

Documents to prepare for your arrival in France

This list contains the main documents required by the French administration. It is not exhaustive and will vary according to your situation.

- **Justificatif d'identité/proof of identity** (an identity card if you are from a European Union country, Switzerland or the European Economic Area (EEA), and a passport if you are from a non-member country)
- **Visa** (unless you are from a country within the European Union, Switzerland or the EEA)
- **Certificate of affiliation to a health insurance plan** (strongly advised)
- **Acte de naissance/birth certificate** issued within the last 12 month* (+ translation and apostille/ legalization if necessary ; your own and also those of your accompanying family)
- **Acte de mariage/marriage certificate** issued within the last 12 month (+ translation and apostille/ legalization if necessary)

Please present the original documents, in addition to a French translation made by a sworn translator from the Appeal Court of Aix en Provence.

For Europeans: request a multilingual birth certificate to avoid the French translation requirement from the Appeal Court of Aix-en-Provence.

It is also important to check whether the birth certificate requires an apostille and/or legalization.

- **Proof of income for the last two fiscal years**
- **Original diploma certificates** (your own and also those of your accompanying family)
- **Certificates of vaccination** (your own and also those of your accompanying family)
- **Children's school documentation or report**
- **Driver's license**
- **Vehicle papers** (if you are bringing your vehicle to France)

* exception, if the birth country issues birth certificates that are valid for life (please ask the Welcome Center)

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