

Ministry of External Affairs and Cooperation

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRANCE INTO SPANISH TERRITORY
FOR A STAY NOT EXCEEDING THREE MONTHS WITHIN A SIX-MONTH PERIOD

Article 5 of the Code of Laws of the Schengen Frontiers

Article 25 of the Immigration Law

Articles 4 and following of the Immigration Rules

For entrance into Spanish territory for a **stay not exceeding three months within a six-month period**, it is necessary to comply with the following requirements:

- a. **Ownership of passport or other travel documents.** The document should be valid during the totality of the period of the foreseen stay

The citizens of any State of the European Union, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Lichtenstein only need their National Identity Document or a current passport. In the case of a minor traveling with a National Identity Document, the minor should carry a guardian's consent form.

- b. **Ownership of the corresponding visa** (when mandatory). In regards with a Schengen visa, this visa allows the holder to enter the countries that integrate the Schengen area, but does not allow entrance into countries that do not belong to the mentioned area (as is the case of the United Kingdom, Ireland, Romania, Bulgaria, and Cyprus).

- c. **Justification of the purpose and conditions of the stay, and stipulation of the sufficient economic means for your sustenance during the period of stay in Spain.**

- ***Travel for tourist or private reasons.*** The following documents may be required:

1. Documentation that justifies **the settling of lodging or a letter of invitation from a private person**, if staying at his/her residence, issued according to the provisions of **Order PRE/1283/2007, of May 10, which sets the terms and requirements for the issuance of private invitation letters to aliens when entering national territory for tourist or private reasons. In either case, the invitation letter will not substitute the other entrance requirements necessary for alien's entrance.**
2. Confirmation of the **reservation of an organized trip**, along with the itinerary.
3. **Return ticket** or tourist route.

The provisions of **Order PRE/1282/2007, of May 10**, should be considered for the **accreditation of economic means** whose availability should be demonstrated by aliens in

order to be able to enter Spanish territory. The provisions **require 62.40 euros per day/per person, and in any case, a minimum of 561.60 euros per person.**

- ***Travel for professional, political, scientific, sport, religious, or other reasons.*** The following documents may be requested:

1. **The invitation from a company** or an institution to participate in meetings, conventions, or similar events for business, industrial or other reasons.
2. Documentation that certifies **the existence of business, industrial, or other similar relationships.**
3. **Access cards to fairs, conferences,** conventions, etc.
4. **Invitations, entrance cards, reservations, or schedules that** indicate, whenever possible, the name of the host organization and the duration of the stay or any other document that indicates the purpose of the visit.

- ***Travel for study or another type of training.*** The following documents may be requested:

1. Registration documents to participate in theoretical courses and training practices issued by the learning center.
2. Certificates relating to the courses taken.

d. **Exceptionally, medical certificates may be requested, as demanded by the Ministry of the Interior, in accordance with the Ministries of Health, Consumption, Work, and Immigration, or in accordance with the normative of the European Union.** The requirement of these certificates will be communicated, whenever possible, long in advance.

e. **Not being subject to a prohibition of entrance** (registered in the S.I.S. or in the National Registry). Reasons for prohibition to entrance are:

1. **Having been previously expelled or returned** by Spain or any other Schengen State.
2. **Formal entry ban due to** activities contrary to the interests of Spain or human rights or a notorious connection with criminal organizations.
3. **Being wanted internationally for criminal reasons.**

- f. **Not involving danger to the public health, public order, national security, or international relations** of Spain or other States with which Spain has an agreement in such regard.

- g. **Having used the three months of stay in** the previous six months, beginning with the date of first entrance, (art. 20.1 Schengen and art. 30 Law).

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