

# Visa and residence permits

## Algerian nationals

## Planning your departure

To enter France to study or complete scientific research, it is generally necessary to obtain a visa, unless exempted. The type of visa required will depend on:

- Your nationality
- The length of your stay (less than 3 months, between 3 and 12 months, more than 12 months)
- The reason for your stay (study, research, teaching, a researcher, the family of a researcher, etc.)
- How your stay will be financed (employment contract in France, travel grant, etc.)

### PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION:

To find out your specific requirements, log on to the Université Paris-Saclay e-International Welcome Office app to get a personalised roadmap to prepare your move to France. <https://internationalsupport.universite-paris-saclay.fr/>

#### • Official website for your visa application to France:

<https://france-visas.gouv.fr>

#### • Main requirements for you and your family:

<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N19804>

### SPECIFIC VISAS

• **You are a student enrolled in a PhD programme in France:** if you are receiving funding from a foreign government grant or an international joint programme: you can retain 'Student' status for your visa OR receive the 'researcher' status. Get in touch with the relevant contact of your host institution in order to discuss the best option for you.

• **You are a researcher and you have an employment contract in France or you are a visiting researcher but remain employed by your home university:** your host institution (or your employing institution in France, if it is accredited) will issue you with a *Convention d'accueil d'un chercheur ou d'un enseignant étranger* (hosting agreement for a foreign researcher or teacher). This document must be presented when applying for a 'Passeport-Talent Chercheur' visa (Researcher-Talent passport) and be signed by consular authorities.

• **You are a researcher and have an employment contract in France:** You can ask for a 'Student' visa.

• **You are staying in a country of the European Union with a residence permit ('Student - mobility programme' or 'Researcher') and are coming to France within the framework of an intra-European mobility programme:** to check whether you can be exempt from a visa, contact your host institution in France as early as possible before your arrival.

See the 'Your contacts' section

TOURIST and INTERNSHIP visas cannot be extended or changed to another status. If you wish to extend your stay in France or start a PhD, you will have to return to your country of origin/residence to apply for a new visa.

## Upon arrival

• **If you have a short-stay visa (less than 3 months):** you do not have to take any further action.

• **If you have a Long Stay visa (VLS) with a 'Student' status and a 'residence permit to apply for within two months' (carte de séjour à solliciter dans les deux mois) :** as soon as you arrive in France, you must apply online for a 'Student' residence permit on the ANEF\* website <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/> See the [Campus France tutorial](#).

Keep your access codes to the platform somewhere safe. You will need them for any follow-up to your application and to renew your residence permit.

If you hold a 'Scientist-Researcher VLS' visa (*Scientifique-Chercheur VLS*): you must apply for an Algerian 'Scientist-Researcher VLS' residence permit within two months of your arrival on the [ANEF platform](#). See the [dedicated tutorial](#). You will receive a temporary residence document (*Attestation de décision favorable*) valid for 4 to 6 months while your application is being processed and your residence permit is being issued.

**Caution, this permit is valid for 1 year and will have to be renewed every year.**

### PLEASE NOTE

A French mobile phone number is required by the prefecture for any residence permit application.

## During your stay

### RENEWING YOUR RESIDENCE PERMIT

If you wish to remain in France after your residence permit runs out, you must apply for renewal of your residence permit **2 to 3 months before your current permit expires**. Get in touch with the contact person of your host institution to prepare your application.

For further details on the different procedures and documents required: <https://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/vie-de-campus/accueil-des-publics-internationaux/demarches-administratives/visa-et-titres-de-sejour>

• **You have an Algerian 'Student' Residence Permit which is about to expire, and your situation has not changed:** you can renew your 'Student' Residence Permit application on the [ANEF platform](#). For help on the online application, please see the [Campus France tutorial](#)

• **You have an Algerian 'Student' Residence Permit and wish to change your status (employment contract signed in France with a hosting agreement):** you can apply for a first Algerian residence permit as 'Scientist-Researcher' (*certificat de résidence algérien Scientifique-Chercheur*) on [the ANEF platform](#).

### PLEASE NOTE

It is not possible to return to STUDENT status after that, unless you return to your country of residence and re-apply for a full visa.

• **You have an Algerian 'Scientist-Researcher' (*certificat de résidence algérien Scientifique-Chercheur*) residence permit or a 'Scientist-Researcher' VLS-TS visa and your employment contract or stay (visiting researcher or scholarship holder) is extended:** a new hosting agreement will have to be issued by your host laboratory or institution. You can then apply on the [ANEF platform](#) for a new Algerian 'Scientist-Researcher' residence certificate. See the [dedicated tutorial](#)

### STUDENT STATUS AND WORKING TIME

With the student status, you can work a maximum of 50 % of the annual working time in the branch or profession concerned. If you want to undertake additional work, you must apply for a temporary work permit (APT) before starting your activity. Contact your employer to find out how to proceed.

## At the end of your stay

• **You are writing up your thesis and have a new employment contract** (extension of your previous contract or new employer): you can apply for a new 'Passeport-Talent Chercheur' residence permit upon presentation of your new hosting agreement.

• **You are completing your PhD and no longer have an employment contract and wish to claim unemployment:** please contact your Human Resources department to obtain your *Attestation pôle emploi* (employment certificate) on the last day of your contract and receive guidance on what to do next. You can either apply for an extension of your residence permit upon presentation of your declaration of registration to the Employment Centre, or apply for a RECE (job search/business creation) residence permit (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17319>) or an APS (Temporary Residence Permit) if you come from a country that has signed an agreement on migration flows with France (<https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/l-autorisation-provisoire-de-sejour-ou-aps>).



## PLEASE NOTE

RECE and APS cards are valid for one year and cannot be renewed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your main contact person in your laboratory or host institution. **Please see the 'Your contacts' section**

You can also contact the **Science Accueil association** to be guided through the process

## Useful information

### • How do I find out which Prefecture I belong to?

It depends on where you are living. To find out, you can look on your *département's* website

<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Le-ministere/Prefectures>

### • To renew your receipt (15 days before it expires), report a change of address or marital status, follow the procedure online here:

<http://invite.contacts-demarches.interieur.gouv.fr/Etrangers>

### • To pay the tax on residence permits with a fiscal stamp With some exceptions, every application for a visa or residence permit is subject to a fiscal stamp.

You can buy fiscal stamps at the tobacconist's (ask for an electronic fiscal stamp for residence permits for foreigners/ timbre fiscal électronique 'titre pour étrangers') or online on the ANEF website or the French tax authority website.

**Check the current rates.**

### • You are coming with your family

Look at the dedicated page on the Université Paris-Saclay website: <https://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/vie-de-campus/accueil-des-publics-internationaux/demarches-administratives/visa-et-titres-de-sejour/venir-avec-sa-famille>

## Terminology

**ANEF:** Administration Numérique pour les Étrangers en France (Online Administration for Foreigners in France) (<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>). Platform dedicated to the online application for residence permits. To date, this process only concerns student visas and residence permits.

**'Attestation de décision favorable':** temporary residence document issued after processing your application for a residence permit on the ANEF platform, which can take several weeks. This document allows you to stay regularly in France, to travel and, depending on your situation, to work.

**APS:** Autorisation Provisoire de Séjour (temporary residence permit)

**'Attestation pôle emploi':** a document issued by the Human Resources department of your employer, proving your status as an employee and stating the dates of your employment contract. It enables you to register on the list of jobseekers in France and to claim existing rights to unemployment benefits

**'Convention d'accueil':** official document issued by your host or employing institution. This document confirms your status as an academic, the purpose of your research and the dates of your stay in France. The agreement is equivalent to an authorisation to work in the region in the context of your research. The 'convention d'accueil' (hosting agreement) is required to apply for a visa or 'Passeport-Talent Chercheur' residence permit. The original document must be kept by the researcher for the duration of their stay.

**RECE = 'Recherche d'emploi/création d'entreprise'** (job search/business creation) residence permit

**'Récepissé'** = temporary residence document issued when you apply for a residence permit at the sous-prefecture. This allows you to stay regularly in France and, depending on your situation, to work.

**'Titre de séjour'** = official document confirming your right to reside in and, depending on your situation, to work in France. This plastified card is issued by the prefecture or sous-prefecture of your place of residence in France.

**VISA** = right of entry into France, issued by the French Embassy in your country of residence before you come to France.

**VLS** = 'Visa Long Séjour' (Long Stay Visa)

**VLS-TS** = 'Visa Long Séjour valant Titre de Séjour' (Long Stay Visa serving as Residence Permit)

