



# Working Holiday Spain

Complete guide to requirements and application for your great European  
adventure.

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# Universal Requirements

Key rules and essential documents that apply to all nationalities  
applying for the Working Holiday Visa.

# Proof of Funds

Financial capacity is a fundamental pillar of your application. The minimum required amount varies depending on your country of origin (calculated based on the Spanish IPREM or SMI).

- You must present recent bank statements (usually from the last 3 months).
- The official certificate from the financial institution must reflect the current balance.
- The account must be nominative and exclusively in the applicant's name (sponsors are not accepted).
- **Extension:** The initial visa is for 12 non-extendable months (exception: Canada allows a second participation up to 24 months).



# Mandatory Additional Documents



## Medical Exams

Although specific clinical tests are not detailed, it is mandatory to request and present an official and recent medical certificate endorsed by your country.



## Criminal Records

The presentation of a criminal record certificate for the last 5 years is required. This document must be duly legalized with the Hague Apostille.



## Language and Translation

Any official document issued in a language other than Spanish must strictly be accompanied by its respective official sworn translation into Spanish.

# Mandatory Medical Insurance

## Annual Validity

Traveling insured is not optional nor just advice. You are required to present an active medical insurance policy for the entirety of your planned stay in Spain, meaning it must cover exactly the **12 months** of the visa from your date of entry.

## Comprehensive Coverage

The selected policy must guarantee at least **30,000 euros** in medical expenses, without copayments or waiting periods. Furthermore, it is a strict requirement that it explicitly includes a **sanitary and funeral repatriation** clause.

# Education and Academic Requirements



## Academic Level

Japan, Korea, and New Zealand only require **secondary education**. In contrast, Argentina and Australia require having completed at least **2 years of higher education** or university studies.



## Language Exam

For most countries and native Spanish speakers (Argentina), **no exam is required**. The exception is **Australia**, which requires proving an A1 level of Spanish or conducting a consular interview.



## Studying in Spain

It is allowed! The visa authorizes taking courses as a secondary activity for a maximum period of **6 months**, with the exception of Australian citizens, whose limit is 4 months.

# Specifications by Country

Nationality	Allowed Age	Required Funds	Quotas / Year	Visa Cost
Japan	18 to 30 years	1,800 €	500	Free
Argentina	18 to 35 years	1,221 € / Month	500	~ 90 €
Australia	18 to 30 years	600 € / Month	3,400	~ 100 €
Canada	18 to 35 years	2,692 CAD	1,000	~ 100 €
New Zealand	18 to 30 years	1,800 €	2,000	~ 80 €
South Korea	18 to 30 years	1,800 €	1,000	~ 80 €

# Opening Calendar

## Latin America (e.g., Argentina)

Consular authorities allocate a total of 500 annual places. Historically, the opening dates to receive applications are usually enabled during the **first quarter of each year**.

## Oceania, North America, and Asia

**Canada, New Zealand, and South Korea** maintain an open calendar throughout the calendar year or until their ample limits are reached. In the case of **Australia** (the largest quota with 3,400 places), the application window usually formally opens every July.



# Quota Availability and Process

- **In-Person Process (Latin America):** Requires requesting a mandatory online prior appointment to physically submit your file and register biometric data.
- **Quota Duration:** Competition is extreme. In Latin America, quotas run out almost immediately, in a matter of hours or a few days.
- **Consular Process (Other Countries):** The process is managed internally through the General Consulates of Spain in the jurisdiction corresponding to your residence (Oceania, Asia, Canada).
- **Availability:** Quotas from bilateral treaties outside Latam usually last comfortably, remaining available for most of the year.



# Visa Costs and Resolution

## Fees and Associated Expenses

- **Consular Fee:** The base visa fee is around 90€ for most countries (with the exception of Japan, which is a 100% free process).
- **NIE Process:** Citizens of Australia and Canada must pay an extra (approx. 15€) for the assignment of the Foreigner Identity Number (NIE).
- **Extra Investment:** Do not forget to budget for your annual medical insurance, certificate issuance, Hague Apostille, and sworn translations.

## Process Times

- **Submission:** You must submit your complete physical file in person or via consular mail, depending on the country from which you apply.
- **Biometric Data:** In in-person modalities, your fingerprints and photograph will be registered on the same day as the official appointment.
- **Approval Timeframe:** Once the process is formally entered, the average time for resolution and delivery of the visa is **15 to 30 business days**.

# Key Visa Facts

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**MONTHS MAXIMUM STAY**

## Enjoy a full year

The Working Holiday Visa allows you to live, travel, and work throughout Spain for a maximum of one calendar year (non-extendable under the same category). It is the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture, perfect your language skills, and finance your European journey while working legally.

# Official Application Checklist



**Form and Photograph:** Official printed national visa form, signed and completed, along with a recent passport-size photograph.



**Valid Passport:** Original passport and color copy of all its pages, with validity exceeding 1 year and blank pages available.



**Legalized Certificates:** Criminal record certificate and official medical certificate, both with the Hague Apostille (and translated if necessary).



**Financial Support:** Bank statements in your name demonstrating financial solvency according to your nationality.



**Policy and Payments:** International medical insurance policy for 1 year and printed proof of payment of the consular fee and/or NIE assignment.

# Top 3 Destinations for your Adventure



## Madrid

The vibrant capital. The economic heart of Spain, perfect for finding work quickly, enjoying an unmatched nightlife, and world-class art.



## Barcelona

Culture, architecture, and beach. A cosmopolitan city loved by expats, where Gaudi's works coexist with vibrant Mediterranean energy.



## Sevilla

The charm of the south. Sun almost all year round, the cradle of flamenco, a relaxed lifestyle, and an Andalusian heritage that will captivate you from day one.

# Questions?

Thank you for your attention and best of luck with your application to Spain!

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