UNIVERSITÉ CÔTE D'AZUR

WELCOME CENTER
Administrative assistance

Documents required for a spouse's initial Algerian Residence Certificate - spouse of a scientist/researcher application

Documents to be submitted at the local Prefecture

- Valid passport (with photocopies of all pages that have been written on or stamped)
- Long stay visa (Conjoint de Scientifique/Chercheur)
- Documentation of civil status: Birth certificate (with parents listed), marriage certificate, children's birth certificates (with parents listed), declaration of non-polygamy in France.

Please present the original documents, in addition to a French translation made by a sworn translator from the Appeal Court of Aix en Provence. It is also important to check whether the mariage certificate requires an apostille and/or legalization.

- 3 identical ID photos (complying with prefecture standards)
- Proof of residence from within the last six months:

If you are a tenant, you must include a bill (water, gas, electricity, landline telephone, etc.) or a proof you suscribed to a housing insurance. However, if you are staying in a hotel, residence or at the Faculty Club, you must ask for a certificate of domicile (attestation de domicile) and an invoice for the last month of rent. Finally, if you are hosted by a private individual, the host must complete and sign a hosting certificate (attestation d'hébergement), provide proof of address in their name from within the last 6 months, as well as a copy of their identification.

- Your certificate of residence for an Algerian researcher marked «Certificat de résidence Algérien scientifique/chercheur» (or a récépissé from the first request for this card, if both arrive at the same time) , your hosting agreement (convention d'accueil d'un chercheur étranger), your work contract and your «convention de séjour de recherche» (if applicable)

- Tax stamps (timbres fiscaux) to the value of the fee (€350). You can buy it online here (**to give to the Prefecture when you pick up your resident permit, so purchase it only when the Prefecture informes you that your card is ready**)

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Please check on https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2215 and on https://www.alpes-maritimes.gouv.fr/Demarches/Immigration-et-integration

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