



Medical PG in Spain

STEP 1

Learn Spanish language

- **Language Proficiency:** Achieving a high level of Spanish proficiency is essential, as the MIR exam and subsequent training are conducted in Spanish.
- **Cultural Adaptation:** Familiarizing oneself with Spain's healthcare system and cultural nuances can enhance integration and performance during residency.

Spanish Public Univ.

Instituto Cervantes
Accredited Centre

Official certification

DELE B2 / C1 is required

Accelerated Spanish Program

Complete Language & Culture immersion

900 Hours of Spanish course

Includes- Intensive Spanish + DELE Prep +
Specialization Course for Doctors

Classes per week - 20 hours / week

Levels covered - A1 to B2

STEP 2

MBBS Degree Recognition

While learning Spanish language , it is required to apply for the recognition of your MBBS degree in Spain.

Documents required

- Apostilled MBBS Degree with translation into Spanish
- Apostilled MBBS Marksheet with translation into Spanish
- Passport with minimum 1 year validity
- B2/C1 level DELE Certificate in Spanish language

MBBS Recognition result

- 6 months to up to 3 years

STEP 3

MIR Exam

In Spain, medical specialization is done through the **MIR (Médico Interno Residente) system**. It is a competitive exam that determines placement in medical residency programs across Spanish hospitals.

- **A National level test Mandatory for everyone**

Aspiring residents must pass the national MIR exam

- **MIR Exam Structure**

- **Format:** 210 multiple-choice questions (MCQs). Of these, 200 are scored, and 10 serve as reserve questions. Each question presents five answer options.
- **Scoring:** Correct answers earn 3 points, while incorrect responses result in a deduction of 1 point. Unanswered questions neither add nor subtract points.
- **Content:** The exam encompasses a broad range of medical topics, often framed as clinical case scenarios.

STEP 4

Selection process after MIR

1. MIR Exam Results and Ranking

After the MIR exam, each candidate receives:

Raw Score: Based on correct and incorrect answers.

Weighted Score:

- 90% MIR exam score
- 10% Academic record (expediente académico)

3. Choosing a Specialty and Hospital

Candidates select their residency spot based on their ranking. The higher the rank, the greater the choice of hospitals and specialties. Selection happens in rounds, and once a specialty is filled, no further candidates can choose it.

5. Formalities After Selection

Once a candidate selects a spot:

They sign a contract with the assigned hospital.

Must process necessary paperwork (residency visa for non-EU).

Residency officially starts around May.

2. Cut-off and Eligibility

Minimum Score: Candidates must meet the cut-off score (35% of the mean of the top 10 scores). Those below the cut-off are disqualified from the selection process.

4. Quotas for Non-EU Candidates

Limited Spots: Non-EU candidates have a numerus clausus (quota limit).

In 2024, 526 spots were reserved for non-EU candidates. The last non-EU candidate securing a spot had a ranking of 7,999.

6. What Happens if a Candidate Doesn't Get a Spot?

If a candidate's ranking is too low, they may not get their desired specialty.

If no spots remain, they must retake the exam the next year.

FACTS

Medical Residency

1. Residency Cost

- **Tuition Fees:** €0 (Residency is part of the public healthcare system and does not require payment).
- **Administrative Fees:** Some minor administrative fees (e.g., university registration for research-oriented programs) may apply in certain cases.

2. Salary of Residents

MIR residents are salaried employees.

The salary depends on:

- **Year of Residency:** The salary increases each year.
- **Hospital Location:** Salaries may vary slightly by region.
- **On-Call Shifts (Guardias):** Residents earn extra for night and weekend shifts.

3. Start of Residency (R1)

- Residency begins with a supervised training period in their chosen specialty.
- Residents are paid during training (salary depends on shifts and year of training).
- The residency lasts 4 to 5 years depending on the specialty.

4. Additional Costs

- **Living Expenses:** Rent, food, and transport costs vary by city. Madrid and Barcelona are more expensive, while smaller cities are more affordable.
- **Study Materials:** Some candidates invest in MIR preparation courses (ranging from €2,000 to €5,000) before taking the exam.

Estimated Salary Range for MIR Residents

Year	Base Salary (Annual)	With On-Call Shifts (Approx.)
R1 (First Year)	€14,000 – €17,000	€20,000 – €25,000
R2-R5 (Later Years)	€18,000 – €22,000	€25,000 – €30,000

FACTS

Results MIR 2024 - Non European

Quota for Non-EU Candidates: The Spanish Ministry of Health allocated 526 residency positions specifically for non-EU candidates in 2024.

Overall Participation:

Total Candidates: 12,721 medical graduates took the MIR exam in 2024.

Non-EU Candidates:

Applicants: 2,832 non-EU medical graduates applied for the MIR exam.

Admitted to Exam: 2,066 of these applicants were admitted to sit for the exam.

Exam Attendance: 1,811 non-EU candidates attended the exam.

Passed Cut-off: 1,562 non-EU candidates surpassed the exam's cut-off score, making them eligible for the residency selection process.

Percentage of Non-EU Candidates Securing Residency:

Success Rate: **Of the 1,562 non-EU candidates who passed the cut-off, 526 secured residency positions.** This equates to approximately 33.7% of eligible non-EU candidates obtaining a residency spot.

WORKING WITHOUT MIR?

Non-European medical graduates can pursue medical careers in Spain **without** completing the **Médico Interno Residente (MIR)** program **if you have:**

Recognized MBBS Degree:

- Ensure your medical degree is officially recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Education through the MBBS recognition process.

DELE B2/C1 Spanish Language Proficiency:

- While a B2 level in Spanish is commendable, some institutions or regions may require a C1 level of proficiency.

Registration with Medical Authorities:

- After MBBS recognition and language certification, register with the Colegio Oficial de Médicos (Official Medical College) in the region where you intend to practice. This registration is mandatory for all practicing physicians in Spain.

Employment Opportunities:

- Private Sector: You can work as a general practitioner in private clinics or hospitals. However, without completing the MIR, access to specialist roles in the public healthcare system is restricted.

WAITING FOR MBBS? RECOGNITION?

While you wait for your MBBS Recognition result you can do the following:

Learn Spanish

- 1 year Spanish program
- Achieve DELE B2/C1 Certification

Work permit

30 hour per week work permit during Master's Degree

Student permit extension through a Masters degree

- Master Degree in Clinical Medicine or Hospital Management
- MIR Exam preparation

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FEES AND EXPENSES

Euro 12500

Programs and Services included:

- Intensive Spanish course (788 hours) at Public University
- DELE Exam Preparation course (32 hours) at Public University
- Spanish for medical purpose (80 hours) at Public University
- Homologation Application of MBBS Degree (Apostille & Translation fees are not included)
- 1 year Spanish Health Insurance
- Spain Study Visa application guidance
- Student Arrival Services in Spain (Airport pick up, Spanish SIM, Digital Spanish Bank Account, Townhall Registration and TRC card support)
- Master's degree in Clinical Medicine / Hospital Management
- MIR Exam Preparation (duration 10+ months)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Total program fee: Euro 12500

The program fee is paid in 3 parts

1. Before the Study visa application= Euro 5500
2. After the Study visa is granted= Euro 2500
3. Before July 2026= Euro 4500

Refund is possible only in case of study visa rejection

- Refund is processed in 30 working day
- The full fee is refunded after deducting Euro 500 for administrative fee
- For requesting the refund, the student has to share within 5 days of receiving the visa rejection letter duly stamped and signed by the Consulate / Embassy of Spain



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