

## Role and responsibilities of Guardians

The guardian (also referred as “tutor”, “academic or educational guardian”) must be a capable and reliable adult residing in Spain, duly appointed by the parents, who acts in their place as required, and who is entrusted with the responsibility to ensure the child’s adequate care, well-being and welfare while studying in Spain. The guardian should be residing within a reasonable distance from Madrid so as to be able to provide the necessary support.

Please note that **parents are not transferring the child’s legal custody to this type of guardian: the guardian only holds delegated, temporary parental responsibility for the child when parents cannot be present.** However, it is important to understand the **legal considerations of becoming a temporary guardian**, as well as any financial implications that accompany this responsibility. That is why, if parents/legal guardians do not have in Spain a family relative or friend that might act as guardian, it is highly advisable to name a trusted professional that might act as such.

The guardian’s designation must be executed by parents through a **notarized document** (called Power of Attorney) and must clearly specify what is expected of the guardian. There are quite a few **technical requirements** for completing a valid power of attorney. Furthermore, the agreement will need to **outline the extent of authority granted to the guardian** over the child’s care in terms that will be **compliant to expectations from the Spanish Authorities**. That is why it is highly recommended to consult an expert (immigration lawyer/attorney) when establishing this kind of temporary guardianship.

**For NON-EU/EEA/Swiss underage students**, to have a guardian appointed in Spain is a **CONDITION BEFORE APPLYING FOR THE STUDENT VISA and, ONCE IN SPAIN, a CONDITION TO OBTAIN THE STUDENT RESIDENCE PERMIT AND ITS RENEWAL.**

**For EU/EEA/Swiss underage students**, to have a guardian appointed in Spain is a **CONDITION BEFORE APPLYING FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A COMMUNITARIAN CITIZEN IN MADRID.**

The guardian will **REMAIN ON FILE WITH THE SPANISH POLICE & IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AS THE CHILD’S LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE** and therefore becomes the primary point of contact for any major emergency, accidents, or incidents.

The guardian is responsible to ensure that **the child remains with legal status at all times** while studying in Spain (keeping up the Student Residence Permit up to date and applying for extension in good time before permit expires/registering as a Communitarian citizen) and will **act on behalf of the parents in all immigration procedures** or in any procedure to be followed in Spain for which parental authority is required by law and/or under the guardianship notarized document.

## Do you need Guardianship services?

The Global College has a **collaboration agreement** with Mr. Gustavo Duguech, founder/Senior Partner at Duguech & Dip (<https://duguechdip.com/>), a **law firm in Spain specializing in relocation and immigration services, based in Madrid. Along side immigration services for EU and NON-EU students, the firm provides guardianship services.**

Thanks to this partnership, Mr. Duguech can support our families through providing a **comprehensive offering of services at special rates.**

Mr. Duguech has been collaborating with numerous families within our community in the past three years and, having had the privilege of working alongside him, we can only highly recommend him.

**Information on fees and contact details for Duguech & Dip can be found in this website under the section “Special Agreements”.**