



## **NON-LUCRATIVE VISA**

### **OVERVIEW**

You will need this visa if you are a national from a country outside of the European Union who wishes to reside in Spain without engaging in any work or professional activity.

Due to the nature of this visa, working remotely for a company outside of Spain is not permitted. If you are planning to live in Spain and work remotely for a company based outside of the Spanish national territory, by using exclusively computer systems and digital means, see the Digital Nomad Visa checklist on the website.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

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

Your non lucrative visa application must be submitted in person at BLS centre in Edinburgh on the day of the appointment, along with the rest of the required documents detailed in this checklist.

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

### **FEES**

The fee for the visa application process is comprised of the following charges:

- **BLS fee:** £ 14.50
- **“Autorización inicial de residencia temporal” fee** (790-052 form): £ 9,40
- **Visa administration fee**, to which the Principle of Reciprocity will be applied:
  - UK citizens: £516
  - Refer to the following link for information on other nationalities:  
<https://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/edinburgo/es/Consulado/PublishingImages/Paginas/Tabl%C3%B3n-de-anuncios/Tasas%20Consulares%202024.pdf>

Fees must be paid at the moment of submission, in cash or by card.

If you decide to cancel your application, or your application is refused/closed, you will not be refunded the price of the visa application process.

### **TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF SPAIN IN EDINBURGH**

Your visa application will be accepted only if your place of residence falls within of our consular jurisdiction.

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 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.

Your application, passport and visa fees will be forwarded to the Consulate General of Spain in Edinburgh.

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.

Due to data protection regulations, we will not provide information on the status of a visa over the phone or by email. You will need to wait to be notified within the established timeframes (see section “**DURATION OF APPLICATION**”).

## ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS

For each family member accompanying you, in addition to the general requirements stated in the section below *checklist of required documents for the non-lucrative visa*, the following must be fulfilled:

- Spouses or civil partners: **marriage or civil partnership certificate**, legalised by the Hague Apostille and officially translated into Spanish.
- Relatives in the ascending line: **relationship certificate**, legalised by the Hague Apostille and officially translated into Spanish, along with documents proving financial dependence and that they form part of the family unit.
- Children under 18 years old: **birth certificate** legalised by the Hague apostille and officially translated into Spanish.

In the case of minors travelling with one single parent or with legal guardians, in addition to the documents mentioned above, you must submit the following documents, legalised and officially translated into Spanish:

- Notarised authorisation of the parent who does not travel with the minor, along with their Passport.
- In the case of sole custody, the official legal document proving such condition.

Visa application and the residence permit application must be signed by both parents or legal guardians.



\*Children over the age of 18 years old, the following documents proving financial dependence must be provided:

- Proof of residence in the family home
- Proof of single status
- Proof of student status (if applicable)

### SWORN TRANSLATIONS AND LEGALISATIONS

All foreign public documents must be legalized or apostilled to be valid in Spain and, where applicable, must be submitted together with an official translation into Spanish.

- For further information on the Hague Apostille legalisation process, please refer to the British government website.
- Translations can be done by a sworn translator registered in Spain. You can find a registered sworn translator at our website:  
<https://www.exteriores.gob.es/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/Traductores-Interpretes-Jurados.aspx>

The documents should be legalised first and then translated afterwards, when applicable.

The Hague Apostille stamp does not need to be translated, nor does the translation need to be legalised. It is only the original documents that need legalising and translating.

### OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTS

Make sure you have all the documents detailed in this checklist ready the day of your visa appointment.

Your visa application may not be accepted if more than two required documents of this checklist are missing on the day of your appointment. If the application is not accepted, a new appointment will be required.

In the event that the ACRO certificate and/or the medical certificate are missing the day of your appointment, you must post them to BLS as soon as you obtain them legalised and translated, along with its photocopies and a copy of your passport as a reference.

### DURATION OF APPLICATION

The period for reaching a decision is 90 days from the day after the application submission date, but this period may be extended when an interview or additional documents are requested.



#### PASSPORT WITHDRAWAL WHILE THE VISA IS IN PROCESS

During the visa processing time the passport is secured in the Consulate General.

Passports may be withdrawn during this period in the event of an emergency by sending a signed written request **to BLS**. The passport will then be returned via BLS, within 1 working day. No passports can be withdrawn directly from the Consulate.

Once you no longer require your passport, it should be sent back to BLS as soon as possible in order to finish the visa process.

Alternatively, on the day of your appointment, if you need your passport in the event of an emergency, you will be allowed to take your passport with you, provided that the physical passport has been presented at the appointment. When you no longer require the passport, you must send it back as soon as possible to BLS in order to continue the application process. Retaining your passport can cause short delays to obtaining your visa. If you would like to select this option please let the staff member know during the appointment.

You must be in United Kingdom when receiving your visa.

#### AFTER OBTAINING THE VISA

If your visa application is granted, then you will obtain a 90 day Visa. This visa will appear as a sticker inside your passport.

This period, indicated on your visa sticker, is the time you have to enter Spain. Once in the country, you are required to apply for a foreigner identity card (TIE) at the foreign nationals' office or the police station of the province in which the permit was processed.. Further details regarding this procedure can be found on the following website:

<https://www.interior.gob.es/opencms/es/servicios-al-ciudadano/tramites-y-gestiones/extranjeria/regimen-general/tarjeta-de-identidad-de-extranjero/>

Your passport needs to be stamped when you get to the border. Otherwise, the TIE could be refused and so could your legal right to stay in Spain.



## CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR THE NON-LUCRATIVE VISA

**1. Valid, unexpired passport.** The original and a photocopy of the page/s of the passport that contain biometric data must be submitted. The passport must have a minimum validity period of 1 year and contain two blank pages. Passports issued more than 10 years ago will not be accepted.

**2. Visa and authorisation forms,** available at BLS website, which must be duly completed in all sections, dated and signed:

- Official **National Visa Application Form.**
- **Ex-01 form** (residence authorisation form).
- **079-052 fee form** (residence authorisation fee 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: This must be provided in document form with your name and address visible (i.e. bills, bank statements etc...).

**5. For non-British citizens: UK residence permit.** It can be either in form of Visa stamped on the applicant's passport or a Residency Card. Holders of a UK C-visit Visa are not eligible for applying through our Consulate.

**6. Medical (Health) Certificate** signed and stamped by a registered doctor.

This Certificate must literally state that you, the Applicant, "does not suffer from any illness which represents a risk or a danger to the public according to the International Health Regulations of 2005".

The document must be legalised by the Hague apostille and officially translated into Spanish.

If this certificate is issued in Spain, the legalisation and translation are not required.

This certificate should be issued within three months prior to submitting the application.

The Consulate does not provide or require a specific template for the medical certificate.

**7. Certificate of Good Conduct** (only in the case of persons over 18 years of age), issued by the country or countries where the applicant has resided in the past five years.

Only the ACRO police certificate is valid for the UK. The disclosure Scotland certificate is not accepted.

The document must be legalised by the Hague apostille and officially translated into Spanish.

If the country of issuance is not a signing member of the Hague Convention, the document must be verified by the Spanish Consulate in that country.

This certificate should be issued within six months prior to submitting the application, unless the certificate itself specifies a different expiration date.

**8. Full health insurance coverage** for yourself and each family member, for the first 12 months of stay in Spain, covering all types of healthcare without limitations, co-payments or deductibles.

Travel insurance is not accepted.

S1 form is accepted but must be registered with the Spanish National Security through this link:

<https://tramites.seg-social.es/acceso/registro-s-1-cobertura-asistencia-sanitaria-esp%C3%B1a.html> .

In this instance, a receipt of registration must be provided containing your details.



**9. Means of maintenance in Spain:**

	<b>Per month</b>	<b>Per year</b>
<b>Main applicant</b>	approx. £2.041 (2.400€)	approx. £24500 per year
<b>+ each additional family member</b>	approx. £510 (600€)	approx. £6.120 per year

This can be demonstrated by:

- Providing proof of having a periodic source of income equivalent to the minimum amount listed above

OR

- Presenting proof of possessing a bank balance with a sum of the monthly amount stated above for the period of 1 year.

If bank statements are provided, 12 months' worth of statements are required.

If any large sums of money have been deposited into the account in the last year, you must provide proof of their origin. (for example, from the sale of a property, a pension lump sum payment, a transfer from another account etc).

The availability of sufficient financial means will be evidenced by the submission of original and stamped documents.

In all instances, a written explanation must be provided regarding the source of the income and the documents submitted as evidence of means of maintenance.

**10. Proof of eligibility of Non-Lucrative visa:**

- If you recently finished a paid employment job: An updated HMRC P45 form
- If you recently finished a self-employed job: Notification of the cease of activity from the HMRC or a letter from accountant as well as a certificate from the Companies House stating that the business has ceased activity.
- If you are a pensioner: Pension certificate and an updated employment history from HMRC
- If you intend to keep your job in UK: Evidence that, due to the nature of your job, you can effectively reside in Spain and, at the same time, carry out your job in UK. \*

\*Working remotely is contrary to the nature of this visa and does not qualify for the Non-Lucrative visa (see Digital Nomad visa).

**11. In order to have your passport delivered, the following options are available:**

A pre-paid Special Delivery envelope for up to 500 g. provided by the applicant from the Post Office; or a BLS Guaranteed courier service, provided by BLS the day of your appointment.

**SIGNATURES and AGREEMENT**

Applicant's name:  
Signature:  
Date:

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Checked by (BLS staff):  
Signature:  
Date: