

LONG-TERM VISAS UNDER THE SPAIN/AUSTRALIA YOUTH MOBILITY PROGRAM

DOCUMENTATION TO BE PRESENTED

General considerations

All Australian nationals between the ages of 18 and 30, inclusive, who possess a functional level of Spanish and intend to enter and remain in Spain for the sole or main purpose of carrying out any of the activities provided for in the **Agreement between Spain and Australia of 3.9.2014 regarding the Youth Mobility Program**, for more than 90 days, must first apply for and obtain a long-stay visa.

Participation in only one program is permitted, with a maximum stay in Spain of one year.

A visa issued under this Agreement does not permit family reunification of any kind.

All applicants must have a Foreigner Identification Number (NIE) before submitting their visa application; if they do not have one, they must first apply for one, as the visa will not be authorized without such a NIE.

Visa applications under this Agreement must be submitted in person to the Consular Section of the Spanish Embassy in Canberra or to the Spanish Consulates-General in Melbourne or Sydney (depending on the actual and effective place of residence within Australia). Under no circumstances may applications be submitted electronically.

The Consular Office may establish an appointment system for receiving applications for this type of visa. The granting of an appointment for submitting a visa application does not automatically imply authorization of the application.

Visa applications will be inadmissible in the cases provided for in the Fourth Additional Provision of Organic Law 4/2000 of January 11, as well as in Article 26.1 of Royal Decree 1155/2024 of November 19.

In the case of incomplete applications or if any document submitted does not meet the legal requirements, the applicant will be required to rectify them.

The issuance of a visa under this Agreement by the Consular Office requires prior authorization from the corresponding Immigration Office in Spain, a process that takes a minimum of 15 business days from receipt.

If the visa is authorized, it authorizes the holder to remain in Spain during its validity period and, where applicable, authorizes them to work under the terms established in the Agreement, without the need to process a specific authorization.

The visa must be collected within one month of its authorization, either in person or through a duly authorized representative. After this period has elapsed without collecting it, the Consular Office will issue a resolution to dismiss it due to its renunciation. It cannot be collected at any Consular Office other than the one that processed the application.

Visa holders have a maximum period of three months to enter Spain and must, in all cases, travel to Spain and present to the border authorities the same travel document used to process their visa, which includes the visa.

Possession of a valid long-stay visa does not automatically guarantee the holder entry into Spain; the holder must prove to the border authorities that they meet the requirements that led to its issuance. Nor does it, on its own, allow the holder to leave their country of origin, nationality, or residence, which may impose regulations in this regard.

¹The application and documentation must be submitted in person at this Consulate General during business hours, Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments are required at cog.melbourne.visappt@maec.es.

Entry into Spanish territory will be denied, even if the visa holder holds a valid visa and can prove to the border authorities that the visa holder meets the requirements that led to its issuance, if an entry ban exists.

Once entry into Spain has been authorized by the border authorities, the holder must ensure that their passport is stamped by them. If entering Spain from a Schengen State and therefore without crossing external borders, they must, within a maximum of three business days, go to a Police Station or an Immigration Office to sign an entry declaration. Once the Entry-Exit System comes into operation, the information contained therein will replace the information for the purposes of applying the provisions of this paragraph.

The interested party has a maximum period of one month, starting from the day following the date of the entry stamp or from the date of signing the entry declaration, to apply for a Foreigner's Identity Card (TIE) at the corresponding Immigration Office.

Australian citizens holding a Youth Mobility Visa may not benefit from the Spanish public health and healthcare system, without prejudice to the rights derived from those cases where an employment contract is signed.

If the visa is denied, the consular office will issue a decision rejecting the request, which will be communicated in writing to the interested party, including information on the legal basis for the denial, the available appeals, and the bodies to which they must be submitted.

Documentation to be submitted

1. Original passport.
2. National visa application form (1 copy).
3. 1 photograph.
4. Document signed by the interested party at the corresponding Spanish consular office declaring that the purpose of the trip is tourism or the acquisition of personal or professional experience.
5. Certificate of clean criminal record for offenses under Spanish law, issued by the country or countries in which the applicant has resided in the last 5 years.
6. A negative certificate certifying that the applicant does not suffer from any disease that could have serious repercussions for public health, in accordance with the provisions of the WHO International Health Regulations of 2005.
7. Comprehensive health insurance, with benefits similar to those provided by the National Health System, contracted with an insurance company authorized to operate in Spain, covering 100% of medical, hospital, and out-of-hospital expenses associated with an illness or accident during the applicant's entire planned stay in Spain, for a minimum amount of €30,000 or its equivalent in local currency, and exempt from copayments, reimbursements, or waiting periods. This insurance company must be registered on the list of insurance and reinsurance companies of the Directorate General of Insurance and Pension Funds of the Spanish Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Enterprise.
8. Documents proving that the applicant has the necessary financial means to cover the costs of his or her stay and return ticket to Australia. The minimum monthly income is 100% of the Public Income Indicator for Multiple Purposes (IPREM). Financial means may be personal or derived from family members (on the other hand, documents proving ownership of assets, documents signed by guarantors, or mere declarations of financial support from third parties with no proven relationship with the applicant will not be taken into account). At the request of the Consular Office, the applicant must provide proof of the source of said income and bank transactions made in the last year. Bank loans must be accredited by presenting a contract signed by both parties stating the total amount.
9. Documentary evidence of having completed at least two years of higher education.
10. Documentary evidence of having a functional level of Spanish (which may be substituted by an interview conducted at the corresponding Spanish Consular Office).
11. Documentary evidence of the applicant's actual and permanent residence in this consular district (rental contract, utility or telephone bill, etc.).
12. Amount of the corresponding consular fee; if claiming free of charge, supporting documents.

General rules on the documentation to be submitted

The procedure for applying for a NIE is outlined in a separate information note available at this Consulate General and on its website. You must use the corresponding forms, also available at this Consulate General, and pay the corresponding consular fee.

The passport must be valid for at least 3 months after the visa expiration date (i.e., 15 months in total), have at least 2 blank pages, and must allow for return to Australia.

The visa application form must be fully completed and signed by the applicant. Applications with unsigned forms will be rejected. The address or postal address (which must always be within the consular area), telephone number, and an email address for communication purposes must be clearly stated. This form is free of charge.

The photograph must meet the technical requirements of ICAO Document 9303 (close-up of the head and shoulders, taken frontally, with eyes open, on a plain, light background, free of glare, dark glasses, hats, or clothing that obscures the face, which must be visible from the hairline to the chin, taken within the six months prior to the visa application).

Certificates and other documents issued by foreign official bodies and medical certificates must not be older than six (6) months. Other documentation, such as documents proving financial means, etc., must be as recent as possible.

Criminal record certificates must be presented in their simplest form (without fingerprints).

In the case of official foreign documentation, this Consular Office reserves the right to request that it be apostilled or, where appropriate, legalized (except for a current bilateral or multilateral agreement³), as well as translated into Spanish (documentation in English or French is accepted⁴). The applicant is responsible for providing apostilled/legalized documents translated into Spanish, who must bear the costs of these procedures.

The visa fee is paid in advance and is not refunded in the event of a visa denial⁵.

All documents must be submitted in the **ORIGINAL** or, if this is not possible, in a **legible COPY**. Submitted documentation will not be returned (unless specifically and substantiated).

THIS CONSULAR OFFICE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION OR CARRY OUT NECESSARY CHECKS IF IT DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO RESOLVE THE CASE. DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED THAT HAS NOT BEEN EXPRESSLY REQUESTED WILL NOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN RESOLVING THE CASE.

COMPLIANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED, AND INTERESTED PARTIES ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AT THE SAME TIME TO AVOID DELAYS IN VISA PROCESSING.

THIS CONSULAR OFFICE DOES NOT OFFER PHOTOCOPYING SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

² The updated list of member states of the Hague Convention of 5.10.1961, which abolishes the requirement for legalization of foreign public documents (Apostille Convention), can be consulted at the following link: <https://www.hcch.net/es/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=41>

³ Consult the list of current Conventions at this Consular Office.

⁴ For documents drawn up in other languages, please consult this Consular Office.

⁵ Please check the current fee for this type of visa at this consular office at the following link: <https://exterioresedicion.maec.es/Consulados/melbourne/es/Comunicacion/Noticias/Paginas/Precios-Recaudaci%C3%B3n-Consular-a-1012024.aspx>. Please note that payment will only be accepted by money order or cash.