

Spain Student Visa

Application & Post-Arrival Checklist

Consular (from-abroad) route • 2026 requirements

The student visa is for non-EU nationals enrolled in full-time study, a language programme or research in Spain lasting more than 90 days. It allows limited part-time work (up to 30 hours/week) where compatible with your studies.

Key figures at a glance (2026)

Financial means (student)	€600 / month (100% of IPREM) — ≈ €7,200 for a year
+ first family member	≈ €450 / month (75% of IPREM)
+ each additional family member	≈ €300 / month (50% of IPREM)
Consular visa fee	£174 for UK applicants (courses over 180 days); £68 for 90–180 days
TIE (if stay over 6 months)	≈ €16

1. Documents to submit to the consulate

- ☐ **Valid passport** — valid for the duration of the course, with two blank pages
- ☐ **National (type D) visa application form** — dated and signed
- ☐ **Recent passport-size photo** — colour, white background
- ☐ **Letter of admission / enrolment** — from an accredited Spanish institution, full-time, confirming the course and dates
- ☐ **Proof of financial means** — €600/month for the length of your stay — bank statements, scholarship letter or a sponsor's commitment
- ☐ **Proof of accommodation** — in Spain for your stay
- ☐ **Private health insurance** — full coverage in Spain with no co-payments (or public cover if you'll be enrolled)
- ☐ **Criminal-record certificate (over-18s, stays over 6 months)** — apostilled and sworn-translated, issued within 90 days
- ☐ **Medical certificate (stays over 6 months)** — confirming no diseases with public-health implications
- ☐ **Proof of visa-fee payment** — the applicable consular fee for your nationality — see Key figures above
- ☐ **For minors** — parental authorisation and the accompanying documents

2. After the visa is issued — next steps

- ☐ **Enter Spain within the visa validity** — the entry visa covers your arrival window
- ☐ **Apply for your student TIE (if the course is over 6 months)** — within 30 days of arrival — this also assigns your NIE
- ☐ **Empadronamiento (padrón)** — at your local town hall
- ☐ **Register at your institution** — and keep proof of continued enrolment

☐ **Keep health insurance active** — throughout your stay

☐ **Renew in good time** — apply to renew before your card/visa expires for the next academic year

Legalisation note: Foreign public documents need the Hague Apostille, and anything not in Spanish needs an official sworn (jurada) Spanish translation. Build in time — apostille and translation turnaround is the usual bottleneck.

Deadlines that catch people out

Criminal-record certificate (if required) Must be less than 90 days old at submission

TIE (stays over 6 months) Within 30 days of arrival in Spain

Padrón (empadronamiento) Within the first days of arrival

Renewal From 60 days before expiry, up to 90 days after