Spain Student Visa: Document Checklist

For courses longer than 180 days. Applications are submitted through BLS International (Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi) on behalf of the Embassy of Spain.

Student Name: _____	**File No:** _____
University / Program: _____	**Intake:** _____
Counsellor: _____	**Date:** _____

1. Basic Documents

- ☐ National visa application form (Type D), completed and signed
- ☐ Recent passport photos (white background, Schengen specifications)
- ☐ Passport valid for the whole study period with at least 2 blank pages, plus copies of the bio page and all previous visas
- ☐ CNIC (original and copy)
- ☐ BLS appointment confirmation and disclaimer form
- ☐ Visa fee payment receipt

2. Admission Documents

- ☐ Admission letter from the Spanish university showing: full name and passport number, program name, start and end dates, full-time study, hours/credits per week, language of instruction
- ☐ Proof of tuition fee payment or enrolment deposit receipt
- ☐ Program details / study plan

3. Financial Documents (most important)

Minimum funds: 100% of IPREM per month of stay. IPREM 2026 = **EUR 600/month**, so a 1-year program needs at least **EUR 7,200**. Each accompanying family member needs an extra 75% (EUR 450/month). Recommended: show 15 to 20% above the minimum, plus tuition fees.

- ☐ Bank statement for the last 6 months on bank letterhead, signed and stamped
- ☐ Bank maintenance certificate showing the current balance
- ☐ Sponsorship affidavit / letter of financial support (usually a parent)
- ☐ Sponsor's CNIC copy and proof of relationship (NADRA FRC or B-Form)
- ☐ Sponsor's income proof: salary slips and employment letter, or business registration, NTN and FBR tax returns (last 2 to 3 years)
- ☐ Property documents (optional, strengthens the file)
- ☐ Scholarship letter, if any (a scholarship covering 100% of IPREM can replace bank funds)
- ☐ Proof of prepaid accommodation, if any (can reduce the funds required)

Watch for: sudden large deposits, funds the sponsor cannot explain, and a mismatch between declared income and the balance.

4. Health Insurance

- ☐ Private health insurance from an insurer authorised to operate in Spain, valid for the full study period
- ☐ No co-payments and no waiting periods; coverage equal to the Spanish public health system, including repatriation

Ordinary travel insurance is **not** accepted for a long-stay student visa.

5. Police Character Certificate (stays over 180 days)

- ☐ Police Character Certificate from Pakistan covering the last 5 years
- ☐ Police certificate from any other country lived in during the last 5 years
- ☐ Apostilled by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Pakistan
- ☐ Translated into Spanish by a sworn translator (traductor jurado)
- ☐ Issued within the last 3 months before applying

6. Medical Certificate (stays over 180 days)

- ☐ Certificate stating no diseases that could seriously affect public health under the International Health Regulations (2005)
- ☐ Signed by a registered doctor, apostilled by MOFA and translated into Spanish
- ☐ Issued within the last 3 months

7. Academic Documents

- ☐ Matric/O Level, Intermediate/A Level, and Bachelor's degree with transcripts (for master's applicants)
- ☐ HEC attestation (degrees) and IBCC attestation (Matric and Intermediate); MOFA apostille where required
- ☐ English test (IELTS / PTE / Duolingo) or Spanish test (DELE / SIELE), depending on the program language
- ☐ Gap justification with experience letters, if there are gaps in study

8. Supporting Documents

- ☐ Statement of Purpose: why Spain, why this university and course, fit with background, career plans after return
- ☐ CV
- ☐ Accommodation proof for at least the first weeks (residence, rental agreement or booking)
- ☐ Flight reservation (booking only; do not buy the ticket before the visa is issued)
- ☐ Details of any previous visa refusals, with explanation

9. Translation & Legalisation Rules

- ☐ Documents not in Spanish or English generally need a sworn Spanish translation; police and medical certificates should always be translated into Spanish
- ☐ Pakistan is part of the Apostille Convention: public documents are apostilled through MOFA (no embassy legalisation needed)
- ☐ Bring originals plus one copy of every document

10. After Arrival in Spain

- ☐ Register address (empadronamiento)
- ☐ Apply for the TIE student card within 30 days of arrival
- ☐ Work allowed up to 30 hours per week, if compatible with study schedule
- ☐ Renewal requires passing at least 50% of enrolled credits, plus sufficient funds and valid health insurance

Common Refusal Reasons for Pakistani Applicants

- Weak or unexplained source of funds
- SOP does not explain why Spain and this course fit the student's background
- Travel insurance submitted instead of proper health insurance
- Police or medical certificates older than 3 months, not apostilled, or not translated
- Admission from an institution or program not eligible for a student visa (must be an authorised centre with a full-time program)