



## **STUDENT VISA**

### **WHERE TO APPLY**

Application has to be made in person at the Spanish Consulate in Edinburgh. 63 North Castle St. Edinburgh EH2 3LJ. Please note that you must arrange an appointment well in advance through [cog.edimburgo.vis@maec.es](mailto:cog.edimburgo.vis@maec.es).

### **FEES**

**The Visa administration fee is £ 68,95. Non-refundable.** Please note that this fee does not include other charges that might apply depending on the type of visa.

Citizens of **UK, Australia, Canada and USA** will be applied with the Principle of Reciprocity and fees will vary between **£ 68 and £ 350.05**

### **TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE SPANISH GENERAL CONSULATE IN EDINBURGH**

Scotland and Scottish Islands, Northern Ireland and the following English counties: Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear and Tees Valley (Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton on Tees, Hartlepool, Darlington and Middlesbrough).

- Please note that you must be legal resident or carrying out studies in a local educational center within our jurisdiction.

### **CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION**

Please note that you must produce one application per person. (Including minors).

An appointment does not guarantee a visa.

This Consulate General is not responsible for the expenses of the planned travel already paid by applicants and will not accept any claim for them in case of a visa refusal.

Depending on individual circumstances additional documents may be required.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

This type of Visa is required when you would like to stay in Spain for more than 90 days. This Visa will allow the applicant to develop any of the following options:

- 1 Studies in a recognized Centre, on a full time basis, which will allow the applicant to a title at the end of the course.
- 2 Realization of activities of investigation.
- 3 Participate on mobility programs between Universities.
- 4 Realization of Voluntary services that pursue achievements of general interest for the community.
- 5 Language assistants.

• Please be aware that an internship visa will be required (not a student visa) if you plan to do an internship in Spain and you have obtained a higher education degree in the two years preceding the date of application for the authorization or you are currently pursuing studies leading to a high education degree.



Those student who are participating in multilateral mobility programmes for higher education such as the Erasmus programme, can apply for a visa for all destinations covered by this programme at the Consulate of the first country of studies.

In these cases, the student must provide additionally the following documents:

- Letters of registration/acceptance for the semesters at the Universities of the other destinations covering the full study period.
- Criminal record police certificate.
- Medical insurance covering the full period of the study programme.

### SWORN TRANSLATIONS AND LEGALISATIONS

Translations must be done by a Sworn Translator registered in Spain. Please follow the link below to find a registered sworn translator <https://www.exteriores.gob.es/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/Traductores-Interpretes-Jurados.aspx>

For those documents that require to be legalized with the Hague Apostille, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/get-document-legalised>

- The Hague Apostille does not need to be translated into Spanish.
- Only original documents are required to be legalized, not the translations.

### **PHOTOCOPIES OF ALL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS MUST BE PROVIDED AT THE TIME OF THE APPOINTMENT**

### LIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR A STUDENT VISA

1 Valid, unexpired passport. Original and a photocopy of the page or pages of the passport that contain biometric data. The passport must be valid at least for the duration of the planned stay and contain two blank pages. Passports issued more than 10 years ago will not be accepted.

2 One completely filled and signed National Visa Application Form.

3 Visa fee, when applicable.

4 One recent passport colour photograph. (No more than six months old).

5 For non-British citizens: A UK residence permit valid for at least 3 months. It can be either in form of Visa stamped on the applicant's passport or a Residency Card.

6 Public or private medical insurance arranged with an insurance company authorized to operate in Spain, which covers the entire period of stay and all types of healthcare without limitations, co-payments or deductibles. Please note that neither a Travel Insurance nor the European Health Card is valid, as they only cover emergencies. Conversely, GHIC is accepted. Most University Health Insurance are valid.

7 Documentation accrediting the case of the student visa:

\* Completion or extension of studies: Letter of acceptance issued by an authorized teaching center in Spain, for the completion of a complete program, which leads to obtaining a degree or certificate of studies. It must include the Study Plan, the start and end dates, and it must be stamped and signed. Proof of tuition payment must also be provided.

\* Carrying out research or training activities: Proof of having been admitted to an officially recognized center in Spain to carry out research or training activities.

\* Participation in a student mobility program: Documentation that accredits

- Have been admitted to an officially recognized secondary school, high school or scientific center.



- Have been admitted to a student mobility program through an officially recognized organization.

- That the mobility organization is responsible for the student during their stay, in particular for the cost of studies, expenses of stay and return to their country.

- To be welcomed by a family or institution, under the conditions established by law, which must be selected by the organization responsible for the mobility program.

\* Enrolment on a voluntary service: Copy of the Agreement signed with the organization in charge of the volunteer's program, including a description of the activities and conditions to carry them out, the schedule to be met and the resources available to cover the trip, food and accommodation. Organization's liability insurance must also be provided.

\* Language teaching assistant: Program's admission letter issued by the corresponding Ministry of Education or Education Council, including start and end dates.

8 For stays over 6 months: Medical (Health) Certificate signed and stamped by a registered doctor. This Certificate must literally state that the Applicant "does not suffer of any illness which represents a risk or a danger for the public according to the International Health Regulations of 2005". The document must be translated by a Sworn Translator only, and with the Hague Apostille if the country is a member. Otherwise the document must be verified by the Spanish authorities in the country of issuance. This certificate should be issued within three months prior to submitting the application.

9 For stays over 6 months: Certificate of Good Conduct issued by the country or countries where the applicant has resided in the past five years. The document must be translated by a Sworn Translator only, and with the Hague Apostille if the country is a member. Otherwise the document must be verified by the Spanish authorities in the country of issuance. This certificate should be issued within three months prior to submitting the application. Please note that for UK certificates of Good Conduct, the ACRO certificate is the valid one, not so the " Basic Disclosure Scotland certificate".

10 Means of maintenance in Spain (as of 2023) in form of 600€ per month for the main applicant (approx. £510). For the support of their family members in charge, monthly, for the first relative 450€ (approx. £400), and for each of the additional family members 300€ (approx. £266). Means of maintenance can be proven by one of the following documents:

- A detailed personal bank statement for the last 6 months in € or £.
- Proof of having obtained a scholarship.
- Letter from the university covering all the costs related to accommodation and meals.

\*If the applicant's parents are going to be responsible for their support while studying:

- A written signed letter declaring their commitment to do so.
- Proof of their financial means (bank statements for the last 6 months in € or £)
- Parents' passports and photocopies.
- Applicant's original birth Certificate and photocopy.

11 In case of minors:

- Parents' or tutor's passports.
- Minor's Birth Certificate.
- Authorization, issued by a Public Notary, of the parents or guardians, for the minor to travel to Spain to study. Indicating the study center, the time that is authorized and names, DNI (or NIE) and address of the person who will take care of the minor in Spain. This document must be apostilled.
- Authorization, issued by a Public Notary, of the person who will take care of the minor in Spain, expressly authorizing the consultation in the Register of crimes of a sexual nature, except in the case of a family member or staff of an educational institution.



12 In case of family members of the applicant: certificate of Kinship ( e.g. marriage certificate). The original certificate must be provided and it must be legalized with the Hague apostille if the country of issuance is a member of the Hague Convention. If not, it must be legalized by the Spanish Consulate in the country of issuance. The certificate must be translated by a sworn translator into Spanish.

13 For those student who are participating in multilateral mobility programmes for higher education such as the Erasmus programme, can apply for a visa for all destinations covered by this programme at the Consulate of the first country.

In these cases, the student must provide additionally the following documents:

- Letters of registration for the semesters at the Universities of the other destinations covering the full study period.
- Criminal record police certificate. (Please see details in section 9)
- Medical insurance covering the full period of the study programme. (Please see details in section 6)

14 Pre-paid “Special Delivery” envelope, up to 500 grams. The applicant must fill in the address box with their full name and address.

#### DURATION OF APPLICATION

Please note that this type of Visas typically takes around one month to be processed but in some cases it could take slightly longer.

#### AFTER OBTAINING THE VISA

If you have applied for a visa for longer than 6 months, then you would have obtained a 90 days Visa. The 90 days indicated on your Visa is the time you have to enter Spain, and once there, you have one month to apply for the TIE (Tarjeta de Identidad de Extranjero). You will need to go in person to the “Policia Nacional” or to the “Oficina de Extranjeria” corresponding to your place of residence. Please, find more info on the following website :<http://www.interior.gob.es/web/servicios-al-ciudadano/extranjeria/regimen-general/tarjeta-de-identidad-de-extranjero>

Remember that your passport needs to be stamped when you get to the border. Otherwise, the TIE could be refused and so would your legal right to stay in Spain.