



AUDIOVISUAL SECTOR VISA

OVERVIEW

This type of Visa is aimed to foreign artists, technicians and professionals who are going to carry out activities related to the audiovisual sector, artistic performances or activities related to the filming of any type for its broadcasting.

For stays of up to 90 days, this visa is NOT required for UK citizens or any other national who does not require a visa to enter Spain.

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 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:** £ 14.55
- **Visa administration fee**, to which the Principle of Reciprocity will be applied:

<i>Visa admon. fee</i>	Main applicant (under 180 days)	Main applicant (over 180 days)	Family members (under 180 dyas)	Family members (over 180 days)
UK citizens	£68,95	£555	£68,95	£516
Other nationalities	https://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/edinburgo/es/Consulado/Documents/TASAS%20CONSULARES%202023.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, 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**”).

LIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

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. Official National Visa Application form, duly completed in all sections, dated and signed.

3. 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

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. 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.

7. Only for stays between 91 and 180 days

- Working contract between the Company and the applicant.
- Document proving that the professional is part of a production or project within the audiovisual industry or the artistic performance industry. This document must state the duration of the activity no longer than 180 days.
- Responsibility declaration issued by the Company that is hiring in Spain by which it guarantees that they are up to date with their social security and tax payments.
- Public or private **medical insurance** arranged with an insurance company authorised to operate in Spain, which covers the entire period of stay and all types of healthcare without limitations, co-payments or deductibles.

8. Only for stays over 180 days

- **Residence permit** issued by the Large Companies and Strategic Groups Unit in Spain. The applicant must apply for the visa after the permit is approved.
- For persons over 18 years of age: **Certificate of Good Conduct** issued by the country or countries where you have been a resident in the past 2 years. Additionally, you must provide a written statement in which you state that you do not possess a criminal record in the past 5 years.
Only the ACRO police certificate is valid for the UK. The disclosure Scotland certificate is not accepted for visa purposes.
The police certificate must be translated by a Sworn Translator and legalised with the Hague Apostille if the country is a signing member of the Hague Convention. If the country is not a signing member, the document must be verified by the Spanish Consulate in the country of issuance.
This certificate should be issued within six months prior to submitting the application, unless the certificate itself specifies a different expiration.

ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS

For each family member accompanying you, the requirements stated above must be fulfilled plus:

- Spouse or person with whom the applicant has a relationship similar to marriage: **marriage or civil partnership certificate**, legalised by the Hague Apostille and officially translated into Spanish.
- Children of applicant under the age of 18: **birth certificate** legalised by the Hague apostille and officially translated into Spanish.



- Children over the age of 18 years old who are dependent on the applicant economically and haven't created a family unit of their own:
 - Proof of residence in the family home.
 - Proof of single status.
 - Proof of student status (if applicable).
 - **birth 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.

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.

The Hague Apostille is a simplified procedure that has the same purpose as legalization and is applied between the States party to the Convention of 5 October 1961, which abolished the requirement to legalize foreign public documents.

- In order to obtain more information about the procedure of the Hague Apostille legalisation, you can visit the British government website in charge of this type of legalisation.
- 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 document should be legalised first and then translated afterwards. The Hague Apostille 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.***

DURATION OF APPLICATION

The legal period for reaching a decision is 10 days as of the day after the submission date of the application, but this period may be extended when an interview or additional documents are requested.

SIGNATURES and AGREEMENT

Applicant's name:

Signature:

Date:

Checked by (BLS staff):

Signature:

Date: