



## **EU FAMILY MEMBER VISA**

### **OVERVIEW**

The following individuals are entitled to a preferential, free-of-charge EU family member visa:

1. Family members of citizens of the European Union or of the States of the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland.
2. Family members of citizens of the United Kingdom, provided that they are beneficiaries of the Withdrawal Agreement.

To qualify for this type of visa, applicants must be travelling with the citizen of the European Union, the EEA, Switzerland or with the citizen of the United Kingdom who is a beneficiary of the Withdrawal Agreement, or are on the way to joining them.

Nationals of third countries listed in [Annex I of Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1806](#) require a Schengen visa for stays of up to 90 days (in any 180-day period). Conversely, Nationals of third countries not listed in Annex I are not required to obtain a visa for stays of up to 90 days.

Family members of Union citizens who wish to remain in Spain beyond 90 days must, once in Spain, register with the competent authorities for a residence card as Union citizen family member.

The following can obtain a visa for family members of a citizen of the Union:

- The spouse, provided that there has been no annulment or divorce.
- The partner registered in a Member State of the European Union or EEA or Switzerland, provided that such registered partnership has not been legally terminated.
- Direct descendants of the Union citizen or of their spouse or registered partner (provided that there has been no annulment or divorce or legal termination of the registration) who are under the age of 21 and above that age if they are dependent or disabled.
- Direct relatives in the ascending line of the Union citizen or of their spouse or registered partner (provided that there has been no annulment or divorce or legal termination of their registration) that are their dependants.
- Family members other than the above who, in their country of origin, live with the citizen of the Union or are their dependants.
- Exceptionally, other family members when serious health grounds or disability strictly require their personal care by the Union citizen.
- The unregistered partner, provided that stable cohabitation for a minimum period of one year can be duly attested. When there are children in common, it will be sufficient to ascertain stable cohabitation.



## WHERE TO APPLY

All visa appointments of the Consulate General of Spain in Edinburgh can be booked via BLS International Edinburgh web: <https://uk.blsspainvisa.com/edinburgh/>.

- BLS centre address: **6 Dock Place, Suite 1A, Edinburgh, EH6 6LU.**

Alternatively, you can apply directly through the Spanish Consulate in Edinburgh. In this instance, an appointment must be arranged well in advance by sending an email to [cog.edimburgo.vis@maec.es](mailto:cog.edimburgo.vis@maec.es), which indicates the following details:

- Your full name
  - UK address and postcode
  - Type of visa you will apply for
  - 3 dates when you are available to attend an appointment to submit your visa application
- Spanish Consulate in Edinburgh address: **63 North Castle Street, Edinburgh EH2 3LJ**

## FEES

The Spanish Consulate does not charge any fees for this type of visa application.

If you apply through the BLS Application Centre, a processing fee will be applied, as specified on their website: [https://uk.blsspainvisa.com/edinburgh/eea\\_eu\\_type\\_visa.php](https://uk.blsspainvisa.com/edinburgh/eea_eu_type_visa.php)

## TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE SPANISH GENERAL CONSULATE IN EDINBURGH

Our jurisdiction comprises of:

Scotland and Scottish Isles  
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).

## CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

An appointment does not guarantee a visa. This Consulate General of Spain is not responsible for the expenses of the intended travel and will not accept any expenses claim in the event of a visa refusal.

Photocopies of all original documents must be provided at the time of application. Screenshots will not be considered.

When necessary to assess the application, the Consulate General may request additional documents or information, and may also ask you to come in for a personal interview.



## DURATION OF APPLICATION

Visa application process can take up to 15 days, but may take up to 45 days in particular cases.

## LIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR AN EU FAMILY MEMBER 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 for at least 3 months beyond the planned departure date from the Schengen territory. It must also contain at least two blank pages. Passports issued more than 10 years ago will not be accepted.

**2.** One completed and signed **Schengen visa application form**.

**3.** A recent passport size colour **photograph** taken in the last 6 months, which meets the ICAO specifications; [https://www.icao.int/Security/mrtd/Downloads/technical%20reports/annex\\_A-photograph\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www.icao.int/Security/mrtd/Downloads/technical%20reports/annex_A-photograph_guidelines.pdf)

**4. Proof of residence** in the consular district.

**5. Evidence of travelling with** the EU family member or that the applicant will be meeting them upon arrival (e.g. flight tickets, accommodation booking confirmation, etc...).

**6. Passport or National ID card** of the EU/EEA National.

**7. Proof of relationship** with UE citizen:

**a) For Spouses:**

Certificate of marriage from Spain or from any other EU/EEA country issued by a valid EU/EEA registry.

- If the marriage is not registered in an European Union country, the marriage certificate must be legalized and translated into Spanish by a sworn translator. In this instance, further evidence of the relationship may be required.
- If the spouse is a Spanish citizen, the marriage certificate must be registered at the Spanish Civil Registry. Evidence of the registration must be submitted on the day of your appointment.

How to register your marriage:

<https://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/edimburgo/es/ServiciosConsulares/Paginas/index.aspx?scco=Reino+Unido&scd=139&scca=Familia&scs=Matrimonios>

**b) For registered common law partner:** certificate issued by a registry of common-law partnerships from Spain or from any other EU/EEA country.

**c) For non-registered common law partner:** Proof of cohabitation and long term stable relationship.



In case of children in common: birth certificate or adoption certificate.

**d) For direct descendent:** Birth or adoption certificate from an EU/EEA registry. In case of certificates from third countries, they must be legalised and translated into Spanish by a sworn translator.

**e) For direct ancestors:** Certificate of an EU/EEA registry proving the relationship between the EU citizen, or their spouse/partner, with the applicant. In case of certificates from third countries, they must be legalised and translated into Spanish by a sworn translator.

Proofs of being under the care of the EU citizen (i.e. proof of economic dependency for at least one year prior to submission of the application). In order to prove this requirement, applicants must provide evidence of:

- Money remittances or bank transfers;
- Minimal or no additional income;
- Unemployment or student status;
- Property or income, or lack thereof;
- Information regarding other family members (e.g. other parent, spouse or partner, children, etc.) and their situation;
- Date on which the applicant became dependent on the Union citizen, along with a detailed explanation of the circumstances that led to this dependence and how the applicant was able to support themselves up to that point.
- The existence of a regular relationship with the Union citizen (visits, communications of all kinds, contacts with family members)

**f) For other family member under care of the EU/EEA citizen:** proof of exceptional dependence, disability or health condition that requires them to be under their care.

**8. Special delivery pre-paid envelope** for up to 500g (Only when applying through the Consulate): This can be purchased at any UK post office. The applicant must fill in the address box with their full name and address. Once the visa application has been processed, the applicant will receive their passport back by post in the same envelope.

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