

SPAIN Entrepreneur Visa

Visa for foreigners moving to Spain to carry out the procedures necessary to undertake an innovative, entrepreneurial activity of particular economic interest for Spain.

The following family members of the entrepreneur may also obtain the visa:

- The spouse or unmarried partner.
- Children and adult children who are financially dependent on the worker and who have not created a family unit of their own.
- Relatives in the ascending line in the worker's care.

In order to apply for an Entrepreneur Visa, the applicant must have the corresponding Authorization of Initial Residence (“Autorización de residencia inicial”) issued by the UGECE (“Unidad de Grandes Empresas y Colectivos Estratégicos”, del “Ministerio de Inclusión, Seguridad Social y Migraciones” de España – “Large Companies and Strategic Groups Unit”, “Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration” of Spain).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR THE ENTREPRENEUR

One Application form ( **National Visa Application form**): Each applicant must complete and sign a national visa application, filling out every section. It can be filled out electronically or handwritten in capital letters. If the applicant is a minor, one of their parents or a duly accredited representative must sign the application.

One photo (Photo service available at Center): Glued or clipped (not stapled) onto visa application form. Photo specifications: Passport-size 2x2, color photograph, recent (taken within the last 6 months to reflect your current appearance), printed on matte/glossy paper, taken against a white, light, clear, uniform background, facing forward, without dark or reflective glasses, or any garments concealing the applicant's full oval of the face.

Photos with a dark background or with objects or people that can be seen behind your head will not be accepted. Photographs of babies must not show any part of the adult holding them.

Valid, unexpired passport: The passport must be valid for at least the requested time of stay and must contain at least two free pages for visas. Passports issued more than 10 years ago will not be accepted.

If the passport does not meet the requirements, it must be renewed before applying for the visa.

Proof of legal residence in the United States: Non-U.S. citizens must also submit proof of legal residence in the United States. A photocopy of the **valid U.S. long term Visa** or a **notarized copy of the U.S. Resident Card (Green card)**; please do not submit the original document).

B1/B2 visa holders do not qualify to apply for a visa at the Spain Embassy. They must apply for a visa in their country of residence or country of origin.

Proof of residence or study in the consular district: The applicant must be a legal resident or be enrolled in in-person studies in a School/University within our consular jurisdiction (Washington D.C., Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina).

Residence must be proved by one of the following valid documents: **U.S. Driver's license, State ID, University Student ID.** Please do not submit the original document.

Initial residence authorization (“Resolución de Autorización de Residencia inicial”) issued by the **UGECE** (“Unidad de Grandes Empresas y Colectivos Estratégicos”, del “Ministerio de Inclusión, Seguridad Social y Migraciones” de España – “Large Companies and Strategic Groups Unit”, “Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration” of Spain).

- In case of accompanying family members: Residence permit for family members (“Resolución de Autorización de Residencia inicial para familiares”).

Financial means. Original and a copy of the documents proving sufficient own financial means, or accrediting a regular source of income for the entrepreneur and, where applicable, for the family members accompanying them.

The minimum required amount is equivalent to 100% of Spain's Public Multiple Effects Income Indicator (IPREM). To this amount must be added 50% of the IPREM for each accompanying family member (spouses, children or ascending relative).

The IPREM indicator changes every year. In 2025 the IPREM equals 600€ (approx. \$700) per month, or 7200 € per year (approx. \$8000)

100% = 7.200€ (approx. \$8.000)

50% = 3.600 € (approx. \$4.000)

In **2026** the required amount is **\$8000** per year for one applicant, and **\$4000** must be added for **each dependent family member**.

Foreign documents must be legalized or apostilled and, where applicable, must be submitted together with an official translation into Spanish.

Proof of public or private health insurance from an insurer recognized and authorized to operate in Spain. The insurance must cover all risks normally covered for nationals and must be maintained for the entire duration of the authorization.

A registry of insurance entities authorized to operate in Spain can be found at the following link: <https://rrpp.dgsfp.mineco.es/>

It must cover at least all the preventive, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation assistance activities that are carried out in health centers or socio-health centers, as well as urgent health transport.

The health insurance must not have a deficiency, copayment, or coverage limit, that is, it must cover 100% of the medical, hospital, and out-of-hospital expenses.

Criminal record check certificate: Applicants of legal age (**18 years old and older**) must submit the original and a photocopy (not notarized) of their criminal background check(s) issued by their country or countries of residence in the past 2 years. The criminal background check must be issued

by the U.S. Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). State or Local Police Background Checks is not acceptable.

- The background check must be issued within the 6 months preceding the submission of the visa application.
- Criminal background checks must be authenticated with the Hague Apostille. Background checks without the Hague Apostille is not acceptable.
- The apostille must certify the signature on the Criminal Background check, not other signatures (e.g. Apostilles that certify the signature of a notary that stamps a seal on the criminal background check is not acceptable).
- Criminal background checks must be accompanied by an official translation into Spanish by a sworn/certified translator. The official translation can include the translation of the Apostille as well, but it is not necessary (the translation does not need an Apostille and the Apostille does not need a translation).
- The criminal background check will not be accepted if it has been altered or damaged in any way, including damage caused by removing staples.

If the applicant has spent more than 6 months (more than 180 days) during the last 2 years in another country (outside the USA) an additional criminal background check from every country of residence must be provided. The criminal background checks must be authenticated with the Apostille of The Hague, unless it is issued by an EU member state. The criminal background check issued by an EU authority does not need to be apostilled to be accepted. If the country in which the applicant has lived in the past 5 years does not subscribe to The Hague Convention of 1961, the background check must be authenticated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuing country and then by the Consulate of Spain in this country. The background check must be accompanied by an official translation into Spanish (if the original is not written in Spanish or does not include the text in Spanish).

 **Responsible Declaration** of the absence of criminal records in the countries where you have resided during the previous 5 years.

Proof of the representative's identity and capacity. If the visa application is submitted through a representative, a copy of the identity document or passport of the representative and of the power of attorney or document accrediting representation must be submitted. The originals must be shown when submitting the application. Foreign documents must be legalized or apostilled and, where applicable, must be submitted together with an official translation into Spanish.

Disclaimer form.

Payment of the visa fee: Payment by Debit Card only

Fees from January 1, 2026:

- U.S. citizens: \$270
- Citizens of Australia: \$3086
- Citizens of Canada: \$789
- Citizens of Ethiopia: \$546
- Citizens of Mauritania: \$282
- Citizens of the UK:
 - For the entrepreneur: \$1594
 - For accompanying family members: \$1367

- All other citizens: \$106

Visa fees are revised quarterly according to current exchange rates and can be subject to changes.

Required documents for family members

For each family member accompanying the entrepreneur, the following must be submitted:

- All the required documents specified in sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12 and 13. Where applicable, those specified in 9, 10, 11 also. In the case of minors, the visa application must be signed by one of their parents or by a duly accredited representative.
- **Documents proving family relationship** with the entrepreneur: **Birth certificate, marriage certificate** issued by the civil registry, certificate of registration as an unmarried couple
- In the case of an unregistered couple with a stable emotional relationship equivalent to a registered couple: Documents proving the unregistered partnership with the applicant for at least 1 year, for evaluation. When there are children in common, it will be sufficient to submit the children's birth certificate and prove stable cohabitation.
- In case of adult children (18 y.o. and older): documents proving financial dependence, the adult child's civil status and that they continue to form part of the family unit. It can be certificates of disability, of single status, of cohabitation at the same address, of studies, etc.
- In case of relatives in the ascending line (65 y.o. and older parents): documents proving financial dependence and that they form part of the family unit.

Foreign official documents must be **apostilled** or legalized and must be submitted together with an **official translation** into Spanish.

When necessary to assess the application, the Spain Embassy may request additional documents or data and may also ask the applicant to come in for a personal interview.