

STUDENT VISA

What is a Student Visa?

A Student Visa allows you to stay and study in Spain. EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland citizens need not any permit or visa to live, study or work in Spain.

Please note that **students who are currently studying in any country of the European Union are allowed to study in Spain WITHOUT a Spanish visa** (Art. 44 of the **Royal Decree 557/2011, 20 of April**). This exemption also applies to their family members. **Within 1 month after the date of arrival** in Spain students have to apply for an **Authorization of Stay (form EX-00)** at the Immigration Department branch (Oficina de Extranjeros) where they live.

Types of Student Visa

There are 2 types of student visas:

- Short term student visa to stay between 91 and 180 days in Spain. For courses up to 90 days please refer to the Schengen visa requirements. As Taiwan citizens are exempted of Schengen visa, no visa is needed to study in Spain up to 90 days.
- Long term student visa which allows the applicant to stay more than 180 days. When the applicant arrives to Spain has to apply for the **residence card (Tarjeta de Identidad de Extranjero)** **within 1 month after the date of arrival** at the Immigration Department branch (Oficina de Extranjeros) or National Police Office (Comisaría de Policía Nacional) where the applicant resides. For some provinces, it is necessary to make an appointment for applying TIE, please visit the following link for the information: http://www.seap.minhap.gob.es/es/servicios/extranjeria/extranjeria_ddgg.html

Which courses, studies can I attend with the Student Visa?

Spanish language courses, University degrees, training courses and researches without receiving salary from a Spanish University or Organization. (In case you receive a salary from a Spanish University you should apply for a Residence Visa with Work Permit Exemption).

I need information about Spanish language schools, Universities, courses ... in Spain

Please visit <http://www.studyinspain.info/?l=en> for further information.

Can I work while I study in Spain?

Yes, part-time jobs are accepted provided that they are compatible with your studies. Before you start to work you must apply for a work permit at the Foreigners Office (*Oficina de Extranjeros*).

If your studies include an internship (*prácticas de empresa*) your student ID is everything you need and therefore you need not to apply for a work permit.

Can I travel with a Student visa to other Schengen countries?

Yes. From April 5th 2010 both short and long term student visas allow travelling to other Schengen countries up to 90 days in any 180-days period.

What is the Schengen Space?

The Schengen countries are: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, **Spain**, Sweden and Switzerland.

Visa Application

You must be a Taiwan resident in order to apply for a student visa, ie, hold a Taiwan passport or an ARC. Please submit the '*Application for a National Visa*' form and present it along with the required documents. Please note that additional documents and translation to Spanish language could be requested if needed. The application must be signed and submitted **in person**. Applicants might be invited for an interview concerning the visa application. Visa section business hours: from 9 to 11:30, Monday to Thursday, excluding bank holidays.

Processing Time

A Student Visa application is normally decided within 3 weeks and it must be decided before **1 month** of the date of the lodging of a complete application. If the visa is approved then the applicant should collect it within 2 months otherwise the application will be considered withdrawn by the applicant and cancelled. The fee for a student visa is around **2000-2500 NTD** and must be settled **in cash** upon application. Fees are **non-refundable**, regardless of the decision taken about your visa application.

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To apply for this visa, the following documents must be submitted in person (original and copy, except for a,c):

- a) **2 national visa application forms** duly filled out and signed by applicant. If applicant is a minor both parents should sign the form.
- b) **Passport** with minimum validity for the intended period of your stay in Spain.
- c) **2 passport size photographs**, 26-35mm width and 32-45mm height, with white background, taken within the last 6 months.
- d) **Taiwan ID card** or alien residence certificate for foreigners, original and a copy
- e) **Letter of acceptance** as a full time student from a Spanish University or school stating: name of the academic center, address and a contact person, telephone number and e-mail address, name of the studies and duration.
- f) Only for exchange programs, a letter or certificate from the Taiwanese University stating which studies the applicant is studying at the University and that has been chosen for the exchange program. The duration of the exchange, name of the Spanish University and if the applicant receives any grant.
- g) **Health Insurance** with a medical company authorized to operate in Spain.
- h) **Proof of sufficient financial support in English** and bank statements with the records of the last three months or family financial guarantee letter (minimum 538€ per month).
- i) Minor applicants should provide an **authorization** signed by both parents when submitting the application stating the name of the school and the period of stay in Spain. Both parents must accompany the applicant to the office for submission with passport or Taiwanese ID plus one copy. The **household registration** with the name of the applicant and his/her parents should also be enclosed. In addition, the person responsible for the minor must provide the Register of crimes of a sexual nature. Registry of crimes of a sexual nature (Registro de delitos de naturaleza sexual).
- j) For the course of language (Except for exchange students) please provide an explanation letter explaining your academic and working experience and why you want to study Spanish.
- k) **Au-pair visa** has specific requirements, please request them by e-mail.
- l) **Internship**: copy of the agreement signed with a public or private entity.

For studies over 180 days the following documents will also be needed:

- Applicants who over 18 year-old, **criminal Record Certificate** from the country or countries of residence over the last 5 years.
- **Health certificate**. It should be a letter typed on the hospital / doctor's stationery stating that the student does not suffer from any of the diseases which could have a serious public health impact according to the International Health Regulation (2005).

FOR FAMILY MEMBERS (spouse and children under 18 years old):

- **Visa application form** for each family member duly filled out and signed. If applicant is a minor both parents should sign the form.
- **Passport** with minimum validity for the intended period of your stay in Spain. If the passport has been renewed in the last six months, will be necessary to show the old passport or a certificate of entries and exits in Taiwan.
- **One passport size photograph**, 26-35mm width and 32-45mm height, with white background, taken within the last 6 months.
- **Taiwan ID card** or alien residence certificate for foreigners, original and a copy
- **Proof of sufficient financial support**: bank statements with the records of the last three months or family financial guarantee letter (minimum 403€ per month for the first relative and 269€ per month for each of the remaining persons)
- **Health Insurance** with a medical company authorized to operate in Spain. (Minimum total coverage of 30000 Euro)
- Minor applicants should provide an **authorization** signed by both parents when submitting the application stating the name of the school and the period of stay in Spain. The **household registration** with the name of the applicant and his/her parents should also be enclosed.

If the family members apply for a long-term national visa, the following documents will also be needed:

- Applicants who over 18 year-old, **Criminal Record Certificate** (from the countries of residence over the last 5 years)
- **Health certificate**. It should be a letter typed on the hospital / doctor's stationery stating that the student does not suffer from any of the diseases which could have a serious public health impact according to the International Health Regulation (2005).