

Embassy of India

Madrid

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Subject: Advisory on obtaining Police Clearance Certificate (PCC) from India.

There two types of PCCs.

The first type of PCC is **PCC from India** which one may request directly from local **Police Authorities** in India, by giving an authority letter to his/her family member/friends who may obtain PCC on his/her behalf. After obtaining the PCC, it may be got apostilled from India (MEA/RPO). Then, if so required, one may request for Supplementary PCC from this Embassy (which will be in English & in Spanish) on the basis of original Apostilled PCC from India. The Embassy would not issue Supplementary PCC if the PCC from India, is older than **six months**.

Note: Before applying for attestation of the authority letter (by the applicant for obtaining PCC on his/her behalf), by the Embassy (if so required), the applicant is requested to check with concerned Authorities in India, whether they would accept such authorisation by the applicant. The Embassy has received feedback that in some cases, the authorities in India had not accepted this document.

The second type of PCC is **Consular PCC**, which one can request through Embassy. For that one need to complete application online and submit its print-out, along with requisite documents, to the Embassy, through VFS Global. Consular PCC will be only in English. Please note that this PCC could be issued by the Embassy, **only after receipt of the Police Clearance** from the concerned authorities in India.

The applicants are advised to check with the Spanish or concerned authorities as to which PCC they would accept before applying for the same. The Embassy has received feedback that in most of the cases, the Spanish Authorities do not accept Consular PCC and insist on PCC from Police Authorities from India.

One may send this application for PCC by post/courier to VFS or you may also submit at VFS Madrid/Barcelona centre with prior appointment.

For further details, please visit Embassy's website and VFS Global's website:

<https://www.eoimadrid.gov.in/useful-information.php>,

<https://www.vfsglobal.com/india/spain/index.html>