

Spanish Visa Documentation Checklist

Track each document through the three stages of preparation: obtaining it, getting it apostilled and having it translated by a traductor jurado.

This checklist covers the Non-Lucrative Visa (NLV), the most common path for US retirees and remote-income movers, and is a general guide based on requirements published by Spanish consulates in the US as of 2026. Requirements vary by consulate jurisdiction and visa type — always confirm the current, official list with your consulate before submitting your application.

Forms and Application Materials

Document	Obtained	Apostilled	Translated
National visa application form (completed and signed)	☐	N/A	N/A
Form EX-01 — non-lucrative residence authorization application	☐	N/A	N/A
Form 790-052 — residence permit fee form	☐	N/A	N/A
2 recent passport-style photos (biometric format, white background, 35x45mm)	☐	N/A	N/A

Civil Documents

Document	Obtained	Apostilled	Translated
Valid US passport (at least 1 year validity remaining and 2 blank pages)	☐	N/A	N/A
Birth certificate (certified copy, issued within the last 6 months)	☐	☐	☐
Marriage certificate (if applicable, certified copy)	☐	☐	☐
Divorce decree (if applicable, certified copy)	☐	☐	☐

Legal and Background Documents

Document	Obtained	Apostilled	Translated
FBI background check (or state-level, per consulate requirement — issued within last 90 days)	☐	☐	☐
Notarized affidavit — professional background and commitment not to work in Spain	☐	N/A	☐

Financial Documents

Document	Obtained	Apostilled	Translated
Bank statements (last 6–12 months, official stamped or signed copies)	☐	N/A	☐

Document	Obtained	Apostilled	Translated
Proof of income or pension meeting 400% IPREM threshold (~\$33,000+/year main applicant, 2026)	☐	N/A	☐

Health Insurance

Document	Obtained	Apostilled	Translated
Private health insurance policy — full Spain coverage, no co-pay, issued by an insurer authorized in Spain	☐	N/A	☐

Additional Documents (if applicable)

Document	Obtained	Apostilled	Translated
Proof of a Spain address for at least the first 3 months (lease, hotel booking or invitation letter)	☐	N/A	N/A
Medical certificate confirming no serious communicable disease (certain consulates — confirm requirement)	☐	☐	☐

Fees

Document	Obtained	Apostilled	Translated
Consulate visa and residence permit fees paid (typically \$140–\$155 USD total — confirm with your consulate)	☐	N/A	N/A

Notes

- For the full guide to this process, including consulate-by-consulate notes, visit <https://us2es.com/before-moving-to-spain/spanish-visa-documentation/>
- Bank statements and financial records do not require apostille but must be official — stamped or signed by the bank, not standard online printouts.
- Confirm background check type (FBI vs state) with your specific consulate before ordering.
- All sworn translations must be completed by a traductor jurado accredited by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Some states allow you to request an apostille at the same time as ordering a document copy — check before submitting separately.
- The notarized affidavit and work-cessation documentation reflect a 2026 tightening at several consulates — confirm whether yours requires it.
- This checklist covers the Non-Lucrative Visa. Digital Nomad and other visa types have different document lists.
- Check your consulate's specific requirements — some may ask for additional documents not listed here.