



IMPORTANT NOTICE NEW REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Royal Decree 1155/2024, new Immigration Regulations entered into force on May 20, 2025, introducing substantial modifications to existing visa procedures.

The updated provisions concerning long term Student Visa (>90 days) are outlined as follows:

The applicant must meet the **AGE** requirements at the time of submitting the visa application:

- For higher education studies, the applicant must be **at least 17 years** of age.
- For upper secondary education beyond the compulsory level, as well as for training activities, the applicant must be **over 18 years** of age.
- For participation in mobility programs related to compulsory or post-compulsory secondary education, the applicant must fulfill the **age criteria established by the relevant educational regulations governing such programs**.
- In the case of volunteering activities, the minimum age requirement shall be **that which is established under the applicable sector-specific legislation** currently in force.

-Applications must be submitted at least two months in advance of the start date of studies.

-The passport must be valid for at least one year (applicable to all kind of long term visas, >90 days).

-Applicants must provide proof of having paid the registration and enrollment fees by the school/University/Educational institution in Spain.

-Health insurance must be valid from at least one month before the start of studies until 15 days after the end of the studies, or for one year if the duration of the studies is longer than one year.

-The student visa will be processed by adding one month prior to the start date of the studies and 15 days after completion.

-Only applications from family members of bachelor or master degree students are accepted. Furthermore, they cannot submit their application simultaneously with the main applicant (student). They must wait until the main applicant (student's) authorization has been granted beforehand.



Visa for studies, student mobilities, voluntary services, or training activities, when such activities are to be carried out for a period exceeding 90 days, falling within the following:

Higher education, which includes university or non-university studies at a recognized institution or center of higher education in Spain that lead to qualifications corresponding to the levels and certifications established in Royal Decree 1027/2011, of July 15, which sets out the Spanish Qualifications Framework for Higher Education. This also includes university studies leading to own degrees offered by recognized higher education institutions, in accordance with their autonomy and the provisions of university regulations. Additionally, this category includes Vocational Training Master's degrees as provided in Royal Decree 659/2023, of July 18, which regulates the organization of the Vocational Training System.

The higher education studies referred to above may also include, when applicable, a preparatory course for such studies, as well as mandatory training internships, which will also be considered higher education. University studies may be pursued in either in-person or hybrid formats, in accordance with the relevant curricula and applicable university regulations. Other higher education studies may be conducted in either in-person or hybrid formats, as long as at least 50% of the program is delivered in-person, following current education regulations.

Post-compulsory secondary education, at an authorized educational center in Spain, as part of a full-time program leading to a recognized qualification. These studies may be pursued in either in-person or blended learning formats, in accordance with current education regulations, provided that at least 50% of the instruction is delivered in person at the centers. Regarding vocational training, this includes intermediate-level training cycles and Specialist Vocational Training qualifications provided for in Royal Decree 659/2023, of July 18.

Student mobility programs for compulsory or post-compulsory secondary education, aimed at pursuing a program of compulsory or post-compulsory secondary education at an officially recognized educational or scientific center, as part of a student exchange program or educational project.

Volunteering, meaning the provision of volunteer services carried out by legally established volunteer organizations registered with the competent authorities, within programs aimed at achieving general interest goals for a non-profit cause.

Training activities, which include:

- Serving as **foreign language assistants** in Spanish educational centers registered in the national registry of non-university educational institutions or corresponding official registers.
- Studying **Spanish or Spain's co-official languages**, taught in person at official language schools or at centers accredited in Spain by the Cervantes Institute or by the equivalent public institution for the relevant co-official language, provided the language is not the student's native or official language in their home country.
- **Preparatory courses** for competitive examinations for admission to specialized healthcare training positions.



- Pursuing **training programs** leading to technical aptitude certification or professional licensure, according to the list of training activities, duration, and conditions set out in a Resolution by the competent authority.
- Completing **full, non-modular or non-partial training** at an authorized educational center in Spain leading to professional certificates from the level C vocational training system, levels 2 and 3, with the requirements and conditions established by Organic Law 3/2022, of March 31, on the organization and integration of Vocational Training and its implementing regulations.

Age Requirements

Please note that the age requirements must be complied when submitting the visa application.

-For higher education studies, the foreign national must be at least seventeen years old.

-For upper secondary education post-compulsory level and training activities, the individual must be over eighteen years old.

– For mobility programs at the level of compulsory or post-compulsory secondary education, the individual must meet the age requirements established by the applicable education regulations for participation in such programs.

– In the case of volunteering, the minimum age shall be that established under the relevant sectoral legislation in force.

Family members

Family members can only apply for the visa once the student visa is granted. It is not allowed to submit the visa applications at the same time as the student.

Family members are eligible for student's family visa **ONLY if the student is enrolled exclusively in either higher education studies or specialized healthcare training programs**.

The following family members may obtain a visa to accompany the student:

a) The spouse, common law partner, unregistered common law partner of the holder of the long-term residence permit for study purposes. unregistered common law partner is understood as a person who can provide evidence of a lasting relationship. In any case, such a relationship will be considered as established if proof of continuous cohabitation for at least one year is provided, unless the couple has children in common, in which case proof of stable cohabitation will suffice.

b) Unmarried minor children or those who have not formed their own family unit, of the holder of the long-term residence permit for study purposes or of their spouse, registered partner, or stable partner.

c) Unmarried adult children or those who have not formed their own family unit, of the holder of the long-term residence permit for study purposes, or of their spouse, registered partner, or stable partner who require specific and personalized support due to disability or illness.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

The application must be submitted **between two months** and up to 6 months prior to the starting date of the intended activities or studies, unless the enrolment or registration procedure requires a shorter period, in which case the applicant must provide appropriate justification.

The application must be submitted in person or by a duly accredited representative at the BLS Visa Application Center for Spain in Bangkok. The representative must provide proof of his/her identity through an original passport or identity document and provide an authorization letter signed by the applicant.

More information and appointments at:

<https://thailand.blsspainvisa.com/>

Proof of residence:

Nationals from Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia or Laos: don't need to submit any proof of residence.

Other nationalities: Only legal residents in Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia or Laos may submit an application.

Documents: Original certificate of residence issued by the local authorities showing the current address and copy of the visa/resident permit.

All original documents submitted must be accompanied by its copies. At the end of the procedure, original documents will be returned to the applicant and the copies will be kept with the file at the Embassy.

Translations of documents:

All documents in a foreign language must be translated to Spanish.

According to current regulations, any foreign documents intended to take legal effect in Spain must be accompanied by a corresponding translation into Spanish. This is a mandatory requirement:

A - In the case of documents issued in Thailand, there are two possible translation options:

If the document has been issued in ENGLISH, you must request a sworn translation from English into Spanish by a certified/sworn translator in Spain. You can find numerous sworn translators at the following link:

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

The procedure may be carried out via email, so such translations will be accepted with the application without the need for verification or certification by the Embassy.

It is possible to request Thai authorities to issue official documents in English. We recommend this translation route, as it is much faster and simpler.



If the document has been issued in THAI and there is no way to obtain it in English, you must request a translation from Thai into Spanish by one of the translators recognized by this Embassy, listed in the attached document. In this case, the translation must subsequently be verified by the Embassy of Spain (before being included in the application file), which entails an additional cost of 1,150 THB per page.

B - In the case of documents issued in Myanmar, Cambodia, and Laos, there are two options:

1.- If the document has been issued in ENGLISH, you must request a sworn translation from English into Spanish by a certified/sworn translator in Spain. You can find numerous sworn translators at the following link: <https://www.exteriores.gob.es/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/Buscador-STIJ.aspx> , as well as in the attached list. The procedure may be carried out via email, so such translations will be accepted with the application without the need for verification or certification by the Embassy.

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2.- If the document has been issued in Burmese, Khmer, or Laotian , it is necessary to first obtain a translation into English through a notary/public authority. Afterwards, this English version must be translated into Spanish by a sworn translator in Spain. You can find numerous sworn translators at the following link: <https://www.exteriores.gob.es/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/Buscador-STIJ.aspx> , as well as in the attached list. The procedure may be carried out via email, so such translations will be accepted with the application without the need for verification or certification by the Embassy.

If considered necessary, the Embassy may request additional documents or data and may also ask the applicant to come in for a personal interview. **Please check that complete contact details provided in the application form are correct and accurate.**

No information will be provided about the status of the visa before the process has come to an end.

IMPORTANT :

The complete processing time may take up to 1 (one) month since the application is received in the Embassy.

When the Visa is issued, the passport **must be collected by the applicant at the Embassy of Spain**. For minors, the visa should be collected by one of the parents/legal guardian.

**If it for Studies of up to 90 days, national study visa is not required. Depending on the applicant's nationality, a Schengen visa may be applied, it is highly recommended not to purchase the travel tickets until you receive your visa.*