

Checklist for long-stay visa - Studies

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Please note that students must submit 2 copies of each document at the visa center VFS Global

1. <u>Long stay visa application Form</u>: first, you will need to register on <u>France visas</u> website and fill in your personal information. Once you complete your file, the website will generate a long-stay visa application form filled out with your information.

Make sure you complete the right form, since there are two types of France visa application forms, one for short stays and the other for long stays.

2. Two recent passport-size photographs with a white background, not stapled. Full face; no face cover that prevent the visibility of facial features.

3. Original passport:

- Valid for at least 15 months starting from the beginning of the study program.
- Containing at least two adjacent blank pages and issued within the last 10 years.
- 4. **A copy of the passport** front page and all relevant pages containing previous Schengen, UK, US, Canada visas with immigration stamps within the last 5 years.
- 5. A copy of a valid UAE residency visa.

6. **Proof of academic status:**

- The original + a copy of the last completed degree (high school diploma, bachelor, master or PHD degree). If you still haven't received the official degree, you may provide the most updated/predicted marksheets.
- The acceptance letter from the French university.
- A copy of the deposit receipt (if the deposit has been made to the university).

7. **Proof of financial means:**

If you are a self-funded

- Salary certificate.
- *The bank statement of the last 3 months.
- If self-employed, trade licence of the company.

If you are sponsored

- A copy of the sponsor's passport & residency visa.
- *Financial guarantee letter signed by the sponsor stating the readiness to cover the costs for the period of stay, accompanied by the bank statement of the last 3 months & the salary certificate.

If you are scholarship holder

- Scholarship letter.

*Kindly note that applicants must have in their/the sponsor's bank account the total amount that will cover their stay for at least the first year following their arrival to France which includes (615 €/month for running expenses & accommodation fees + tuition fees).

8. **Proof of accommodation:**

- A reservation of an accommodation for at least 3 months following your arrival to France.

If you are hosted by someone in France:

- A copy of the ID of the host.
- An Invitation letter signed by the host.
- Rental contract « Bail de location » if the host is tenant of the house/apartment OR Title deed « Acte de propriété » if the host is owner of the house/apartment.
- Utility bill (water & electricity) of the last 3 months.

9. Etudes En France Certificates:

After completing the pre-consular procedure with Campus France UAE, students must download from their EEF account:

- The notification for interview.
- EEF Acceptance (Accord Préalable d'Inscription) / Confirmation d'acceptation
- The payment receipt (Not Applicable for French Baccalaureate holders, scholarship holders from EU or French government).

10. Additional documents for minors (under 18):

- Birth certificate translated to French or English.
- Parental authorization from both parents to travel to France & Copies of IDs/passports of both parents & marriage certificate + contact details of an adult in France who will be responsible for the minor student in case of an emergency.
- Health insurance & vaccine records (Vaccine records issued by UAE local authorities are accepted).