

Documents required for a spouse's initial Algerian Residence Certificate application

Documents to be submitted at the local Prefecture

- Valid passport (with photocopies of all pages that have been written on or stamped)
- 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.

- 3 identity photos (prefecture standard)
- Proof of residence from within the last three 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 3 months, as well as a copy of their identification.
- Tax stamps (timbres fiscaux) to the value of the fee (€ 225). 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).
- Your certificate of residence for an Algerian researcher marked «scientifique» (or receipt for this residence card application in case of simultaneous arrival).

You must attend administrative appointments for the residence permit application with your spouse, and bring the original and copy of your passport, visa and host agreement.

Do not forget to retrieve the original documents! Only leave photocopies at the Prefecture.