

RESIDENCE VISAS FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES – Nuns and Members of Male Religious Congregations

Nuns – meaning those who have already presented their religious vows- and members of male religious congregations, seminarians, priests and members of other recognized religious groups included in the Register of the Ministry of Justice, who wish to enter a Monastery or a Convent in Spain or perform religious activities there, must apply for a residence visa with exemption of the work permit.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- **Application form**, hand-written or typed, in CAPITAL LETTERS, duly completed and signed
- **One recent photograph**, 4 x 5 cm, in colour but on a plain white background without shadows showing full front face, and both ears, preferably without spectacles, and with no hat nor scarf nor sunglasses.
- **Passport** or travel document, valid for a minimum of 3 months after expiry of the visa.
- Previous passports if any
- **Kenyan ID card**, Kenyan resident permit, or re-entry stamp in passport of Non-Kenyan valid minimum 3 months after expiry of the visa.
- **Duly legalized Medical Certificate** laboratory results attached stating that : "This medical certificate guarantees that Mr./Mrs./Ms. XXXX does not suffer from any disease that may constitute a serious danger to public health as stated in the International Health Regulations of 2005". (Original and a copy). This certificate must first be authenticated by the Medical Practitioners' Board and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kenya.
- **Valid Good Conduct Certificate**, from the Country of *origin or from* the Countries in which the applicant has resided during the previous 5 years. This certificate must be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kenya.
- **Academic Certificates** Legalized by the Ministry of Education as well as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- **Letter from the Bishop and Congregation in Spain and Kenya**
- Letter from Ministerio de Justicia
 1. If the applicant has taken his/her final vows this certificate will be a confirmation that they are registered members of the community.
 2. If the applicant is has not taken his/her final vows this certificate will be a confirmation that the Congregation is registered in Spain.
- **Certificado de Verificación de Libertad Religiosa:** a certificate which the Congregation in Spain should apply for in the Subdirección General de Libertad Religiosa.
- **Application for residence authorization with work permit exemption** (Solicitud autorización residencia con excepción permiso de trabajo) (Form EX09)

- Fill in the form **Modelo 790-052** and make the requisite payment of Kshs 1,421 for 2023 in cash on the day of the appointment at the Embassy.
- Proof of payment of the residence authorization application fee with the mechanical validation that accredits the payment.

The Consular Section reserves the right to request any additional documents and information it may consider necessary.

GRANTING OF THE VISA

The decision for granting the work visa corresponds to the Spanish Authorities that will inform this Consular Section of its decision to grant or deny the visa, within **three months**.

The applicant should personally collect his passport within a maximum of one month from the date this Embassy communicates the decision regarding the granting of the visa.

VISA fee: Kshs. 10,394

Legalization fees per document to be legalized: Kshs. 973

Form Modelo 790-052 Kshs. 1,421

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