



## AGREEMENT BETWEEN SPAIN AND CANADA ON YOUTH MOBILITY PROGRAMS

Since January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the Spanish Embassy in Ottawa is accepting visa applications for the **2026 Youth Mobility Program** (quota: 967)

This information applies to Canadian citizens only. Spanish citizens who would like to participate in the Program must check the [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada](#) website for this program.

1. Beneficiaries of this Agreement shall be Canadian citizens who fall under any of the following categories:
  - a) **Young citizens in possession of a post-secondary diploma** wishing to obtain additional training in Spain through a **pre-arranged contract of employment**;
  - b) **Registered students of a Canadian post-secondary institution** wishing to complete part of their academic training through a pre-arranged internship in a Spanish institution, including under inter-institution agreements;
  - c) **Young citizens** wishing to obtain additional training in the other country under a **pre-arranged contract of employment** in order to contribute to their professional development;
  - d) **Registered students of a post-secondary institution** in their home country who plan to travel to Spain during academic vacations and who **wish to work on a casual basis** in order to increase their financial resources;
  - e) **Young citizens** who plan to travel to Spain and who wish to **work on a casual basis** in order to increase their financial resources or to do volunteer work (Working Holiday)
  
2. Beneficiaries of the Agreement shall be required to:
  - Be a **Canadian citizen**, hold a valid Canadian passport and reside in Canada;
  - Be in possession of a legally issued **valid visa**.
  - Be **between the ages of 18 and 35** inclusively on the date the application is submitted;
  - **Hold a return ticket or have sufficient resources to purchase it** and have the **financial resources needed** to support themselves for the first three months in Spain (**check amount**). **If an applicant does have a formal offer of employment in Spain before applying for the visa, proof of the necessary economic resources is met by providing a job contract** as long as the income for the first three months reaches the amount aforementioned;
  - Agree to purchase medical insurance, including hospitalization and repatriation for the full period of their authorized stay before entering Spanish territory.

**NOTE: IT IS NOT MANDATORY TO HAVE A PRE-ARRANGED CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT** to apply for these types of visas when an applicant chooses categories “b”, “d” or “e” mentioned in item 1

3. Participation in the program consists on two different phases which take place in Canada and Spain respectively:
  - **CANADA: Visa application** (See # 5) and **NIE application** (Foreigners’ Identification Number, See # 5)
  - **SPAIN: “Tarjeta de Identidad de Extranjero” application** (ID card for foreigners who are living in Spain), if required (See #5).



4. In order to apply for the visa, candidates should pay attention to the following consular demarcations:
  - The consular jurisdiction of the **Embassy of Spain in Ottawa** only includes the Canadian national capital region (Ottawa and Gatineau).
  - The consular jurisdiction of the **Consulate General of Spain in Toronto** includes the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario (except Ottawa), Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut.
  - The consular jurisdiction of the **Consulate General of Spain in Montreal** includes the provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Québec (except Gatineau), Newfoundland and Labrador.
  
5. To apply for this type of visa at the Embassy of Spain in Ottawa, an applicant will need to:
  - 5.1. Be a resident in the National Capital Region (Ottawa and Gatineau)
  - 5.2. Get an appointment. Applicants must obtain an **IN PERSON appointment** to submit his/her application. To book an appointment, click **HERE**. **On-line applications are NOT accepted.**  
**The embassy's address is the following:**
    - Embassy of Spain in Ottawa
    - Consular Section
    - 74 Stanley Avenue
    - Ottawa, ON
    - K1M 1P4
  - 5.3. **Submit ORIGINALS AND PHOTOCOPIES OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:**
    - **Visa application form**, filled and signed with one (1) recent full-face color photograph taken in person by a commercial photographer or studio **NO MORE THAN SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION**. It should also meet the requirements pictured on this [link](#).
    - A valid **passport with a minimum validity of one year** prior to entry into Spain.
    - Documentation such as a driving license, rental contract, utility bill, etc., which shows your **residency in Canada**.
    - A **return ticket** or sufficient funds to purchase it.
    - **Proof of economic means** for the first three months in Spain (**check amount**) through bank statements issued within the previous two months, a scholarship, a grant, etc. **If an applicant does have a formal offer of employment in Spain before applying for the visa, proof of the necessary economic resources is met by providing a job contract** as long as the income for the first three months reaches the amount aforementioned; In cases where parents are financially responsible, they shall submit a letter legalized by a notary public, signed by them in which they state their consent, a copy of the parents' bank statements for the previous two months and a photocopy of their passports.
    - **Medical travel insurance Confirmation of Coverage**, including hospitalization and repatriation for the entire authorized period of their stay, prior to entering Spanish territory, **ONLY** when an applicant chooses categories "b", "d" o "e" mentioned in # 1.
    - **If the duration of the stay is over six months**, original and a photocopy (not notarized) of their **criminal background check(s)** issued by the country or countries of residence in the past 5 years. In the case of Canada, only the negative criminal record certificate issued by the RCMP containing the visa applicant's fingerprints will be accepted. You will find more information about how to obtain it [here](#). This requirement is not mandatory if the duration of the requested stay is less than six months.  
Criminal records certificates from local police stations will not be accepted.



The Canadian Criminal Record Certificate must be authenticated with the Hague Apostille Certification, and must be accompanied by an official translation into Spanish by a sworn/certified translator.

The visa will not be issued without the Criminal Record Certificate **apostilled by Global Affairs Canada**, so it is recommended that you carry out this procedure with the Canadian authorities **well in advance**.

The official translation can include the translation of the Apostille as well, but it is not necessary (the translation does not need an Apostille and the Apostille does not need a translation). You can find a certified translator through **The Association of Translators and Interpreters of Ontario**.

**The background check must be issued within 6 months preceding the submission of the visa application.**

The Apostille must certify the signature on the Criminal Background check, not other signatures (e.g. we don't accept apostilles that certify the signature of a notary public that stamps a seal on the criminal background check).

If the applicant has spent more than 6 months (more than 180 days) during the last 5 years in another country (outside Canada) an additional criminal background check from every country of residence must be provided. The criminal background checks must be authenticated with the Apostille of The Hague, unless it is issued by an EU member state. The criminal background check issued by an EU authority does not need to be apostilled to be accepted. You can check the list of the countries signing the Hague Convention [here](#)

If the country in which the applicant has lived in the past 5 years does not subscribe to The Hague Convention of 1961, the background check must be authenticated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuing country and then by the Spanish Consulate in that country. The background check must be accompanied by an official translation into Spanish (if the original is not written in Spanish).

- **A medical certificate** issued by the applicant's family doctor worded as follows:

*“This medical certificate states that Mr./Mrs.... does not suffer from any diseases that may have serious consequences on public health in accordance with the provisions contained in the 2005 International Health Regulations.”*

**It must be accompanied by an official translation into Spanish by a sworn/certified translator.**

- **Visa fee payment.** Please refer to the [consular fee chart](#).
- **A NIE (Foreigners' Identification Number).** Application for this number will be submitted at the same time as the visa application. Please read the steps listed on our webpage about “**NIE**” and take note of the following remarks:
  - An applicant will complete an **EX15 form (Instructions to fill it out)** indicating IN SPANISH that it is **needed to apply for a Youth Mobility visa**, i.e., writing in box 4.2 (especificar) the following text: “**En virtud de Acuerdo de Movilidad de Jovenes entre España y Canadá**”
  - **NIE fee payment.** Please refer to the [consular fee chart](#) and complete **form 012**.
- Furthermore, as the case may be:
  - Registered Canadian students of a post-secondary institution in Canada who wish to complete their academic training in a Spanish institution (category “b” beneficiaries):
    1. **Proof of registration in a post-secondary institution in Canada and proof of acceptance by a Spanish institution** to complete their academic training, within the framework of an inter-institutional agreement.



- Young Canadians wishing to obtain additional training in Spain (categories “a” and “c” beneficiaries):
  1. **A pre-arranged contract of employment**, valid up to the authorized stay.
  2. **Company’s NIF** (Tax Identification Number), and a document stating that the hiring company is registered with the Spanish Social Security System.
  3. **Relevant qualifications and credentials** proving that the applicant has the capacity required for the exercise of the duly recognized profession.

**In this case, the economic resources shall be proved by submitting the contract of employment, as long as the income reaches the minimum economic means for the first three months in Spain (check amount)**
- Young Canadians wishing to work on a casual basis (categories “d” and “e” beneficiaries):
  1. **An offer of casual employment**, if available when applying for the visa.
  2. **Company’s NIF** (Tax Identification Number), and a **document stating that the hiring company is registered with the Spanish Social Security System** if an offer of casual employment is available when applying for the visa.
  3. **Relevant qualifications or credentials** proving that they have the capacity required for the exercise of the duly recognized profession, as the case may be, if an offer of casual employment is available when applying for the visa.

**Revenues earned through occasional work shall be taken into consideration as proof of financial means, whenever it can be documented when applying for the visa.**
- Young Canadians who wish to do volunteer work (category “e” beneficiaries):
  1. **Letter of acceptance from the institution where volunteer services shall be performed.**

Program participants who wish to stay in Spain for a **period of time longer than 6 months, but less than one year**, MAY apply for a “**Tarjeta de Identidad de Extranjero**” (Foreigner ID Card) at their closest “**Oficinas de tramitación para ciudadanos extranjeros**”.

Qualified citizens may benefit twice from the application of this Agreement under two different categories among those set out in # 1. The period of each stay may not exceed one year. In all cases, there shall be a minimum three-month period between the two stays.

Canadian citizens staying in Spain within the framework of this Agreement shall comply with the Spanish laws and regulations, in particular those involving employment.

Please note that during the examination of a visa application, some additional documents may be requested in order to determine that all requirements to obtain the visa are met.

Also, a Spanish translation of all documents submitted may be required in accordance to the provisions of article 15 of “*Act 39/2015 on Uniform Administrative Procedures of the Spanish Public Administration*”.

In some cases, a personal interview with an applicant may also be required.

This information is not binding and does not alter or replace the relevant regulations, which shall always prevail.

For more information please contact the Visa Department at the Embassy of Spain (Tel: 613 747-2252 Ext. 2 or [emb.ottawa.sc@maec.es](mailto:emb.ottawa.sc@maec.es))



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