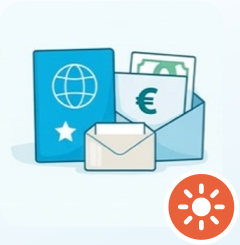
VISA CHECKLIST · FREE FROM ALBA



Non-Lucrative Visa checklist for retirees

Retiring to Spain on your pension? Your pension proof, insurance, medical certificate and more, in one list.

For non-EU retirees who want to live in Spain on their pension and savings, without working. Here's what you'll usually need. Your consulate's own checklist always has the final word.

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First, check you meet the basics

- [ ] You won't work in Spain, not even remotely
- [ ] Your pension and savings reach at least €28,800 a year in 2026 (400% IPREM), plus €7,200 a year for each family member

Your identity and application

- [ ] Passport valid for at least 1 year, with two blank pages (some consulates won't accept passports issued more than 10 years ago), plus a copy of the photo page
- [ ] National visa application form, filled in and signed, one per applicant
- [ ] Recent passport-size colour photo on a white background
- [ ] Proof that you live legally in the consulate's area, if you're not a citizen of that country (residence card or long-term visa)
- [ ] Visa fee (and residence fee where it applies), paid the way your consulate or BLS asks
- [ ] Form EX-01 (initial residence authorisation) and fee form 790 code 052, one per applicant

Your pension and savings

- [ ] Official letters confirming each pension (state, workplace or private), the monthly amount and that it will continue **Sworn translation**
- [ ] Bank statements for your accounts, usually for the last few months (some consulates ask for the last 3 months and a 12-month average balance) **Sworn translation**
  Some consulates don't ask for bank statements to be translated: check yours.
- [ ] Statements for savings or investments you'll use to support yourself **Sworn translation**

Health

- [ ] Private health insurance from a company authorised in Spain: full cover, no co-payments or waiting periods, valid for at least a year
- [ ] Medical certificate issued within 90 days of applying, stating you have no disease with serious public-health consequences (International Health Regulations 2005) Sworn translation
  Your family doctor can often do it. If your consulate has a bilingual template, you may not need a translation.

Background check

- [ ] Criminal-record certificate from every country you've lived in during the last 5 years, issued within the last 6 months (UK: ACRO · US: FBI · Philippines: NBI) Sworn translation Apostille

Where you'll live

- [ ] The address where you'll live in Spain for at least your first months; some consulates ask for a lease

If your partner is coming

- [ ] Marriage or registered partnership certificate, if your partner is coming Sworn translation Apostille
- [ ] Proof of the extra €7,200 a year in funds for each family member
- [ ] Their own health insurance, medical certificate and criminal-record certificate Sworn translation Apostille

After you arrive

- [ ] Book your TIE fingerprint appointment and apply within 1 month of arriving (form 790 code 012, €16.08)
- [ ] Register your address at the town hall (empadronamiento)
- [ ] Keep copies of everything you submitted and every confirmation
- [ ] Prepare your first renewal before your first year ends, and keep proof of your funds

> The consulate has a legal period of 3 months to decide once your file is complete.

Requirements change and every consulate has its own list, so always download your consulate's checklist too. Figures checked 12 November 2026; general information, not legal advice.
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