

Guide - Student visa application

2025-2026

THE STEPS





Log into the Etudes
en France website,
click on the "I am
accepted" tab and
send your
application.



If necessary,
pay your Etudes
en France
application fee



Campus France will review and approve your application. If any changes are required, your application will be sent back to you.



If you don't already have, you will have an interview with Campus France Armenia to discuss your academic background and your motivations.



Fill in your visa application form on the <u>France Visas</u> website and prepare your documents



Make an appointment at <u>TLS</u>
<u>Contact</u> for your visa application



After you receive confirmation, come and collect your visa at TLS Contact



Travel to France



Validate your visa (VLS-TS) on the ANEF website within three months of your arrival in France

THE PLATFORM <u>ÉTUDES EN</u> FRANCE

The online procedure to manage the admission process

I am applying

(My program is on Études en France)



I create my account on Études en France



2 (1 single file with language tests, if necessary)



3 I pay the administrative fees



I have an individual interview with my Campus France office



5 I am accepted and make my final choice



I apply for a visa on France-Visas and I benefit from a 50% reduction



7 I prepare for my stay in France

I am accepted

(My program is not on Études en France)



I create my account on Études en France



2 I pay the administrative fees



I have an individual interview with my Campus France office



I apply for a visa on France-Visas and I benefit from a 50% reduction



5 I prepare for my stay in France





DOCUMENTS CHECK-LIST

□ Passport
 □ Photocopy of passport
 □ Visa application form x2
 □ France-Visas receipt
 □ ID pictures x3
 □ Academic Transcripts
 □ Last diploma obtained
 □ Certificate "Etudes en France"
 □ Proof of accommodation
 □ Proof of sufficient financial resources
 □ Reservation of plane ticket
 □ Additional documents according to your situation



^{*} Please note that students should always follow the list of documents listed on their France Visas receipt, which may include additional documents not listed here. This document is intended to help students understand what they will see on their France Visas list of documents.

Important information

- ALL YOUR DOCUMENTS MUST BE IN FRENCH OR IN ENGLISH
- PLEASE DO NOT GIVE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS WHEN APPLYING FOR YOUR VISA
- ALL TRANSLATIONS MUST BE DONE BY A SWORN TRANSLATOR
- IT IS NOT MANDATORY TO UPLOAD YOUR DOCUMENTS ON FRANCE VISAS. YOU WILL STILL NEED TO BRING ALL YOUR PRINTED DOCUMENTS AT YOUR TLS APPOINTEMENT
- IF YOU NEED TO CHANGE SOMETHING ON YOUR VISA APPLICATION FORM, YOU WILL NEED TO FILL IN ANOTHER FORM. IF YOU ALREADY BOOKED AN APPOITMENT AT TLS, YOU WILL NEED TO CONTACT THEM TO INFORM THEM.
- YOU DO NOT NEED HEALTH INSURANCE TO APPLY FOR YOUR VISA





☐ Visa application form

2 copies

This is the visa application form in PDF format generated by the France-Visas platform. You must print this form in two copies, sign each form and date the application on the day of your appointment at <u>TLS Contact</u>.

If you are under 18 years old when you will leave for France, you will need to apply for a visa "minor student – individual stay".

Don't forget to add your Etudes en France number (AMXX-XXXXX) when you fill in your online form.

To print the form, log into your France-Visas account and click on the magnifying glass icon to generate the PDF to print. Please do not staple the pages together.

Website to fill in the form \rightarrow <u>France-Visas</u> Video to help you fill in the form \rightarrow <u>Video</u>

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☐ France-Visas receipt

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This is the receipt of your visa application generated by the France-Visas platform. This documents includes an application reference number, your name and a bar code.

The visa fees you will have to pay are written on your receipt (€50). Additionally, you will have to pay the TLS fee (€29). Can pay in cash (AMD) or in card. The exact amount is written on your receipt.

French government scholarship holders and Erasmus scholarship holders are exempt from visa fees.

You will also see a checklist of what documents you need to bring with you. If you see additional needed documents on the France-Visas checklist other than what you see in this Guide, you should always bring those items*.

* If you are a minor who is going to study in an higher education institution, you won't need to bring proof of vaccination and insurance (heath + civil liability) even if these documents are listed.



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□ ID picture

3 photos

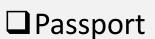
Your pictures must be 3.5 cm by 4.5 cm, in color, on a uniform and clear background.

Two of the photos must be sticked on your visa application forms.

Please do not take this photo yourself, your visa application will be rejected. The photo must be recent, but not necessarily match the photo in your passport.

OACI Format







Original document + photocopies of all the pages with stamps and visas

Your passport must be valid for at least three months after your planned date of return from France. For example, if your program starts September 1, 2025 and ends May 1, 2026, your passport needs to be valid until at least August 1, 2026.

Your passport must have two consecutive blank pages that are side by side (so when you open the passport you see two blank pages like an open book) + a third blank page. If your passport does not meet these requirements, you will need to renew your passport.

You will need to leave your passport with our visa department for the duration of the procedure (2 weeks to 1 month), please plan your trips abroad accordingly.

If you have two passports, you need to bring the one you entered on Etudes en France website and use this one for your visa application form. If you need to renew your passport before your visa application, please send an email to campusfrance@institutfrancais.am so we are aware of your new passport number.

If you need to apply for the postponement of your military service, you can apply for your student visa only after you have picked up your new passport. You will need to enter this new passport number for your visa application form and on TLS.



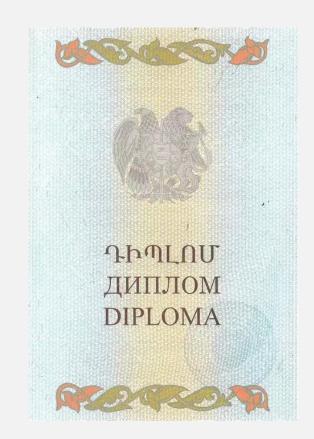


☐ Last diploma obtained + Academic transcripts

1 copy for each document

You must bring your most recent degree and transcripts.

- If you are going to study at a bachelor's level: your high school diploma (attestat) + your transcripts from the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.
- If you are going to study at a master's level: your bachelor's degree (bakalavra) + your bachelor's transcripts (all four years).
- If you are going to study at a Ph.D's level: your master's degree + your master's transcripts (both years).
- If you are going in the middle of a program, for example for the second year of a bachelor's degree or master's degree, you must bring your most recent degree (attestat, bachelor's, or master's) + all your transcripts from the last three years.



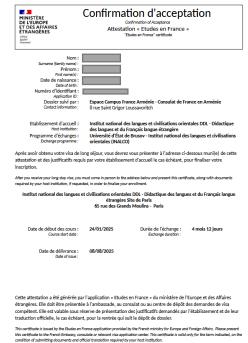


☐ Certificate « Etudes en France » 1 copy

This PDF is generated when Campus France Armenia has processed your Etudes en France application. Depending on your application type, this will be entitled "Confirmation d'acceptation" or "Accord préalable d'inscription".

To find this document, log into your Etudes en France account. From the welcome page, click on the "Students already accepted" tab and click on 1. Finalize the procedure. The PDF icon will be under the "Select a Program" section.







☐ Proof of accommodation in France

1 copy of all the documents

- If you need to find accommodation yourself
 - A rental agreement (lease) in your own name
 - Or a printed reservation at a hotel or apartment for the first 3 weeks of your stay in France
- If you are hosted free of charge at someone's place in France
 - Attestation d'hébergement/written statement signed by the person who welcomes you
 - Photocopy of the passport of the person who welcomes you
 - Photocopy of the rental agreement or deed of ownership of the person who welcomes you
 - Bill with their name and address (water, electricity, internet) dated less than three months ago
- If your host institution in France is responsible for booking accommodation for you
 - Letter from your host institution in France explaining how you will be accommodated
 - Or proof of a reservation in a student residence

☐ Proof of sufficient financial ressources



1 copy of all the documents

You will need to provide proof that you have sufficient resources to sustain yourself for the duration of your program. The French government considers this threshold to be €615 per month.

You must also prove that you have sufficient resources to pay your tuition fees. For example, if your tuition fees are €10,000, you must have this amount in one of your bank accounts.

Bank statements from **foreign banks** are accepted only if translated in English or in French.

- You finance your studies yourself
 - Your bank statements of the last three months <u>stamped</u> by your bank (with daily deposit and withdrawal). They must be issued less than 2 weeks before your appointment at TLS Contact.
 - If you provide bank statements indicating a regular salary that is expected to continue, you must provide proof such as a valid employment contract with dates that cover your program period in France, or a letter from your employer.
- Someone else finances your studies
 - Attestation de prise en charge/Certificate of support signed by the person who will finance your studies
 - Stamped photocopies of their bank statements of the last three months (with daily deposit and withdrawal) . They must be issued less than 2 weeks before your appointment at TLS Contact.
 - Proof of regular and reliable income (e.g. employment certificate)
 - Photocopy of their passport
- You receive a scholarship
 - Scholarship certificate with the written amount and duration of your scholarship
 - If your scholarship is not sufficient to fully support you, please also provide other proof of financial resources



☐ Booking of your plane ticket *1 copy*

You will need to present a photocopy of your outbound flight reservation at your appointment. You do not need to present a return ticket.

To allow the consulate time to issue your visa, please book a flight at least one month after submitting your visa application. It is also recommended to purchase tickets that can be canceled or exchanged in case your visa application is denied.

Flights with stopovers are accepted. You can also land in another country and then take the train. For example, if you are studying in Lille, you can land in Brussels and then take the train to Lille. In this case, you will need to present your plane ticket and train ticket when submitting your visa application.





☐ Additional needed documents depending on your situation

Photocopies of all the document

- o If you are a minor:
 - Photocopy of your birth certificate with notarized translation in French
 - Parental authorization <u>signed and notarized by both of your parents</u> confirming that they allow you to live in France for your studies
 - Photocopies of their passports

If you are going to France for a program in a higher education institution, you don't need health insurance, civil liability insurance or proof of vaccination.

What to do once you turn 18: in the 2 months after you turn 18 years old, you must ask for a student residence permit to your prefecture.

- \circ If you are going for a PhD (Passeport-Talent researcher) \rightarrow Photocopy of your signed host agreement
- If you are part of a work-study program (alternance) → your contrat d'alternance signed
- \circ If you are not of Armenian nationality \rightarrow your Armenian resident card + photocopy
- o If you are a Russian citizen → proof of residence in Armenia for at least six months (residence permit or registration in your passport). If you don't have a residence permit or registration in your passport for at least six months, please write to campusfrance@institutfrancais.am



For any questions regarding your student visa, please consult the following documents: <u>Q&A Visa CF</u>, <u>Q&A France Visas</u> or <u>Q&A TLS Contact</u>.

If you do not find the answer to your question, you can send an email to the following email address campusfrance@institutfrancais.am.

