

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.

- [Convention d'accueil/hosting agreement](#) and/or [convention de séjour de recherche](#) (if you are from a non-member country)
- [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](#) (+ translation and [apostille/legalization](#) if necessary)
- [Acte de mariage/marriage certificate](#) (+ 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)