

LONG-TERM VISAS FOR NON-LUCRATIVE RESIDENCE IN SPAIN

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

General considerations

The non-lucrative residence visa is intended for any foreigner over 18 years of age who is not a national of an EU/Schengen State, who intends to reside in Spain without carrying out any type of work or professional activity in Spain, provided that he or she has previously guaranteed means of subsistence for this purpose.

Along with the main application, they may also apply, where applicable, for this type of visa:

-Their **spouse, registered partner, or duly proven stable partner**. A stable partner is defined as one who demonstrates the existence of a lasting relationship. In any case, this relationship will be considered to exist if a period of cohabitation of at least one continuous year is proven, unless they have children in common, in which case proof of a duly proven stable cohabitation will suffice. Marriage and registered partnerships are considered mutually exclusive.

-their **children under 18 years of age**, and/or those of their spouse, registered partner or stable partner, provided that they are not married or have not formed their own family unit.

-their **children over 18 years of age**, and/or those of their spouse, registered partner or stable partner, who have a disability that requires support or who are not objectively able to provide for their own needs due to their state of health.

-their **representatives** under 18 years of age, or older than that age provided they are disabled.

On the contrary, this visa application is not provided for the ascendants of the interested party, as it is not contemplated by current regulations.

Applying for a residence visa without a work purpose is considered fraud under the law:

-to obtain Spanish nationality when objectively one does not have the right to it or does not meet the requirements provided for in the Civil Code.

-to have access to Spanish healthcare without actually residing in Spain.

-if the applicant's profession necessarily requires their presence in the country.

-to carry out a teleworking activity in Spain, since in this case the interested party travels to Spain for the purpose of carrying out a lucrative activity, a case for which there is a specific long-term visa (international teleworking residence).

Those who are within the period of commitment not to return to Spain, assumed voluntarily, will not be able to submit an application for this type of visa.

Applications for long-term visas for non-lucrative residence must be submitted in person (those for applicants under the age of 18 must be submitted by their parents or guardians), exclusively at the consular office in whose jurisdiction the applicant resides, and may not be submitted electronically under any circumstances. Only applications submitted by those who actually and permanently reside in the corresponding consular district will be accepted for processing; if they are nationals of third countries, they must also have a legal status of residence and/or stay with a return authorization (not a tourist visa).

Visa applications for a family unit must be made jointly by all members of the family unit who wish to settle in Spain, and not independently.

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 guarantee its 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 1155/2025 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.

1. For in-person submission at this Consulate General, you must first consult its website for current public service hours and whether this procedure requires a prior appointment. [CUSTOMIZE]

The issuance of a non-lucrative residence visa by the Consular Office requires prior authorization from the corresponding Immigration Office in Spain, a process that takes a minimum of 15 days business days from receipt.

If the visa is authorized, the initial non-lucrative temporary residence permit will last for one year.

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.

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.

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.

If the visa is denied, a decision of rejection will be issued, which will always be communicated in writing to the interested party, with information on the legal basis on which the denial is based, the appeals that are available and the bodies to which they must be submitted.

Documents to be submitted

All applicants must submit the following:

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1. Original passport or travel document.
2. National visa application form (1 copy).
3. Application form for temporary non-lucrative residence authorization model EX-01 (1 copy).
4. 1 photograph.
5. Comprehensive, non-reimbursable health insurance with benefits similar to those granted by the National Health System, arranged with an insurance company authorized to operate in Spain that covers, at a minimum, the entire validity period of the initial non-lucrative temporary residence authorization (one year from its issuance), 100% of the medical, hospital and extra-hospital expenses of the applicant (and where applicable, of his family), associated with an illness or accident, for a minimum amount of 30,000 euros or its equivalent in local currency, and is exempt from co-payments, reimbursements or waiting periods, contracted with an insurer that must be registered in the list of insurance and reinsurance entities of the Directorate General of Insurance and Pension Funds of the Spanish Ministry of Economy, Trade and Business; and FURTHERMORE a written declaration of responsibility acknowledging that non-lucrative residence in Spain does not generate any right to be a beneficiary of the Spanish Social Security system, as well as a commitment to renew the contracted health insurance for the entire period of your non-lucrative residence in Spain.

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. Certificate of no criminal record for offenses under Spanish law, issued by the country or countries in which the applicant has resided during the last 5 years. Any criminal record the applicant may have in Spain will be checked ex officio.

8. Documentary evidence that you have either sufficient financial means to cover living and accommodation expenses during the time you plan to reside in Spain without needing to engage in any work activity, or a source of regular income, in a minimum monthly amount equivalent to 400% of the Public Indicator of Income for Multiple Purposes (IPREM)². If the above is justified by presenting information relating to accounts or financial instruments abroad, this must include the full name of the bank or credit institution as well as its address, the full identification of the accounts, the opening or, where applicable, the closing date, as well as the balances for the last 18 months prior to the submission of the application or, where applicable, for the period deemed appropriate, as well as the average balance corresponding to said period. Titles of ownership or shares or holdings in companies exclusively based in Spain will also be accepted as evidence (in which case a document from the company certifying that the applicant does not perform any work activity for said company must be included), as well as any other legal source of income, duly justified. The applicant must be able, upon request of the Consular Office, to justify the origin of the claimed financial resources.

9. 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.).

10. If the applicant is a national of a third country, they must provide a valid official document proving their legal residence and/or stay status with authorization to return to their country of origin (visa, resident alien identity document, etc.). Driver's licenses issued by local authorities, registration certificates, 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 confirmed flight ticket from Spain to their country of origin, valid for the date of arrival in Spain.

11. Amount of the corresponding consular fee; if claiming free service, supporting documents.

12. Amount of the generic foreigner's fee (which must be paid using form 790-052 -1 copy-).

If the applicant is accompanied by dependent family members, they must also present:

13. Documentary justification that you have either sufficient financial means to cover the costs of maintenance and stay during the time you plan to reside in Spain without needing to carry out any work activity, or a source of periodic income, in a minimum monthly amount equivalent to 100% of the IPREM for each accompanying family member.

14. Only for relatives with criminal majority according to Spanish regulations (15 years and over) negative certificate of criminal records for crimes foreseen in the Spanish legal system, issued by the country or countries in which they have resided in the last 5 years (in the case of minors under 20 years of age, the certificate(s) must cover the entire period from the day on which the interested party turned 15 years of age).

The applicant's spouse must also submit:

15. Certificate of the existence of the marital bond.

16. If previously married, a certificate or final divorce decree.

The person with whom the applicant maintains a relationship of affection analogous to marriage must also present, alternatively:

17a. In the event that said relationship was registered in a public register established for these purposes and has not been cancelled, certificate of registration.

17b. If such relationship is not registered in a public register established for this purpose, any means of proof that sufficiently demonstrates a cohabitation relationship

² This amount is reviewed annually. You can check the current amount at the following link: <http://www.iprem.com.es>

analogous to the conjugal one of at least twelve continuous months or less if the couple has common offspring, provided that the affective bond is maintained.

18. If previously married, a certificate or final divorce decree.

Children under 18 years of age or disabled children over 18 years of age of the applicant or of his or her spouse, registered partner or stable partner, provided that they are not married or have not formed their own family unit.

19. Birth certificate issued by the corresponding foreign Civil Registry.

20. If the certification cannot prove the relationship with the family member applying for reunification, any public document that allows the relationship to be determined or confirmed (a simple declaration or notarized statement is not valid).

21. In the case of children born solely to the spouse or registered or stable partner, documents proving sole parental authority, sole custody, the child's effective dependency, and authorization for the child's transfer to Spain by judicial authority or with the consent of the other parent. In the case of shared custody, a document from the other custodial parent granting consent for the child to reside in Spain; if the custodial parent is deceased, a certified copy of the death certificate issued by the corresponding Civil Registry. Depending on the specific circumstances of each case, the Consular Office may require additional documentation beyond that indicated.

22. In the case of adopted children, a copy of the resolution by which the adoption was agreed, which must also meet the legal requirements necessary to produce effects in Spain in accordance with national and international regulations.

23. In the case of disabled children over 18 years of age, a copy of the court ruling of incapacity, with express mention of the person or persons to whom parental authority is entrusted exclusively or jointly.

24. In the case of children of compulsory school age, a document reserving a place in a public or private school.

Those **represented** by the applicant who are under 18 years of age, or over that age provided they are disabled, must also present:

25. Evidence of the legal act establishing the powers of representation of the foreign national sponsoring family reunification with respect to the minor or incapacitated person represented, which must not be contrary to the principles of Spanish law. *In cases of kafala, consult specific regulations.*

General rules regarding the documentation to be submitted

The application form for temporary non-lucrative residence authorization, model EX-01, can be obtained at this Consular Office or alternatively at the following link:

<https://www.inclusion.gob.es/documents/d/migraciones/ex01-formulario-autorizacion-de-residencia-no-lucrativa-1>

The form for payment of the generic foreigner's fee, model 790-052, can be obtained at this Consular Office or alternatively at the following link:

<https://sede.administracionespublicas.gob.es/pagina/index/directorio/tasa052>

The passport or travel document must be recognized by Spain, must have a minimum validity of 3 months after the validity date of the visa eventually granted 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 application 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.

The photograph must conform to the technical requirements of ICAO Document 9303 (close-up of the head and shoulders, well-focused and without blemishes, on a plain, light-colored white background, taken from the front with eyes open, without glare, dark glasses, or clothing that obscures the face, which must be visible from the

A recent 3 x 4 cm color photograph (from hairline to chin) must be taken within the six months prior to submitting the application. If the photograph is digital, it must be printed on high-quality photographic paper using a high-resolution printer (plain paper is not acceptable). Please submit this photograph already glued (not stapled) to the form mentioned in point 2 to facilitate scanning by this consular office.

Official certificates and other foreign documents must not have an issue date older than six (6) months. All other documentation must be as recent as possible.

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

In the case of official foreign documentation, this Consular Office reserves the right to request that it be apostilled.³ or, where applicable, legalized (unless otherwise provided by a current bilateral or multilateral agreement⁴), as well as translated into Spanish (however, documentation in English or French is acceptable⁵). The obligation to provide the apostilled/legalized documents and their translation into Spanish rests with the interested party, who must bear the cost of these procedures.

As an exception to the previous paragraph, certificates from the foreign Civil Registry must in all cases be apostilled or, where appropriate, legalized.

The financial means must always be duly justified and the economic sufficiency demonstrated explicitly and with sufficient guarantees.

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 fees and the general immigration fee (form 790-052) are paid in advance and are non-refundable in case of visa refusal. The 790-052 fee can be paid electronically.

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 THOSE INTERESTED ARE REQUESTED THAT, IN ORDER TO AVOID DELAYS IN THE PROCESSING OF THEIR VISA, THEY SUBMIT ALL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AT THE SAME TIME.

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

³ 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>

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

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

⁶ Check with this Consular Office for the current fee for this type of visa **[CUSTOMIZE]**