they must also provide proof of holding a valid residence permit in Spain for a period longer than the expected duration of the studies of the minor they are taking care of.

22. A declaration of responsibility from the person designated according to the previous point, stating their express commitment to take charge of the minor during their entire stay in Spain, as well as to guarantee their return to their country of origin or residence at the end of their participation in the corresponding program, and FURTHERMORE, states that there is no adoption or foster care procedure, current or future, with respect to the minor, and expresses their knowledge that this temporary foster care will not generate any right to family reunification of any kind.

23. Negative certification from the Central Register of sexual offenders of the Spanish Ministry of Justice issued in favor of the person mentioned in the previous point, in accordance with the terms of article 13.5 of Organic Law 1/1996, of January 15, on the legal protection of minors.

24. Document relating to the child's accommodation in Spain offered by the program's managing body. This accommodation may take place in a boarding school or residence affiliated with or contracted by the entity responsible for managing the program, or with a pre-selected family. In both cases, details of the planned accommodation must be included.

25. ONLY if the child is to be housed with a family, the head of the family must present: a photocopy of their National Identity Document or Passport (if they are a national of a third country, they must also present proof of holding a valid residence permit in Spain for a period longer than the expected duration of the studies of the minor they are taking care of); a declaration made before a Spanish Notary confirming that they will house and provide for the minor during their stay in Spain; and a negative certificate from the Central Register of Sex Offenders of the Spanish Ministry of Justice issued in favor of said person in accordance with Article 13.5 of Organic Law 1/1996, of January 15, on the legal protection of minors.

Regarding the minor:

26. Birth certificate issued by the local Civil Registry, in any case translated into Spanish and apostilled or, where appropriate, legalized.

Regarding the parents or guardians of the minor:

27. Photocopy of both parties' identity documents, which must be valid. In the case of guardians, a copy of the official document appointing them as guardians is also required.

28. Notarial deed signed by both parents or, where applicable, by the guardian or guardians, authorizing the minor's travel to Spain for the purpose of carrying out the educational activity in question, indicating the planned period of stay, and the document must expressly state the

name of the organization responsible for the mobility or humanitarian program through which the minor travels to Spain, and ALSO accepting the appointment of the person as responsible for the student during their stay in Spain (with express indication of their full name and DNI or NIE number), and where applicable, expressing their consent to be housed in a previously selected family, with express indication in this case of the details of the latter (full name and surnames of the head of the family, DNI or NIE number, and postal address).

Students aged 17 who are going to pursue higher education [case a)], must submit documents numbers 26, 27, 28 and 25 (the latter two, duly adapted to their circumstances), and in addition and in all cases:

29. Official document from the educational authority of the country of origin reflecting that the student has high intellectual abilities and has completed pre-secondary studies at an age lower than that generally established.

*Family members of students [only in cases where it is possible -a), c) or d)-]. All documentation mentioned in points 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 17 (where applicable) and 18 (where applicable). Furthermore, and in any case:

30. Documentation proving the relationship of kinship or affection (in the case of registered couples or stable couples) and, in the case of incapacitated minors, documentation relating to the declaration of said incapacity.

31. Regarding economic means (point 14), the minimum monthly amount will be 75% of the IPREM for the first family member and 50% of the IPREM for each additional family member accompanying him.

Foreign students who are going to carry out unpaid internships in Embassies, Consulates and International Organizations accredited in Spain [case k)] must only submit documents numbers 1 to 7, 8 (subject to reciprocity), 17 and 18 (if applicable).

General rules regarding the documentation to be submitted

The passport or travel document must be recognized by Spain, must have a minimum validity of 3 months after the expiry date of the visa (i.e., 15 months in total) and have at least 2 blank pages, and must allow return to the country of issue.

The visa application form must be completed in its entirety and signed by the applicant or, if the applicant is a minor, by both parents or legal guardians. Unsigned applications will not be accepted. The form must clearly state the applicant's home or postal address (which must be within the consular district), telephone number, and email address for communication purposes. This form is free of charge.

The photograph must conform to the technical requirements of ICAO Document 9303 (close-up of the head and shoulders, in focus and without blemishes, on a plain, light-colored background, taken from the front with eyes open, without glare, dark glasses, or clothing that obscures the face, which must be visible from the hairline to the chin), in color, 3 x 4 cm, and recent (taken within the 6 months prior to submitting the application). If the photograph is digital, it must be printed on photographic-quality paper using a high-resolution printer (prints on regular paper are not acceptable). PLEASE SUBMIT THIS PHOTO ALREADY ADHESIVED (NOT STAPLEDED) TO THE FORM MENTIONED IN POINT 2, in order to facilitate its scanning by this Consular Office.

Spanish and foreign certificates and other official documents must not have an issue date older than six (6) months. Other documentation, such as documents guaranteeing financial means, letters of admission to educational centers or programs, etc., must be as recent as possible.

Criminal record certificates must be submitted in their simplest version (without fingerprints).

The notarial deed signed by both parents or, where applicable, by the guardian or guardians authorizing the minor's movement to Spain may be granted before a local Notary or before the corresponding Spanish consular office.

The certificates from the foreign Civil Registry and the notarial deed signed by both parents or where applicable

The authorization for the minor's travel to Spain, issued by the guardian(s), must be apostilled or, if applicable, legalized (unless otherwise required by a bilateral or multilateral agreement), and translated into Spanish (although documents in English or French are acceptable). This Consular Office reserves the right to request that all other official documents submitted also be apostilled/legalized and, if applicable, translated into Spanish. The responsibility for providing the apostilled/legalized and translated documents lies with the applicant, who must bear the cost of these procedures.

For applicants who are nationals of third countries, the official document proving their legal status of residence and/or stay with authorization to return to the country must have a minimum validity of 3 months after the date of assignment by the Consular Office of the appointment for the processing of the visa.

The visa fee is paid in advance and is not refunded to the applicant in case of visa refusal.⁷

All documents must be submitted in ORIGINAL form or, if that is not possible, a legible COPY. Submitted documentation will not be returned (except upon express and justified request).

This consular office reserves the right to request additional documentation or carry out any checks it deems necessary for resolving the case. Documentation submitted without being expressly requested will not be considered in resolving the case.

COMPLIANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS IS STRONGLY STRONG, AND APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AT THE SAME TIME IN ORDER TO AVOID DELAYS IN THE PROCESSING OF THEIR VISA.

THIS CONSULAR OFFICE DOES NOT PROVIDE PHOTOCOPY SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC.

⁴ The updated list of Member States of the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961, Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents (Apostille Convention), can be found at the following link: <https://www.hcch.net/es/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=41>

⁵ Consult the list of current agreements at this consular office.

⁶ For documents written in other languages, please consult this Consular Office.

⁷ Check with this Consular Office for the current fee for this type of visa **[CUSTOMIZE]**