

education

Going to school is compulsory and free of charge in Andalusia for all children aged between 3 and 16

to apply for a school place

1. Applications for school places are made between 1 and 31 March by submitting the relevant forms directly to the school in question. If the deadline has passed, you can apply for a school place from the provincial education office.
2. You will have to fill in a set of forms and supply certain documents in order for your child to be admitted.
3. Once your child has been assigned a school place, you must send him or her to that school or you will have serious legal problems and could even lose custody.

It is not compulsory for children under 3 to go to school, although kindergartens and playschools are available in most towns. However, they are not free of charge (you have to pay to send your children there), but grants are available which you can apply for by asking for the relevant forms at one of the kindergartens or playschools and submitting the completed forms between 1 and 31 March.

IF YOU HAVE ANY TROUBLE WITH ANY OF THIS PROCEDURE, ASK FOR HELP FROM YOUR LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OR SPECIALISED ASSOCIATIONS. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO THE INTEGRATION UNITS.

IMPORTANT

IN ANDALUSIA, PRIMARY-SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS ARE SUPPLIED FREE OF CHARGE, PROVIDED THAT THEY ARE RETURNED IN GOOD CONDITION AT THE END OF EACH ACADEMIC YEAR. FOR OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOLS (KINDERGARTENS OR SECONDARY SCHOOLS) GRANTS (IN SPANISH, BECAS) ARE AVAILABLE, WHICH YOU CAN APPLY FOR FROM THE SCHOOL IN QUESTION.

Schools also provide other services, such as:

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: These are usually educational and cultural activities (such as dance, English, IT, drama, music, etc.) organised in the afternoons after normal school hours.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: At some schools there are dining rooms where children can have their midday meal.

PRE-CLASS ACTIVITIES: The possibility of taking your children to school between 7:30 and 9:00 am (when regular classes start), when they can take part in other educational activities.

RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

If you have qualifications from your country of origin and hold the corresponding certificates, you will have to apply for them to be officially recognised if you want them to be taken into consideration in Spain.

The procedure will vary depending on the qualifications that you have. For more information on your specific case, go to the Homologaciones office at your local national-government office (subdelegación del Gobierno), or visit the Ministry of Education website.

You can also get information on this matter from several associations offering various services or from your local social services department.

BASIC CONCEPTS

- **OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS (HOMOLOGACIÓN).**- A process to make qualifications acquired abroad comparable with Spanish qualifications.
- **PROVINCIAL EDUCATION OFFICES.**- The office to go to when applying for school places after the March deadline has passed or if your local school cannot answer any specific query you may have.
- **PARENTS ASSOCIATIONS (AMPAs).**- All parents with children at school can voluntarily join parents associations, which organise extra-curricular activities and defend the children's interests, and participate in the School Council (the body that governs each school).



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- **Almería Provincial Council (Diputación de Almería), Albox Unit Community Social Services Centre:**

Ctra. de la Estación s/n. 04800 Albox -Almería-
Tel.: 950 633 244

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Opening hours:

Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.



Fundación Municipal de Igualdad y Bienestar Social
Excmo. Ayuntamiento de Algeciras

- **Immigrants Service:**
Paseo de la Conferencia s/n. 11204 Algeciras - Cádiz -

Tel.: 956 58 71 75

956 58 70 72

Opening hours:

Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm



- **Almería Local Council (Ayuntamiento). Social Services Department:**

UTS. C/ Francisca Jiménez s/n 04003 Almería

Tel.: 950 271 477

Opening hours:

Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.



Ayuntamiento de Cartaya

- **Cartaya District Council (Ayuntamiento), Social Services, Migrant Workers and Immigrants Office:**

Barriada Blas Infante nº 6. 21450 Cartaya - Huelva-

Tel.: 959 392 477 478

Opening hours:

Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.



Ayuntamiento de Lepe

- **Lepe District Council (Ayuntamiento), Social Welfare Department (Bienestar Social):**

Avda. Arboleda, 7. 21440 Lepe - Huelva -

Tel.: 959 64 52 80

Opening hours:

Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.



- **Moguer District Council (Ayuntamiento), Social Services (Servicios Sociales), Municipal Immigration Service:**

c/ Daniel Vázquez Díaz, 4. 21800 Moguer

- Huelva -

Tel.: 959 37 18 37

Opening hours:

Monday-Friday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

(Wednesdays in Mazagón)



- **Mojonera District Council (Ayuntamiento), Social Services Centre:**

C/ Olivos 28. 04745 La Mojonera - Almería-

Tel.: 950 330 505

Opening hours:

Monday-Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



- **Roquetas de Mar District Council (Ayuntamiento), Municipal Immigration Office:**

Pza. de la Constitución, 1. 04740 Roquetas de Mar

-Almería-

Tel.: 950 339 717

950 338 542

Opening hours:

Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.



- **Vícar District Council (Ayuntamiento). Las Cabañuelas Social Centre:**

Pza. de Cervantes, s/n

04738 Vícar -Almería-

Tel.: 950 555 333

Opening hours:

Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.