



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### NEW REQUIREMENTS – STUDENT VISA REGULATIONS

According to **Royal Decree 1155/2024**, new immigration regulations came into force on **May 20, 2025**, bringing significant changes to visa procedures.

Below are the updated provisions regarding **long-term Student Visas (more than 90 days)**:

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#### MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS

Only the following options are available for **minors (under 18)** to study in Spain:

- **Higher Education Studies:**  
Applicants aged **17** may apply **if they provide official certification of high intellectual abilities**. Applicants will be considered of suitable age even if they are younger, provided they submit an **official statement from their country's educational authority** confirming both early completion of pre-university studies and recognition of high intellectual ability.
  - **Participation in student mobility programs** for compulsory or post-compulsory secondary education.
  - **Temporary relocation for educational purposes** as part of a **humanitarian program**.
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#### APPLICATION TIMELINES & DOCUMENTS

- **Application Deadline:** At least **2 months before** the study start date (unless a justified reason is provided by the student for late submission).
  - **Passport Validity:** Must be valid for **at least 1 year** (applies to all long-term visas).
  - **Proof of Enrollment:** Submit evidence of payment of **registration and tuition fees** to the Spanish institution.
  - **Health Insurance:** Must cover from **one month before** the course begins to **15 days after it ends**, or **1 full year** if the program is longer than 12 months.
  - **Visa Validity:** Can be granted from **one month before** the course begins until **15 days after it ends**, unless the applicant opts for a visa valid only for the course duration.
  - **Family Members:** Only family of students enrolled in a **higher education program, or Specialized Healthcare Training** are eligible to apply as dependents.
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## ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES FOR VISAS (>90 DAYS)

### 1. Higher Education:

- University and non-university programs that lead to official qualifications under **Royal Decree 1027/2011**.
- Includes **university own degrees**, **Vocational Training Master's degrees** (Royal Decree 659/2023), and **mandatory internships**.
- Programs may be **in-person** or **hybrid** (at least **50% in-person** for non-university courses).
- **In-person language studies** at accredited higher education institutions are included.

### 2. Post-compulsory Secondary Education:

- Authorized centers offering full-time education leading to recognized qualifications.
- Must be **in-person or hybrid**, with at least **50% in-person instruction**.

### 3. Student Mobility Programs:

- For compulsory or post-compulsory education in Spain through **exchange or educational programs**.

### 4. Volunteering:

- Must be through **registered non-profit organizations** pursuing public interest goals.

### 5. Training Activities, including:

- **Foreign language assistants** in official educational centers.
- **Spanish or co-official language studies** (not the student's native language).
- **Preparatory courses** for healthcare competitive exams.
- Programs leading to **technical/professional licensure**.
- **Full training** (non-modular or partial) for vocational certificates (levels 2 or 3), as per **Organic Law 3/2022**.

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## FAMILY MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

Only applicable if the student is enrolled in **higher education** or **specialized healthcare training**:

Eligible family members include:

- **Spouse, common-law or stable partner** (even if unregistered, with proof of relationship—1 year of cohabitation or shared children).



- **Unmarried minor children** of the student or partner.
- **Unmarried adult children** dependent due to **disability or illness**.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Application Timeline:** Submit at least **2 months in advance**.
- **Submission:** In person or through an **authorized representative** at the **BLS Spain Visa Application Center in Bangkok**.  
Representative must present original passport/ID and **signed authorization** from applicant.
- **Appointments and Info:**  
Visit: <https://thailand.blsspainvisa.com>

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## Proof of Residence

- **Nationals of Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos:** No need to submit proof.
- **Other nationalities:** Must be **legal residents** in one of the countries above.  
Submit:
  - **Original residence certificate** from local authority.
  - **Copy of visa/residence permit**.

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## TRANSLATION REQUIREMENTS

- All documents **in a foreign language must be translated into Spanish**.

### For documents issued in Thailand:

If issued in **English:** Must be translated into Spanish by a **sworn translator in Spain**.

Find translators here:

<https://www.exteriores.gob.es/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/Buscador-STIJ.aspx>

(Translation sent to applicant by email is accepted)

If issued in **Thai:** Must be translated into Spanish by a **translator recognized by the Spanish Embassy**, then **certified by the Embassy**.

Fee: **1,150 THB per page**.

### For documents issued in Myanmar, Cambodia, or Laos:

If in **English:** Same as above—translate via a **sworn translator in Spain**.

If in **Burmese, Khmer, or Laotian:**

1. First, translate into **English** via public authority.
2. Then, translate from English to **Spanish** by a sworn translator in Spain.



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### ADDITIONAL NOTES

- The Embassy may request **additional documents** or a **personal interview**.
- Ensure all **contact information** on the application form is accurate.
- **Visa status will not be shared** before processing is complete.
- **Processing time: 1 month**
- Once issued, the visa must be collected in person at the **Embassy of Spain**.  
For minors, a **parent or legal guardian** must collect it.
- Foreign public documents must be legalized/apostilled when specified in the list of requirements.

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### Short-term Studies (Up to 90 Days)

For study periods of 90 days or less, a **national study visa is not required**.

**Do not purchase a flight ticket before receiving your visa.**