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Spain's Digital Nomad Visa — The DIY Application Pack

Two routes, three consulates, one rulebook — checked line by line against official sources

Verified October 2026 · Includes 12 months of updates

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One law, many checklists. The sections below reproduce what each consulate's own telework page said on the verification stamp (2026-10-23). File to **your** consulate's version — the differences below are real and they are the kind that get fees wasted.

4.1 Washington D.C. (United States) — the fully-specified file

District: Washington D.C., Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina. Legal residents only; B1/B2 holders are expressly turned away ("must apply in their country of residence or origin").

- **Fees (from 1 January 2026; cash or money order; revised quarterly):** US citizens **\$190** · UK citizens **\$963** · citizens of Australia \$3,020 · Canada \$1,566 · Ethiopia \$546 · Mauritania \$282 · **all other citizens \$106**. If you are a UK citizen resident in the US, this table — not London's — is the one that will be applied to you.
- **Income (2026 SMI):** €2,442/month single (the page glosses ≈ \$2,900) · +€916 first family member · +€306 each additional.
- **Criminal record (the strictest spec in the US system):** FBI Identity History Summary only — *"We do not accept State or Local Police Background Check"* — covering your countries of residence for the past **2 years** (add a certificate for any other country where you spent more than 6 months in that period); issued within the **6 months** before filing; authenticated with the Hague Apostille, and the page underlines the detail that sinks files: **the Apostille must certify the signature on the criminal background check itself, not a notary's signature.**

Chapter 4 verified on 2026-10-23 against the official telework pages of the Consulates General of Spain in Washington D.C., San Francisco and London, and the UGE-CE documentation pages of the Ministry of Inclusion. Full source list in Chapter 12 of the pack.

Free preview — The opening of Chapter 4, *Spain's Digital Nomad Visa: The DIY Application Pack* (Tobywater Digital). The full pack covers both application routes (consulate and the in-Spain UGE filing), the SMI income rule dissected, all three consulates in this chapter, a document-by-document preparation guide with templates, the rejection clinic, timelines and the full cost table. Verified Oct 2026 · 12 months of updates included.