



# GENERAL SCHEME FOR THE FAMILY REUNIFICATION VISA

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## OVERVIEW

Visa for family members of foreigners who have legal resident status in Spain (from now on referred to as "the resident") and who wish to exercise the right to family reunification.

This type of visa is not issued to family members of citizens of the European Union or of the Member States of the European Economic Area or of Switzerland (see "Visas for family members of EU citizens").

In order to apply for a family reunification visa the applicant must have an "Authorization of Initial Residence for family reunification" ("**Autorización de residencia por reagrupación familiar inicial**") issued by the Delegation or Sub-delegation of the Government in the province in which the resident lives.

### Family members who can obtain a family reunification visa

- The spouse, not separated in fact or in law, or the person who maintains a partnership with the resident that is analogous to a marital relationship (partner entered on a public register, provided that the registration has not been cancelled, or unregistered partner provided that proof can be provided of the continuity of a cohabitation relationship established before the applicant settled in Spain). Reunification cannot be offered to more than one spouse or partner.
- The children of the resident, the children of the spouse or partner—including adopted children (provided that the adoption is valid in Spain)—and those represented legally by the resident, provided that they are under the age of 18 or that they have disabilities and are not objectively capable of providing for their own needs due to their health status.
- The resident's parents (mother or father) and those of their spouse or partner, provided that they are in the care of the resident, older than 65 and there are reasons substantiating the need to authorize their residence in Spain. On an exceptional basis, and for humanitarian reasons, the reunification of parents under the age of 65 may be permitted.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- The application must be submitted in person or by a duly accredited representative at the BLS Visa Application Center for Spain in Jakarta. The representative must provide proof of his/her identity through an original passport or identity document and provide an authorization letter signed by the applicant.

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- Kindly note that only applications from residents in Indonesia and Timor Leste will be accepted.
- Residents in other countries must apply for their visas at their country of residence.
- All submitted documents must be originals and copies of those. At the end of the procedure, original documents will be delivered back to the applicant and the copies will be kept with the file at the Embassy.
- All foreign OFFICIAL documents must be dully legalized/apostilled.
- All documentation in a foreign language must be translated into Spanish:
- You may find a sworn translator in Spain here:  
<https://www.exteriores.gob.es/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/Buscador-STIJ.aspx>
- The translations made by a sworn translator in Spain don't need to be legalized, but if the translation is made by other translators it must be legalized by the Embassy/Consulate of Spain in the country where the document was issued.
- **Translated documentation Bahasa Indonesia into Spanish will be legalized by the Embassy. Legalization fee will be applied. (More information at [emb.yakarta.sc@mae.es](mailto:emb.yakarta.sc@mae.es))**
- When necessary to assess the application, the Consular Office may request additional documents or data and may also ask the applicant to come in for a personal interview. Please check said contact details are correct and accurate.
- No information will be provided about the status of the visa before the process has come to an end.



## DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR A GENERAL SCHEME FOR THE FAMILY REUNIFICATION VISA

### 1. National visa application.

Each applicant must complete and sign a visa application, filling in each of its sections. If the applicant is a minor, parents or guardians or a duly accredited representative must sign the application.

**2. Photograph.** Glued or clipped (not stapled) onto visa application form. Photo specifications: A recent, passport-size, colour photograph, taken against a light background, facing forward, without dark or reflective glasses, or any garments concealing the oval of the face.

Photos with a dark background or with objects or people that can be seen behind your head will not be accepted.

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

If the passport does not meet the requirements, it must be renewed before applying for the visa.

**4. Initial family reunification permit ("Autorización de residencia por reagrupación familiar inicial").**

Issued by the Delegation or Sub-delegation of the Government in Spain, at the resident's request.

**5. Resident's residency card.** Certified photocopy of the resident's Foreigner Identification Card, which must be unexpired.

**6. Documents proving family relationship with the resident.**

- **Spouses:** Marriage certificate issued by the competent civil registry. In the event of second or successive marriage, proof of divorce from the previous spouse.
- **Unmarried couples:** Certificate of registration as an unmarried couple or, if the couple have not entered their relationship on a register, documents proving the couple's relationship dates back to before the resident established their residence in Spain.
- **Children:** Birth certificate issued by the competent civil registry. In the case of the children of just one of the spouses or members of the couple, proof must also be provided that they hold sole parental authority over the child or that they have been awarded custody and that the child is effectively in their care.



- **Parents:** Birth certificate of the resident or of the spouse or partner issued by the competent civil registry and documents substantiating the reasons for which it was necessary to authorize their residence in Spain. Among other documents, proof must be provided that, over the past year, the resident has transferred funds to or covered expenses incurred by the parent representing, at least, 51% of the per capita GDP of the parent's country of residence. Moreover, proof must be submitted of the annual income and properties owned by the parent and information on other direct family members who are resident in the country.

Foreign documents must be legalized or apostilled and, where applicable, must be submitted together with an official translation into Spanish.

#### **7. Criminal background check certificate.**

Applicants of legal age (18 years old and older) must submit the original and a photocopy (not notarized) of their criminal background check certificate(s) issued by their country or countries of residence for the past 5 years.

Once this document has been issued, it must be:

- First: Apostilled/Legalized

##### **In case of Indonesian Police Record:**

The Embassy of Spain only will accept Indonesian police records issued by the “Badan Intelijen Keamanan” (BAINTELKAM) in Jakarta (address: JL. Trunojoyo 3 – Kebayoran Baru – Jakarta 12110) in Indonesian and English languages.

The Embassy will not admit neither legalize Indonesian police records issued by organizations other than the abovementioned.

Once the Indonesian Police Record has been issued, it must have the Apostille of La Hague issued by the Ministry of Law and Human Rights (KEMENKUMHAM).

##### **In case of Timor Leste Police Record:**

It must be legalized by Ministry of Justice of Timor Leste after that, it must be legalized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Timor Leste and finally by the Embassy of Spain in Jakarta.

- Second: All the documentation must be translated into Spanish.

If the applicant has spent more than 6 months (more than 180 days) during the last 5 years in another country (outside the Indonesia, Timor Leste or Spain), an additional criminal background check from every country of residence must be provided. The criminal background checks must be authenticated with the The Hague Apostille, unless it is issued by an EU member state. The criminal background check issued by an EU authority does not need to be apostilled to be accepted. If the country in which the applicant has lived in the past 2 years does not subscribe to The Hague Convention of



1961, the background check must be authenticated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuing country and then by the Consulate of Spain in this country. The background check must be accompanied by an official translation into Spanish (if the original is not written in Spanish).

Please submit an original and a copy of all documents: Criminal background check, Apostille and official translation.

#### **8. Medical certificate.**

Original and a copy of a medical certificate accrediting that the applicant does not suffer from any disease that could cause serious repercussions for public health pursuant to the 2005 International Health Regulations.

- This certificate must be issued within 90 days of submitting the visa application.
- This certificate must include a stamp from the issuing Medical Center, doctor's signature and doctor's License Number.
- The certificate must be written on letterhead paper from hospital/doctor's office or directly on the provided template. The recommended template can be found attached.
- The certificate must be signed by a Doctor (Physician), not by a Nurse Practitioner or a Physician Assistant.

The medical certificate must be in Spanish, or it must include the Spanish text, or it must be accompanied by an official or certified translation into Spanish. In the case of using the model from our website, the Spanish translation is not necessary.

Please include a photocopy (not notarized) of the medical certificate with your submitted documents.

This Consular Section does not provide information about medical centers that issue this certificate. The applicant may contact any public or private medical center duly accredited.

**9. Proof of legal residence in the consular demarcation** Indonesian KTP and KARTA KELUARGA or in case of foreigners KITAS or KITAP.

**10. Proof of the representative's identity and capacity.** If the applicant is a minor, it will be necessary to present originals and submit copies of the identity document or passport of one of their parents, as well as of the document constituting proof of kinship. Foreign documents must be legalized or apostilled and, where applicable, must be submitted together with an official translation into Spanish.



**11. Payment of the visa fee.** The visa fee is of an amount equivalent to 1.760.000 IDR. For nationals of Australia, Canada, Ethiopia, UK and US different rates are applied for reasons of reciprocity. In these cases, the amount of the fee must be consulted with the Consular Office.

When necessary to assess the application, the Consular Office may request additional documents or data and may also ask the applicant to come in for a personal interview.

### **Procedure**

This Consular Office is competent to accept visa applications from individuals residing in the consular district (Jakarta, Timor Leste).

**Who can apply for a visa:** The visa application must be submitted in person by the applicant. If the applicant is a minor, the application may be submitted by one of the parents or guardians or by a duly accredited representative.

**Visa application period:** The visa application must be submitted within a period of 2 months, counted as of the day after the date on which the applicant is notified of the decision to authorize the family reunification.

**Place of submission:** The application must be submitted in person at the BLS Visa Application Center for Spain in Jakarta. More information and appointments at:

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**Rectifying the application:** The Consular Office may ask the applicant to submit any missing documents, or to provide additional documents or data that are necessary for a decision regarding the application. The applicant may also be called in for a personal interview.

**Decision period:** The legal period for reaching a decision is of 2 months as of the day after the application submission date, but this period may be extended if an interview or additional documents are requested.

**Collecting the visa:** The Consular Office will inform the applicant regarding the procedure for the return of the passport and any other original documentation.

**Visa refusal:** Visa refusals will always be notified in writing, setting forth the grounds on which the decision adopted was based.

**Appeals:** If a visa is refused, the applicant may submit an appeal for reconsideration to this Consular Office within 1 month of the day following the date on which notification of the refusal is received. An application for judicial review may also be filed with the



High Court of Justice of Madrid within the 2-month period beginning the day after the date on which the applicant receives notification of the visa refusal or of the dismissal of the reconsideration appeal.

**Validity period of the visa:** The visa will be valid for 1 year. Once in Spain, a Foreigner Identification Card must be applied for within a period of 1 month from the applicant's entry into Spain, at the Foreign Nationals' Office or the Police Station of the province in which the residence permit was processed.