

DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO APPLY FOR SPANISH CITIZENSHIP AS AN ADULT NATIONAL OF THE UNITED STATES

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
US Passport (all pages)	Please digitize all pages of your US passport to a PDF file. Scan four passport pages on each sheet in the PDF file, so as to save costs with the notary in Spain.
Birth certificate	The applicant must obtain a hard copy of his or her birth certificate, with an apostille same at the Secretary of State's office where s/he was born and then translate it into Spanish. Translations may be made by a sworn translator certified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Spanish Government. (Note: NM birth certificates are bilingual.)
Marriage certificate	Applicable only if the applicant is married. This document must be apostilled at the Secretary of State's office of the US State where the applicant married his or her spouse. The document must be translated into Spanish as well.
FBI background check	The applicant must obtain his or her FBI background check, with an apostille in Washington D.C. or Virginia and translated into Spanish. Please note that this document is time sensitive, valid for just six (6) months from its date of issue. Therefore, we recommend that the applicant obtains the apostilled version of the FBI criminal background check one or two months prior to traveling to Spain in order to sign his or her <i>acta de notoriedad</i> .
Applicant's state criminal background check	<p>The applicant must also obtain his or her criminal background check issued by the state where s/he currently lives. Again, the state criminal background check must be apostilled at the Secretary of State's office and translated into Spanish. The US state criminal background check will be valid for just six (6) months from its date of issue. Therefore, we suggest that the applicant apply for the state criminal background check only a few months prior to travel to Spain for signing the <i>acta de notoriedad</i> before a Notary Public.</p> <p>New Mexican Applicants For information on how to obtain a criminal background check in the State of New Mexico please see http://www.dps.state.nm.us/index.php/criminal-history-records/ Go to the Dept of Public Safety, for a Letter of Good Standing 4491 Cerrillos Rd, Santa Fe NM 87507, (505) 827-9181</p> <p>For apostille information in the State of New Mexico please see http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Business_Services/Apostille_Information_Overview.aspx Go to the Secretary of State's office in the Roundhouse's annex, 325 Don Gaspar, Suite 300, Santa Fe NM 87501, (505) 827-3600</p>
Certificate of Sephardic heritage and special link to Spain signed by the President and Rabbi of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico (JFNM)	Spanish Law requires two documents proving the applicant's Sephardic lineage and a special link to Spain. This one document signed by the president and rabbi of the JFNM contains three (3) of the four (4) documents requested by the Spanish law. Apply here, at SephardicCertificate.org !

<p>Certificate of Sephardic origin issued by the Federation of Jewish Communities of Spain (FCJE)</p> <p>Note: Only for individuals whose families maintained an unbroken, open practice of Judaism</p>	<p>After obtaining his or her certificate of Sephardic origin signed by the JFNM, Jewish applicants are encouraged to apply for an additional proof of Sephardic origin, which may be obtained from the FCJE https://certificadosefardies.fcje.org</p>
<p>Second proof of special link to Spain</p>	<p>The applicant must obtain a second proof of a special link to Spain. They are encouraged to sign up for any of the cultural activities available at <i>Instituto Cervantes</i> in Albuquerque. The Director of <i>Instituto Cervantes</i> may sign a certificate proving that the applicant took a cultural activity having to do with the Spanish history or culture. This document would serve as proof of a special link.</p> <p>Alternatively, the applicant may obtain a second proof of special link to Spain by opening a bank account at Banco Santander or BBVA, or by purchasing stock of any Spanish companies such as Telefonica, Endesa, ACS, Ferrovial, Iberdrola, Banco Santander, BBVA, etc. The applicant must prove that s/he holds stock in a Spanish company by means of a letter signed by his or her bank or trading (stock brokerage) company, which should be attested by a notary public and subsequently apostilled at the Secretary of State.</p> <p>One may also prove a special link to Spain with the following documentary evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) have a parent, grandparent or great grandparent with Spanish citizenship, (ii) speak Ladino (Judeo Spanish), (iii) lived in Spain for a few months, (iv) studied in Spain, (v) studied Spanish literature, Spanish culture or Spanish history when going through high school, undergraduate or graduate studies, (vi) own any asset (e.g. a house, stock) in Spain. <p>If any of the above-referenced ways of obtaining a second proof of special link to Spain are too complicated, one may make a monetary donation to a Spanish NGO. The applicant must get a certificate signed by the president and secretary of said Spanish NGO, so as to prove the applicant's donation and special link to Spain.</p>
<p>Certificate of having passed the CCSE (Spanish culture) test</p>	
<p>Certificate of having passed the DELE Level A-2 (Spanish language test)</p>	
<p>Payment of the 100 euro-Spanish Government filing fee by</p>	<p>The 100-euro Spanish Government Filing Fee Form 790-026 may be downloaded at</p>

taking Form 790-026 to any Spanish Bank prior to signing
your acta de notoriedad at the Notario's office in Spain

<http://www.mjusticia.gob.es/cs/Satellite/Portal/es/servicios-ciudadano/tramites-gestiones-personales/formulario>