

The Pathway to Medical Residency in Spain

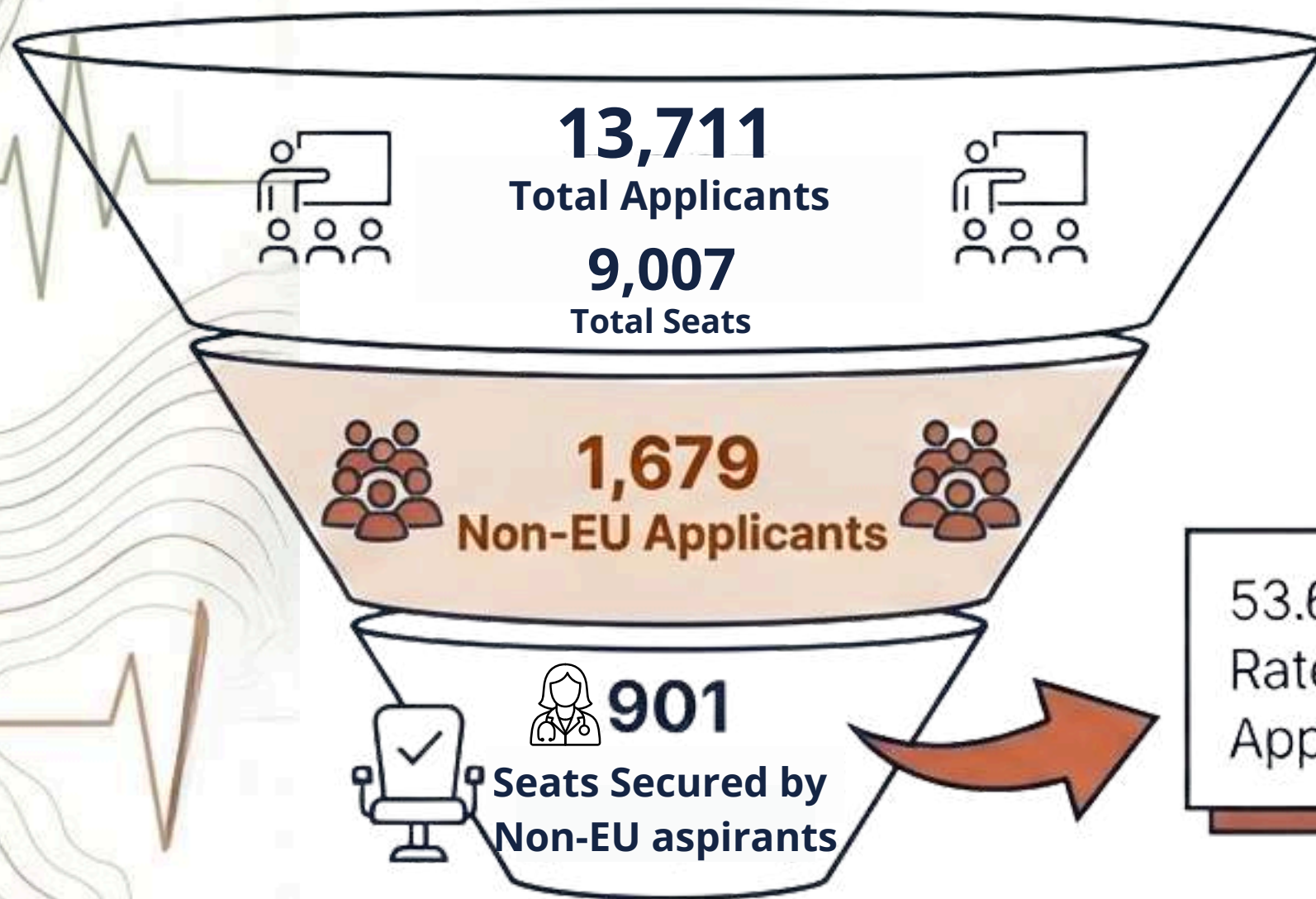
A Strategic Guide for International MBBS Graduates to the MIR System



STUDY 
SPAIN

Prepared by Study in Spain Guide

MIR Exam Results 2025



53.6% Success Rate for Non-EU Applicants in 2025

Trend: 928 seats already confirmed for the 2026 MIR.

Rank	Nationality	Medical School
1	Russia	Pavlov First State Medical University
2	Spain	Spanish University
3	Spain	Spanish University
4	Russia	Pavlov First State Medical University
5	Argentina	Universidad de Buenos Aires
6	Spain	Spanish University
7	Spain	Spanish University
8	Spain	Spanish University
9	Argentina	Universidad Católica de Córdoba
10	Spain	Spanish University

- No Cut offs, based on the Rank in MIR
- Only 19 Candidates failed MIR 2025 because they scored below Zero

Medical Residency in Spain

Earn, Learn & Settle



€0 Tuition

Residency training is free. From Day 1 (R1), you are a salaried employee, not a tuition-paying student.



~€32k to ~€46k

Earn While You Learn. With 'Guardias' (On-call)
R1: Up to ~€32,000/year



Gateway to EU & UK

Full access to practice medicine across the European Union + Path to Permanent Residence.

Salary during Medical Residency

Guardias drive a consistente upward Financial trajectory

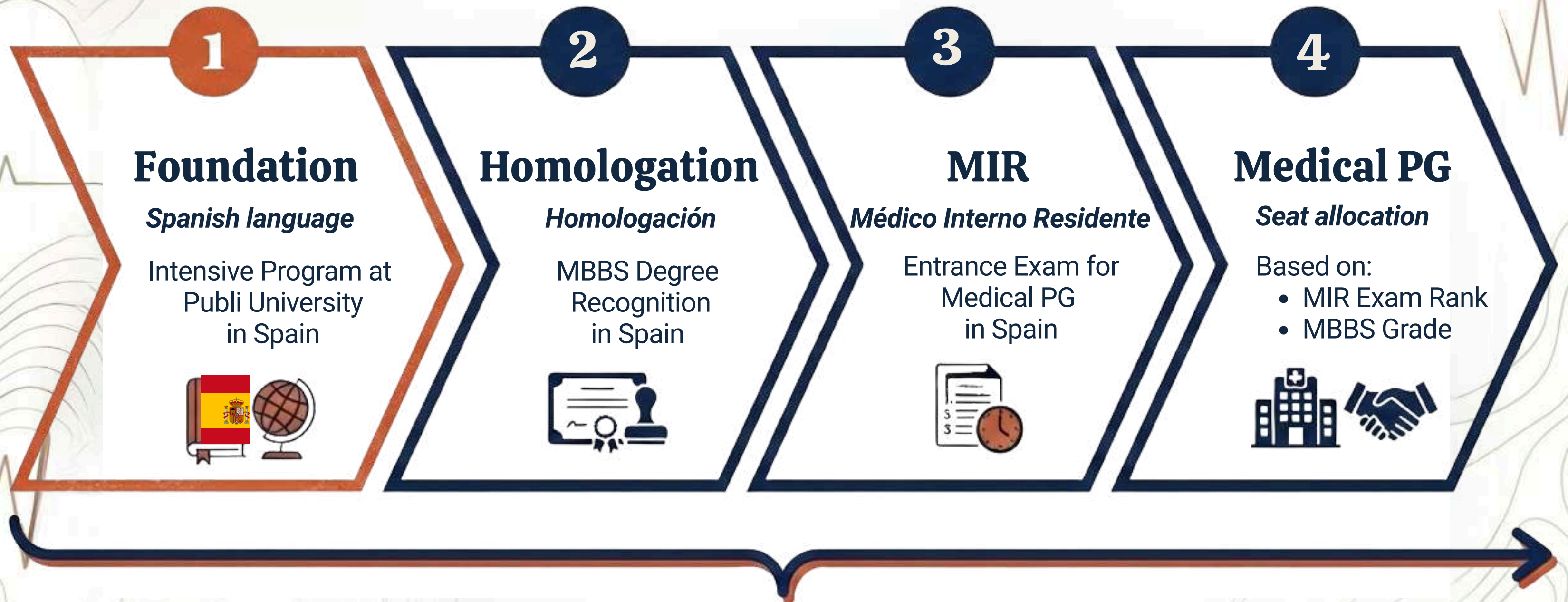
Monthly Net Progression by Residency Stage



Guardias significantly increase monthly take-home pay at every residency stage.

The Roadmap

Foundation to Residency



Estimated Timeline: 12 to 24 Months prep before MIR Eligibility

Step 1: Foundation

Spanish Language, Culture & Clinical Immersion

Intensive Spanish Program for MIR

Public University program in Spain

Intakes: September & January

Duration: 1 year (900 hours of classes)

Class intensity: 4 hours everyday (Mon-Fri)

Intensive Spanish Program structure:

- Spanish language course (A1, A2, B1 & B2 Levels) - 788 hours
- Spanish course for Doctors - 80 hours
- DELE B2 Level Exam Preparation Course - 32 hours

DELE is the Official Certification of Spanish language.

DELE B2 is an obligatory document for MBBS degree recognition in Spain.



Diplomas de
Español como
Lengua
Extranjera

*DELE B2 level Proficiency
is a must. It is the Key
for your MBBS degree
recognition.*

Spanish is Easy for English speakers!

Shared Vocabulary • Simple Pronunciation • Logical Grammar

Similar words (Cognates)

Around 40% of words are similar

Importante
Diferente
Posible
Familia
Cultura

Learning Spanish is FUN!

Embarazado
Constipado
Carpeta
Éxito
Fábrica

Spanish is Phonetic

Fiesta	Fi-es-ta
Amigo	A-mi-go
Enemigo	E-ne-mi-go
Suplmento	Sup-le-men-to

Easy Patterns

1. -tion → -ción

Information → Información
Infection → Infección

2. -logy → -logía

Biology → Biología
Cardiology → Cardiología

3. -ity → -idad

Activity → Actividad
University → Universidad

Gender: Easier Than It Looks

Words ending in -o → Masculine

Words ending in -a → Feminine

Examples:

Amigo / Amiga
Doctor / Doctora

Sentence Structure is Familiar

English: I eat apples

Spanish: Yo como manzanas

Similar Medical Terms

General Clinical Patient Paciente Doctor Doctor	Diseases Diabetes Diabetes Cancer Cáncer	Anatomy Artery Arteria Abdomen Abdomen	Pharmacology Medication Medicación Vaccine Vacuna	Procedures Analysis Análisis Radiology Radiología
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Medical Spanish is Recognition, Not Memorization

Specialties	[-logy] → [-logía]	Cardiology → Cardiología Neurology → Neurología
Diseases	[-tion] → [-ción]	Infection → Infección Inflammation → Inflamación
Diagnostics	[-sis] → [-sis / -ico]	Diagnosis → Diagnóstico Analysis → Análisis
Anatomy	[Identical Root]	Abdomen → Abdomen Muscle → Músculo

Step 2: Homologation

MBBS recognition application documents



DELE B2



MBBS Degree
Transcript



MBBS Syllabus



Internship &
Registration

- **When the application is submitted?**

As soon as you start the Intensive Spanish program.

- **How much time does the homologation takes?**

1 to 2 years. The application gets processed further with DELE B2 certificate is submitted.

- **How much time the DELE B2 certification can take?**

10 months to 1 year. It depends on your Spanish language learning curve and preparation.

Homologation Application Outcomes

For International Medical Graduates

The Spanish authorities evaluate your medical degree and issue one of the following outcomes.

HOMOLOGATION OUTCOMES



1. FULL HOMOLOGATION (FAVORABLE)

- ✓ Your degree is equivalent to the Spanish medical degree.
- ✓ You can register with the Medical Council (Colegio de Médicos).
- ✓ You can work as a doctor in Spain.
- ✓ You can apply for the MIR exam to become a Medical Specialist.



2. PARTIAL HOMOLOGATION (CONDITIONAL)



Why partial?

There are significant differences in training (content, duration or clinical practice).



Is internship/additional training required?

Yes, if there are gaps in clinical training or core subjects. You must complete the required training or pass the Competency Test.



After fulfilling requirements, you can get Full Homologation.



3. UNFAVORABLE (NOT RECOGNIZED)

Why rejected?

- Degree from an institution not recognized by the competent authority in your country.
- Not an official medical degree (e.g., diploma, provisional certificate).
- Substantially different curriculum that does not meet minimum requirements.
- Fraudulent, false or incomplete documentation.



You cannot work as a doctor in Spain or apply for MIR.



IMPORTANT

Processing time: usually 6–12 months (varies).
All outcomes are official and communicated in writing.



KEY DOCUMENTS

- MBBS Degree Certificate
- Transcript / Mark sheets
- Syllabus / Curriculum
- Passport & ID
- Other supporting documents (if required)



MBBS Homologation Results

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Exp. núm: 2022-01064/1

Partially Approved

Madrid, 22 de enero de 2025
Audiencia a la interesada

En relación con el expediente de homologación de su título de Médico Cirujano, obtenido en la Universidad de San Martín de Porres, Lima (Perú), al título español que habilita para el ejercicio de la profesión de Médica, le comunico que el órgano técnico (Agencia Nacional de Evaluación de la Calidad y Acreditación, ANECA) en el ejercicio de la función de emisión de informes respecto de los expedientes de homologación de títulos extranjeros de educación superior que dan acceso a la profesión regulada de Médico ha determinado, con carácter general: **"cuando el título extranjero que se pretende homologar haya sido obtenido antes de los 6 últimos años previos a la fecha de presentación de la solicitud, se deberá solicitar la aportación por el interesado de los documentos acreditativos del ejercicio profesional y la formación continuada del solicitante, de, al menos, 3 años dentro de los 5 últimos."**

En caso de que no se pueda acreditar el extremo anterior, el mismo órgano ha adoptado el siguiente informe general: **"En relación con los expedientes de medicina en los que no se pueda acreditar la experiencia profesional requerida en condiciones de ejercicio como médico autónomo y no asociado o tutelado, o que no se cuente con la información suficiente que permita acreditar su formación continuada, se acuerda, como informe general, que la comprobación de que se reúnen las competencias de un profesional en la medicina se realizará con la superación, en cualquier universidad española, de los requisitos formativos complementarios que se señalan a continuación:**

- ✓ Una prueba de aptitud que consistirá en las materias correspondientes a los módulos de la Orden ECI/332/2008, de 13 de febrero, por la que se establecen los requisitos para la verificación de los títulos universitarios oficiales que habiliten para el ejercicio de la profesión de médico, siguientes:

- Medicina Social, Habilidades de Comunicación e Iniciación a la Investigación
- Formación Clínica Humana
- Procedimientos Diagnósticos y Terapéuticos

Dado que del examen de la documentación obrante en su expediente no se observa el cumplimiento de dicho requisito, se le comunica de conformidad con el artículo 82 de la Ley 39/2015, de 1 de octubre, del Procedimiento Administrativo Común de las Administraciones Públicas (B.O.E. de 2 de octubre), para que en el plazo de 15 días, por escrito, pueda efectuar las alegaciones que estime oportunas y, en su caso, presentar los documentos y justificantes que considere pertinentes a través del Registro de este Departamento o por cualquiera de los medios previstos en el artículo 16 de la citada Ley. Transcurrido el plazo previsto sin que se hayan formulado alegaciones o presentado nuevos documentos, se resolverá el expediente en el sentido previsto en los informes generales indicados.

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Approved

De conformidad con lo dispuesto en el *Real Decreto 967/2014, de 21 de noviembre, por el que se establecen los requisitos y el procedimiento para la homologación y declaración de equivalencia a titulación y a nivel académico universitario oficial y para la convalidación de estudios extranjeros de educación superior, y el procedimiento para determinar la correspondencia a los niveles del marco español de cualificaciones para la educación superior de los títulos oficiales de Arquitecto, Ingeniero, Licenciado, Arquitecto Técnico, Ingeniero Técnico y Diplomado (BOE de 22 de noviembre)*, la Sra. Ministra ha acordado con esta misma fecha:

Que el título de Médico Cirujano, obtenido en la Universidad de San Martín de Porres, Lima (Perú) por Dª. [redacted], nacida el 24 de noviembre de 1983, de nacionalidad peruana, quede **homologado** al título universitario oficial español de grado que habilita para el ejercicio de la profesión de Médica, con los mismos efectos de éste en todo el territorio nacional.

En su virtud, esta Subdirección General de Títulos y Ordenación Universitaria expide la presente **credencial**, que acredita los efectos de dicha homologación desde su fecha de expedición.

Madrid, 9 de mayo de 2025

EL SUBDIRECTOR GENERAL

Luis Hernández Ruiz

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Active Homologation waiting Strategy

How to utilize the waiting time productively

1st year

Move to Spain (Study visa with 30h/week permit) > Intensive Spanish > Homologation Application

2nd year

Waiting for Homologation > Master's / MIR preparation > Extend Study permit with 30h/week

1. Pathway to Future Residence:

Switch from Student permit to Residency & work permit after Master's.

2. Professional Networking:

It is the best way to build a professional network and understand the internal workings of the SNS (Sistema Nacional de Salud) before starting your residency.

Step 3: The MIR Exam Format



MIR Eligibility

- DELE B2 certificate
- Credential of Homologation of MBBS Degree



210 Multiple Choice Questions: 200 scored & 10 are for reserve)

MIR exam Application
August /September

Exam happens in
January every year



Marking

Correct: +3 Points
Incorrect: -1 Point
Unanswered: 0 Points

1. En un adolescente de 17 años con dolor de rodilla de tres meses de evolución, antecedente de traumatismo leve y esta radiografía, ¿cuál de las siguientes entidades debe considerarse en el diagnóstico diferencial según la clínica y la imagen radiográfica (IMAGEN 1)?:

1. Osteosarcoma.
2. Osteomielitis subaguda.
3. Osteocondritis disecante.
4. Tumor de células gigantes.



3. Ingresa una paciente de 83 años para tratamiento de aneurisma de aorta abdominal de 50mm de diámetro, por crecimiento rápido en los últimos 6 meses. Entre sus antecedentes destaca: hipertensión arterial, dislipemia..., (IMAGEN 3). ¿Cuál es el diagnóstico más probable?:

1. Isquemia mesentérica aguda.
2. Isquemia mesentérica crónica.
3. Isquemia mesentérica no oclusiva.
4. Colitis isquémica.



Medical Specialties in Spain (MIR)

5-Year Specialties: High Complexity • Surgical • Advanced Clinical

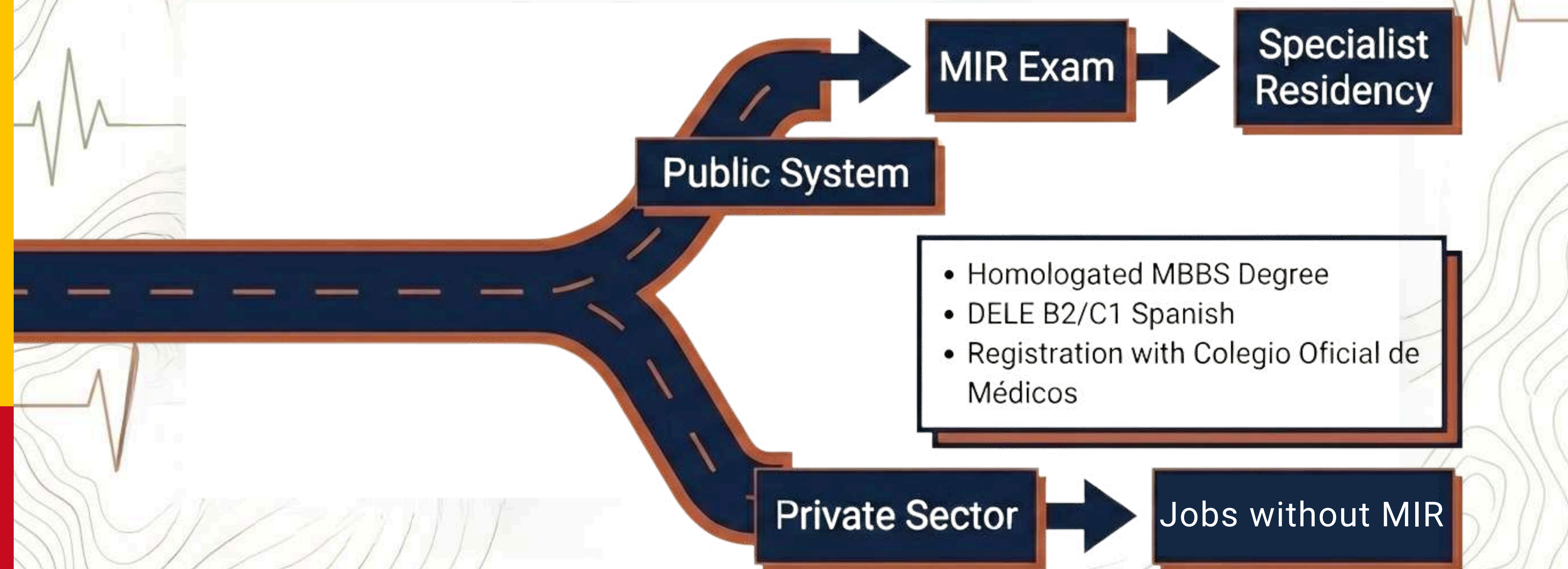
Category	Specialties
Surgical	General Surgery, Cardiovascular Surgery, Oral & Maxillofacial, Orthopedics & Traumatology, Pediatric Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Neurosurgery
Medical	Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Hematology, Internal Medicine, Nephrology, Pulmonology, Neurology, Oncology (Medical & Radiation), Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Urology
Critical Care	Intensive Care Medicine (ICU)

4-Year Specialties: Clinical • Diagnostic • Primary Care

Category	Specialties
Primary Care	Family & Community Medicine
Medical	Endocrinology & Nutrition, Geriatrics, Rheumatology, Rehabilitation, Allergology, Dermatology
Diagnostic / Lab	Radiology, Pathology, Clinical Analysis, Biochemistry, Immunology, Microbiology, Clinical Pharmacology
Surgical / Other	Anesthesiology, Vascular Surgery, Ophthalmology, ENT, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Occupational Medicine, Preventive Medicine

Plan B: In case of NO Seat after MIR Exam

Even if you don't get a MIR Seat, if you have DELE B2/C1 certificate & Successful Homologation, you can work in Spain.



Working without MIR



Having your medical degree recognized in Spain (Homologación) gives you academic recognition, but without passing the MIR exam you **cannot practice as a doctor independently**.



The following job options are legal, realistic and do not require MIR. They involve non-independent or non-clinical roles where you can build a successful career.

WHAT YOU CAN DO – LEGAL & REALISTIC JOB OPTIONS WITHOUT MIR

1



HEALTH INSURANCE & MEDICAL EVALUATION

- Medical Advisor
- Claims Assessor
- Case Reviewer
- Disability Evaluator (INSS / Mutuas)

High demand, stable roles with no patient treatment responsibility.

2



PHARMACEUTICAL & HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY

- Medical Science Liaison (MSL)
- Pharmacovigilance Associate
- Clinical Research Associate (CRA)
- Medical Information Specialist

Excellent growth opportunities in pharma, biotech, and healthcare companies.

3



CLINICAL RESEARCH & ACADEMIA

- Research Assistant / Coordinator
- Clinical Trials Staff (non-investigator roles)
- University research projects

Work in research and clinical trials. Principal Investigator roles usually require specialization.

4



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH (MEDICINA DEL TRABAJO)

- Company Doctor (with additional diploma often required)
- Univerple Health Evaluator

Work in companies to promote and assess employee health.

5



MEDICAL WRITING, DOCUMENTATION & AUDITING

- Medical Writer
- Clinical Documentation Specialist
- Medical Auditor
- Scientific Content Creator

Ideal if you have strong communication skills and attention to detail.

6



NGOs, PUBLIC HEALTH & ADMINISTRATION

- Medical Coordinator (non-clinical)
- Program Officer (Health Projects)
- Public Health Support Roles

Contribute to community health, humanitarian programs and public health initiatives.

7



TEACHING & TRAINING (LIMITED SCOPE)

- Basic sciences teaching
- Healthcare training programs
- Coaching (exam preparation, medical Spanish, etc.)

University level teaching usually requires Master's/PhD.

8



OTHER POSSIBLE ROLES

- Healthcare Administration
- Medical Records Management
- Quality & Compliance Roles in Healthcare

Support roles in hospitals, clinics, companies and institutions.



TWO CAREER PATHS

1

CLINICAL PATH (Requires MIR)



2

NON-MIR CAREER PATH



KEY REQUIREMENTS

Homologación (Degree recognized)



Spanish Language Proficiency (B2-C1)



Colegiación (Medical College Registration)



Relevant Skills, Experience & Continuous Learning



IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

Without MIR, you cannot hold full clinical responsibility or practice medicine independently in Spain.

The Pathway to Medical Residency in Spain

A step-by-step roadmap for international medical graduates to enter the Spanish MIR system.



PREPARATION AND PAPERWORK

900
HOURS OF
LANGUAGE
IMMERSION



Achieving DELE B2/C1 proficiency is mandatory for exam eligibility and patient safety.



DEGREE HOMOLOGACIÓN

The essential process of recognizing an international MBBS degree, which can take 6-24 months.



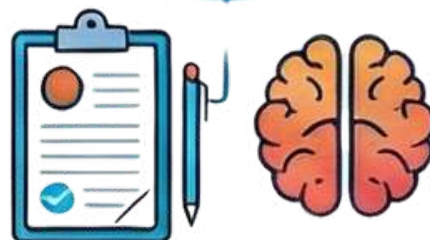
STUDENT WORK RIGHTS

Candidates can obtain a 30 hour weekly work permit during their Master's degree or MIR prep.



THE MIR EXAM AND CAREER GROWTH

90%
weightage



Your rank depends 90% on the 210-question MIR exam and 10% on academic records

901 SEATS FOR NON-EU DOCTORS

10% of total 2025 residency spots were specifically reserved for international medical graduates.



EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

Residency involves €0 tuition and a monthly salary starting from your first day.

RESIDENCY FINANCIAL PROGRESSION (ESTIMATED ANNUAL TOTAL)



R1
(FIRST YEAR)

R2 - RS
(LATER YEARS)

End-to-End Support

Medical PG Pathway Services

Academic

- Intensive Spanish course
- DELE B2 Prep Course
- Spanish for Doctors
- Master's Enrollment
- MIR Exam Prep Course

Logistics

- Spain Study Visa Support
- Apostilling of Documents
- Spanish Sworn Translation
- Spanish Health Insurance
- Homologation Assistance

In Spain

- Airport Pick Up & transfer
- SIM and Bank Account
- Public Transport Card
- Resident Registration
- Biometrics for TRC Card

From Enrollment to Arrival - We help you at each step of your Medical PG pathway Journey

Investment & Payment Structure

€5,500

Before Study Visa

Fee Includes

- 1 year Spanish course
- Medical Spanish course
- DELE B2 Preparation course
- 1-year Spanish health Insurance

€2,500

After Successful
Study Visa

Fee Includes

- Our Study visa support
- Homologation Assistance
- Student Arrival Services
- Pick up, Spanish SIM, Bank Account, Townhall Registration, Temporary Residence Card assistance.

After Spanish
Course

€4,500

For Master's /
MIR coaching

Fee Includes

- Master's program at Public University or MIR exam preparation course

Refund Policy: Risk-Free Visa Application. Full refund minus €500 admin fee strictly for visa rejection (rejection letter required within 5 days).

Enrollment Process

Public University Intensive Spanish Program for Doctors



Program Intakes
Starting dates →



9th September 2026



11th January 2027

1

Documents Required



Submit the following documents to initiate the process:

- Copy of Passport
- MBBS Degree
- MBBS Transcript

2

Offer Letter from Public University



After receiving your documents, the Offer Letter & Terms and Conditions are sent directly by the University to you (student) for starting the enrollment process.

3

Our support at each step



- ✓ Admission Assistance
- ✓ Spain Study Visa Documents Preparation
- ✓ Visa Appointment
- ✓ Visa Application
- ✓ Pre-Departure Assistance

4

After Successful Study Visa



Once your visa is granted, we help you here in Spain upon your arrival and with local documentation.

5

Support in Spain Upon Arrival



- ✓ Airport Arrival Support
- ✓ Local Documentation Guidance
- ✓ Residence Registration Assistance
- ✓ SIM Card & Bank Account Assistance
- ✓ Student Settlement Support

6

Start Your Intensive Spanish Program



Begin your Intensive Spanish Program at the Public University and take the first step towards your Medical PG journey in Spain.

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Your Medical Career in Spain Starts Here

*Expert guidance from application
to residency in Spain.*



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