

VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMITS « RESEARCHER STATUS » (except for Algerians nationals ^(*))

If you are a national of a Member State of the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA), Andorra or Switzerland, you do not need a visa in France.

BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE	UPON YOUR ARRIVAL	DURING YOUR STAY
<p>To enter in France and carry out scientific research, it is generally necessary to obtain a visa.</p> <p>The type of visa required will depend on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Your nationality 2) The length of your stay (less than 3 months, between 3 and 12 months, more than 12 months) 3) The reason for your stay (studies, research, teaching, researcher, family of a researcher) 4) How your stay will be financed (employment contract in France, travel grant) <p>Official website for your visa application to France https://france-visas.gouv.fr/web/france-visas/</p> <p>Official website of the procedures for the entry of a foreigner in France https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N19804</p> <p>STATUS AND SPECIFIC VISAS</p> <p>- If 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 retain 'Student' status OR receive the 'Researcher' status for your visa The host institution will assess which option is the best for you.</p> <p>- If you are a researcher and you have an employment contract in France OR you are a visiting researcher but remain employed by your home institution OR you are a visiting researcher with a grant (minimal amount requested). Your host institution will issue you with an <u>agreement to host a foreign researcher or teacher</u> ('Convention d'accueil d'un chercheur ou d'un enseignant étranger'). This document must be presented when applying for a Researcher-Talent passport visa ('Passeport-Talent Chercheur') and be signed by French consular authorities in your place of residence.</p>	<p>- If you have a 3-month VCS short stay visa (less than 3 months), you do not have to take any further action.</p> <p>- If you hold a Researcher-Talent Passport long stay visa séjour (VLS) ('Visa long séjour (VLS) mention "Passport-Talent chercheur)'), you must <u>apply online for a residence permit within two months of your arrival on the ANEF website</u>.</p> <p>- If you hold a Long stay visa serving as a residence permit under the 'Researcher' status (VLS-TS) ('Visa long séjour valant titre de séjour (VLS-TS) mention "Chercheur)'), <u>within three months of your arrival in France, you must validate your visa on the ANEF website</u>.</p> <p>Official website of the ANEF https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/</p>	<p>If you wish to remain in France after your residence permit runs out, you must apply for a renewal between the 120th and 60th day before the expiry of the title, i.e. between the 4th and 2nd month. (article R431-5 1° du CESEDA) <i>n.b. :</i> * A request made between the 2nd month before expiry and the 6th month after expiry is now subject to the late fee of €180. * Any request made more than 6 months after the expiry of the residence permit will be rejected (art R 431-8 CESEDA).</p> <p>- You have a Student' residence permit and wish to change your status (employment contract in France with hosting agreement), you can apply for an initial 'Passeport-Talent Chercheur' residence permit on the ANEF website.</p> <p>- You have a Researcher-Talent Passport or a Long stay visa serving as a residence permit under the 'Researcher' status (VLS-TS) and your employment contract or stay (visiting researcher) is extended: a <u>new hosting agreement for foreign researcher or teacher</u> ('Convention d'accueil d'un chercheur ou d'un enseignant étranger') will have to be issued by your host institution. You can then apply to renew your 'Passeport-Talent Chercheur' residence permit on the ANEF website.</p>

(*) Algerian researchers (or PhD students) cannot use the ANEF tele-procedure to apply for/renew their residence permit. They will continue to submit their request by post OR by booking an appointment with the prefectural services according to their residence area. In the case of the prefecture of Seine-Maritime, you must consult the page of appointment: <https://www.seine-maritime.gouv.fr/Prendre-un-rendez-vous-en-ligne>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

□ **How do I find which prefecture I belong to?**

It depends on where you are living.

To find out, you can consult

<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 process online 'Saisine des services de l'Etat par voie électronique'

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

TERMINOLOGY

□ **ANEF** [Administration Numérique pour les Étrangers en France] = Platform dedicated to the online application for residence permits.

<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/>

□ **Hosting agreement** [*Convention d'accueil d'un chercheur ou d'un enseignant étranger*] = 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 France within the framework 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.

□ **Resident permit** [*Titre de séjour*] = Official document confirming your right to reside in and, depending on your situation, to work in France. This residence permit is issued by the 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 enter in France.

□ **VLS** [*Visa Long séjour*] = Long stay visa

□ **VLS-TS** [*Visa Long Séjour valant Titre de Séjour*] = Long stay visa serving as residence permit)