



EMBASSY OF SPAIN

Kuwait

The student visa

I.- Three different possibilities can be found depending on the length of the studies:

1. Studies up to 90 days only (a normal Schengen visa is required, codes EST/ESM) ✓
2. Studies from 90 up to 180 days (a code SSU will be applicable)
3. Studies of more than 180 days (a code SLU will be applicable).

II.- Essential documents to process the visa application:

4. A letter of acceptance from the University/Collage in Spanish.
5. Copy of the passport ✓
6. Proof of financial means to cover the studies (at least 7.200 Euros per year income)
7. Medical Insurance issued by a Spanish Insurance company ✓
8. Medical Certificate properly filled out and stamped by the MOFA
9. Good Conduct Certificate stamped by the MOFA ✓

III.- Legalization of documents:

10. Must be done by the applicant at the Embassy premises only
11. Make sure that the documents have been stamped by the MOFA
12. Proof of the translations into Spanish .



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Student visas can be of three categories depending on the length of your studies (Article 37 of the Royal Decree 557/2011, 20/04/2011)

1. For more than 180 days (visa code SLU)
2. For less than 180 days but more than 90 days (visa code SSU)
3. For 90 days in which a Schengen visa is applied (visa codes EST, ESM).
4. The student visa process (codes SLU and SSU) will take approximately between **10 to 15 days** from the date the submission of the application. For codes EST/ESM will depends on the nationality of the applicant
5. The student visa fee is currently **26,040 KWD payable in cash only**.
6. **APPLICANTS RESIDENTS IN BAHRAIN PLEASE CONTACT THE EMBASSY FOR FURTHER DETAILS.**

WHERE AND WHEN TO APPLY

- Student visa applications have to be lodge before the BLS Office. Appointments have to be by logging into the BLS website: www.blsinternational.com well in advance before the beginning of the course/studies.
- Applications may be submitted either in person or through a legal representative (a written notarized authorization must be presented). However to retrieve the passport, once the visa has been granted, must be made in person by the applicant.
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DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR CODE SLU

1. National visa application form fully completed and signed.
2. Original passport (and a copy of the data page) with a minimum validity of **ONE YEAR** and containing at least two blank pages to enable us to affix the visa on one of them. Your passport should remain at the Consulate.
3. One passport size photo on a white background (2x2in).
4. Original letter of acceptance (in Spanish) from the Spanish University/Collage stating the following information: name, address, telephone and fax number, registration number with the Ministry of Education of Spain; duration of the program (start & finishing date); subjects of study; hours of study per week (a minimum of 20 hours are required), full cost of the tuition fees and amount paid in advance.
5. **Evidence of funds: Provide either of the following:**
 - Detailed explanation of your income or the person responsible to cover your expenses while undertaking your studies in Spain. This includes bank statements (at least from the past 6 months and must be original copies stamped by the corresponding bank), documents concerning other sources of income (salary certificate, fix term deposits, saving accounts, etc.). The person(s) who will be covering the expenses must sign an affidavit claiming the obligation to support you financially. The minimum amount required to comply with the Spanish regulations is 7200 Euros per year (100% of the IPREM).

- Proof of financial aid or scholarship (if any).
6. **Medical Insurance:** The applicant has to submit an insurance policy issued by and Insurance company that is recognized and authorized to operate in Spain. The insurance policy has to cover all the medical risks during the stay in Spain (including repatriation). - 1 year
 7. **Non-criminal record certificate (If your program lasts over 180 days):** issued by the authorities of the country where the applicant has been legally residing for the past 5 years (NOTE: if the applicant has resided in more than one country a certificate must be issued by the authority of each country). **IMPORTANT NOTICE: This certificate can be downloaded from the Kuwait Ministry of Interior application named SAHEL.** Then it has to be stamped by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and later legalized by the Embassy of Spain.
In case of criminal records issued by countries other than Kuwait, the original document must be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the said country and from the Embassy of Spain located in the same country unless there is an agreement of the Convention of the Hague Apostille. This document has to be translated into Spanish.

For the documents issued by the Government of Bahrain they must be stamped with the Hague Apostille and translated into Spanish.
 9. **Medical Certificate (If your program lasts over 180 days):**
A medical certificate is required and stating clearly the following sentence: "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 (following the same procedure as for the criminal record mentioned above) and translated into Spanish. For the documents issued by the Government of Bahrain they have to be stamped with the Hague Apostille and translated into Spanish. —

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 out and signed by the doctor (in this case, no translation will be needed).
 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 representative (the Spanish national ID or residence permit in Spain of this representative must be provided).
 11. **Be advised that additional requirements might be requested.**

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR CODE SSU

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 9. **Be advised that additional documents and information related to your visa application may be requested by the Embassy of Spain.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The legalization of the documents has to be done at the Embassy premises only.
- We advise the applicants to have the documents that need to be legalised ready to avoid further and unnecessary delays in the visa process.
- Legalization fees are:
 - Stamp and signature from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: 2,44KD
 - Translations: 10,47 KD