

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
- 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 marriage 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 subscribed 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 informs you that your card is ready)

Updated by the WELCOME CENTER on 05/05/2026; the requirements may change.

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