

LONG-TERM VISAS UNDER THE YOUTH MOBILITY PROGRAMME SPAIN/AUSTRALIA

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

General considerations

Any foreign national of AUSTRALIA aged between 18 and 30 years inclusive, who has a functional level of the Spanish language and intends to enter and remain in Spain for the sole or main purpose of carrying out any of the activities provided for in the **Agreement between Spain and Australia of 3.9.2014 relating to the Youth Mobility Programme**, for more than 90 days, must first apply for and obtain a long-term visa.

Participants may only take part in one program, with a maximum stay of one year in Spain.

The visa issued under this Agreement does not allow family reunification of any kind.

All applicants must have a Foreigner Identification Number (NIE) before submitting the visa application; if they do not have one, they must obtain it beforehand (which can be done at the corresponding consular office), as the visa will not be authorized if they do not have said NIE1 .

Visa applications under this Agreement must be submitted in person at the Consular Section of the Embassy of Spain in Canberra or at the Consulates General of Spain in Melbourne² or Sydney (depending on the actual and effective place of residence within Australia), and may not be submitted electronically under any circumstances.

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, as well as in art. 26.1 RD 1155/2024 of November 19.

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.

The issuance of a visa under this Agreement 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.

If the visa is authorized, it enables its holder to remain in Spain during its validity period and, where applicable, authorizes them to work under the terms established in the Agreement, without the need to process a specific authorization.

The deadline for collecting the visa is one month from the date of its authorization, either in person or through a duly authorized representative. If it is not collected within this period, the Consular Office will issue a decision to close the application due to renunciation. It cannot be collected from any Consular Office other than the one that processed the application.

The visa holder has a maximum period of 3 months to enter Spain, and must in any case travel to Spain and present to the border authorities the same travel document that was used to process their visa and in which this appears.

Possession of a valid long-stay visa does not guarantee the holder automatic entry into Spain; they must prove to border authorities that they meet the requirements that led to the visa's issuance.

1 To obtain the NIE, you should consult the website of this Consulate General, where an information note on this procedure is published, as well as the corresponding form.

² For in-person submissions at this Consulate General, you must first check the public service hours. current as well as whether, eventually, this procedure requires a prior appointment.

That one. Nor does it allow its holder, on his own, to leave the country of origin, nationality or residence, which may eventually impose rules in this regard.

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 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.

The interested party will have a maximum period of 1 month from the day after the date of the entry stamp or from the signing of the entry declaration to apply for the Foreigner Identity Card (TIE), before the corresponding Foreigners' Office.

Australian citizens holding a youth mobility visa will not be eligible for the Spanish public health and healthcare system, without prejudice to the rights derived in those cases where an employment contract is signed.

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

1. Original passport.
2. National visa application form (1 copy).
3. 1 photograph.
4. Document signed by the interested party before the corresponding Spanish consular office in which he/she declares that the purpose of the trip is tourism or the acquisition of a personal or professional experience.
5. Certificate of no criminal record for offenses under Spanish law, issued by the country or countries in which you have resided in the last 5 years. In Australia, it must be issued by the Australian Federal Police (AFP).
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. Comprehensive health insurance, with benefits similar to those granted by the National Health System, arranged with an insurance company authorized to operate in Spain, covering 100% of medical, hospital and extra-hospital expenses associated with illness or accident for the entire period of the applicant's planned stay in Spain, for a minimum amount of 30,000 euros or its equivalent in local currency, and being exempt from co-payments, reimbursements or waiting periods, contracted with an insurer that must be registered in 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
8. Documents proving sufficient financial means to cover the costs of your stay and return ticket to Australia. The minimum monthly amount is 100% of the Public Indicator of Income for Multiple Purposes (IPREM). These financial means may be personal or derived from family members (documents proving ownership of assets, documents signed by guarantors, or mere declarations of financial support from third parties without any proven relationship to 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 with a contract signed by both parties indicating the total amount.
9. Documentary proof of having completed at least two years of higher education.
10. Documentary proof of possessing a functional level of Spanish (which may be replaced by an interview conducted at the corresponding Spanish consular office).

11. Document proving the applicant's actual and permanent residence in this consular district (housing rental agreement, utility bill or telephone bill, etc.).
12. Copy of the Foreigner Identification Number (NIE), in any case processed previously.
13. Amount of the corresponding consular fee; if claiming free service, supporting documents.

General rules regarding the documentation to be submitted

The procedure for applying for a NIE is detailed in a separate information sheet available at this Consulate General and on its website. The corresponding forms, also available at this Consulate General, must be used, and the applicable consular fee must be paid.

The passport must be valid for a minimum of 3 months after the visa expiry date (i.e., 15 months in total), have at least 2 blank pages, and allow return to Australia.

The visa application form must be completed in its entirety and signed by the applicant. 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, taken from the front, with eyes open, on a plain and light background, without glare, dark glasses, hats or clothing that hides the face, which must be visible from the hairline to the chin, taken within 6 months prior to the visa application).

Certificates and other documents issued by foreign official bodies and medical certificates must not be older than six (6) months. Other documentation, such as documents guaranteeing financial means, etc., must be as recent as possible.

Criminal record certificates must be submitted in their version with fingerprints.

In the case of official foreign documents, this Consular Office reserves the right to request that they be apostilled³ or, where applicable, legalized (unless otherwise required by a current bilateral or multilateral agreement⁴), as well as translated into Spanish (however, documents in English or French are accepted⁵). The obligation to provide the apostilled/legalized documents and their Spanish translation rests with the applicant, who must bear the cost of these procedures.

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

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 PROVIDED NOT EXPRESSLY REQUESTED WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR 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.

³ The updated list of member states of the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961, abolishing the requirement of legalization for foreign public documents (the "Apostille" Convention), can be found at the following link: <https://www.hcch.net/es/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=41>

⁴ Consult the list of current agreements at this consular office.

⁵ For documents written in other languages, please consult this Consular Office.

⁶ Please check with this consular office for the current fee for this type of visa.

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