



*Embassy of Spain  
Kuwait*

**LONG-TERM STUDENT VISA (SLU) + 180 days**

- **Long-term student visas are applicable to those courses with a duration of more than 180 days.**
- The visa process takes around **4 weeks** from the day all the required documents are submitted.
- Students may enter Spain for up to 90 days **with any valid Schengen visa**.
- The visa fee is nonrefundable even if the visa is not granted or cancelled.

**WHO CAN SUBMIT THE APPLICATION**

- Applications must be submitted in person by the applicant.
- Applications can be also submitted by an authorized person on behalf of the student. In that case, an authorization on favour to someone else issued before a public notary, dully legalized and translated into Spanish is mandatory.
- In the case of adult students, the applicant must pick up the visa personally once it is granted, regardless the existence of the authorization indicated in the previous point.
- In the case of minor students, any of the parents can register the application and collect the visa.

**WHERE AND WHEN TO APPLY**

**a) University Studies, language courses, primary & secondary education:**

• SPAIN:

- Applicants holding a valid Schengen visa, or those exempt from the visa requirement, can apply directly in Spain for the student permit (no need to apply for the study visa).

- In this case, they need to register their application through the competent local authority "Delegación/Subdelegación del Gobierno – Oficina de Extranjeros" in the city where the University or School is located.

- The application must be submitted, at the latest, one month before the expiration date of the visa or one month before the expiration date of the allowed period in the Schengen area for those nationalities exempted from the visa requirement.

***Kindly note that this Embassy is not competent for this procedure and cannot provide any information about it.***

• BLS Kuwait or Bahrain Visa Application Centre.

Applications must be submitted in person or by a legal representative (only parents or custodians). Custodians must bring written and notarized authorization.

**b) For other studies, applications can only be submitted at BLS Kuwait or Bahrain Visa Application Centre.**

**WHAT TO SUBMIT**

The consular administration has full authority to evaluate and request additional documents than those submitted by the applicant. Be hereby informed that submitting the below mentioned



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documents does NOT guarantee automatic issuance of visa. The documents accepted in order to process the visa will not be returned.

**To avoid delays in the visa processing time make sure you have all the documents ready to submit at the appointment date.**

**ORIGINAL of each of the following items must be submitted:**

1. **National visa application form:** The application form must be dully completed, signed and preferably typed.
2. **Passport:** Valid passport for a minimum of 1 year, with at least two blank pages to affix the visa.
3. **Copy of the passport:** Only the page with the passport holder's personal details is needed.
4. **One recent passport size photograph with white background.**
5. **Original hardcopy acceptance letter** as a full-time student in Spain from the Spanish University/School indicating: name, address, telephone number, registration number with the Ministry of Education of Spain; duration and language of the program (start & finishing date); subjects of study; hours of study per week (20 at least), total price of the course and amount already paid. This document must be in Spanish.
6. **Evidence of funds** from the applicant or sponsor, if applicable:
  - Updated and recent salary certificate, stating name, date of joining, signature and position of the signatory.
  - Full and detailed explanation of your income or that of the person(s) covering your expenses in Spain. This includes:
    - Bank statements (a minimum of the last 6 months and must be original copies stamped by the issuing bank)
    - Documents concerning other sources of income (fix term deposits, saving accounts, etc.).
    - Proof of financial aid or scholarship (if any).
  - The person(s) covering the expenses must sign a statement undertaking the obligation to pay for them. This document must be in Spanish (see Annex I).

### 7. **Medical Insurance:**

Provide proof of payment for the total period of your stay (or at least covering the first year if you are planning to stay longer than one year) with a full copy of the policy.

Please note this type of insurance is different from travel insurance.

The insurance must meet the following requirements:

- Inpatient / outpatient must be covered.
- No copay (all inclusive).
- No waiting period (you can start using the insurance benefits from the date of getting the insurance).
- All pre-existing illnesses must be covered.

The insurance companies authorized to operate in Spain by the General Directorate of Insurance and Pension Funds (Dirección General de Seguros y Fondos de Pensiones) can be found on the following link: <https://rrpp.dgsfp.mineco.es/>

### 8. **Criminal record certificate:**

Students over 18 years old must submit a good conduct or criminal record certificate issued by the authorities of the country/countries where the applicant has resided for the past 5 years



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(NOTE: if applicant has resided in more than one country, one certificate has to be issued by the authorities of each country).

- Criminal record certificate of Kuwait:

The Kuwaiti criminal record certificate can be requested online from the Ministry of Interior through SAHAL application.

This document must be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and translated into Spanish.

- Criminal record certificate of Bahrain:

The Bahraini criminal record certificate can be requested from the Ministry of Interior. This document must be apostilled by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and translated into Spanish.

The Spanish translation must be also apostilled.

- Criminal record certificates from other countries:

In case of criminal records issued by other countries, the original document must be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the mentioned country and from the Embassy of Spain located in the same country.

In countries where the Hague Apostille is in use, the documents must have the aforementioned apostille. The Spanish translation of the certificate must also be apostilled.

NOTE:

If applicable, the legalization fees for this document must be paid at the Embassy at the time of collecting the visa. This does not apply to criminal records from countries where the Hague apostille applies.

### 9. **Medical Certificate**

Medical certificate stating clearly that the applicant does not have any disease according to the International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005: *“the applicant does not suffer from any **disease that may have serious public health impact** according to the International Health Regulations of 2005”*

This document must be stamped, legalized or apostilled by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and translated into Spanish. In case of medical certificates issued by other countries different than Kuwait or Bahrain, the original document must be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the mentioned country and from the Embassy of Spain located in the same country.

NOTE: A variety of local doctors and hospitals can prepare this document. The Embassy does not provide an address list or a list of doctors or hospitals. The Embassy can provide you with a template in English and in Spanish to be filled and signed by the doctor (in this case, no translation will be needed). See Annex II.

The legalization fees for this document must be paid at the Embassy at the time of collecting the visa. This does not apply to medical certificates from countries where the Hague apostille applies.

### 10. **Minors** (under 18 years of age):

- Written authorization signed by both parents/custodians allowing the minor to study in Spain, stating the school/college, etc. in which he/she will study and appointing a person as his/her legal custodian (the Spanish national ID or residence permit in Spain of this custodian must be provided). This document must be in Spanish. See Annex III.
- Copy of the parent's passports.



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- Birth certificate: copy of the document in the original language with a translation into Spanish.
  - The legal custodian in Spain must provide a certificate from the official registry of sexual criminal record or provide a signed letter allowing the consultation of the mentioned registry by the Spanish authorities (see Annex IV). This document must be translated into Spanish, if applicable. The legal custodian must provide his/her Spanish ID (DNI/NIE).
11. Non-Kuwaiti and non-Bahraini citizens will have to provide evidence of their **legal residence in Kuwait or Bahrein** (i.e.: residence permit).