

Check list - what to pack

When you arrive in France, you will need to present various documents when dealing with the authorities. You will find a list of the essential documents below.

Make sure you have the original copy of your documents (for all family members if applicable). We suggest you photocopy all these documents and keep a digital version as well (scan).

PLEASE NOTE

Some documents must be 'apostilled' or 'authenticated' before your departure and translated. [Click for more information](#)

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

- Your passport
- Your visa (if applicable)
- Your birth certificate (original and sworn translation into French)
- Your marriage certificate (if applicable)
- Proof of income (employment contract) or proof of funding
- Proof of income for the previous year (payslips, tax forms)

DOCUMENTS REGARDING YOUR STUDY PERIOD OR RESEARCH STAY

- The acceptance certificate from your higher education institution or research organisation
- Language certificate(s) (French, English, etc.)
- Travel agreement if applicable
- Your qualifications
- PhD: academic transcripts for the last two years

MOVING IN

- Your printed accommodation certificate
- Documents required to move in
- Your driving licence (if applicable)
- The list and contact details of your contacts in France in paper format

INSURANCE AND HEALTH

- Your health and vaccination records
- If you are undergoing medical treatment: your prescription (original and French translation from your doctor)
- If you are registered for social security in a European country: your European Health Insurance Card
- If you are from Quebec: your SE401Q102bis or SE401Q106 form

EQUIPMENT

- Power adapters

