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Do I need to bring my paper documents even if I've already added them to France Visas?

Yes, even if you've already submitted your documents via France Visas, you'll also need to bring these documents in paper format at your TLS appointment.

How can I print my visa form?

Log into France Visas website and click on the magnifying glass. This will open a PDF file that you can then print.

What are the fees for my visa application?

1. Payment for Etudes en France application: 35,000 AMD or 30,000 AMD (reduced rate).
2. Booking an appointment at TLS Contact: 12,000 AMD
3. Payment for your visa application: 50 euros (with EEF number)
4. Validation of your visa in France: 50 euros

These fees are non-refundable, even in the event of withdrawal, non-admission, or visa refusal.

If you are going on an Erasmus+ university exchange or are a French government scholarship holder, you will not need to pay the EEF, TLS and visa fees.

Will you keep my passport while processing my visa application?

Yes, your passport will be kept by the consulate while your visa is being issued (2 weeks to 1 month). Please plan your vacation abroad accordingly.

Can someone other than me submit my visa application or collect my passport?

You must submit your application yourself.

To collect your passport at TLS Contact, you have several options listed [here](#).

I would like my parents to come with me to France as I settle there. How do they obtain a visa?

If you would like your parents to come with you to France, they must apply for a short-term Schengen visa. After completing their visa application on France Visas, they will need to make an appointment at TLS Contact. Please be aware that you should book an appointment as early as possible as waiting time can be long.

I would like my husband or wife to accompany me to France. How do I obtain a visa?

If you want your husband or wife to come and live with you in France, they must apply for a long-stay visitor visa. This visa does not allow them to work. After completing their visa application on France Visas, they will need to make an appointment with TLS Contact.

I need to reschedule my visa appointment. How do I do this?

Please [contact](#) TLS Contact directly.

The consulate is asking me for additional documents. How can I add them to my application?

You can put your additional documents in an envelope and drop them in the mailbox in front of the embassy. Please right on the envelope: Service des visas + First and last name + Your visa application number (FRAXXXXXXX).

Can I work with a student visa?

Yes, you can work up to 964 hours per year with a student visa without having to apply for a work permit. Beyond that, your employer will have to request a provisional work certificate on the ANEF website.

When can I collect my passport and visa?

You will receive a notification by email and text message. You can then collect your passport from TLS Contact.

Does the foreign country validity endorsement in my passport need to be up to date?

As of January 1, 2024, updating this validity is no longer required.

I can't get an appointment at TLS Contact. What should I do?

We don't control the schedule of TLS Contact, which is the service provider for the French consulate. If you have difficulty getting an appointment, you can [contact](#) them directly.

I'm not an Armenian citizen. Can I apply for a visa in Armenia?

You can apply for a visa in Armenia if you have a residence permit.

For Russian citizens who do not have a residence permit, proof of registration with the Armenian authorities in your passport, valid from at least six months, is required.

If I am a minor when I submit my visa application but an adult when I leave for France, what type of visa should I apply for?

You must apply for a student visa.

If I am a minor when I arrive in France, what type of visa should I apply for?

If you are a minor when you arrive in France, you will receive a "mineur scolarisé" visa. Within two months of your 18th birthday, you must apply for a student residence permit directly to your prefecture.

My visa application was refused, what can I do?

You can send an appeal to the [Commission de recours contre les décisions de refus de visa d'entrée en France](#) (CRRV) within 30 days after your visa refusal by sending them a letter explaining your situation with all your supporting documents. The procedure is explained on the document you received for your visa refusal. You can use the online postal service if La Poste to send your mail.

You can also submit a new visa application if certain documents were missing or your proof of financial resources was insufficient.

I have decided not to stay in France for personal reasons. What should I do with my student visa?

You must cancel your student visa. You can contact visas.erevan-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr to explain your situation.

I actually have decided not to go to France. Can I cancel my visa application?

Yes, you can. Please contact visas.erevan-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr to do so. Your fees related to Etudes en France and your visa application will not be refunded.

My passport is at the consulate for my visa application, but I need it for a few hours. Can I come and collect it?

Yes, you can come and collect your passport for a few hours if absolutely necessary. In this case, please send your request, explaining why you wish your passport to be returned to you, to visas.erevan-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr.

Is it possible to modify the visa application form once it has been validated?

Once validated, it is not possible to modify your form. You will need to complete a new visa application form.

If you have already booked an appointment with TLS using your old form number, please [contact](#) TLS to inform them.

I would like to apply for a student visa for Norway, Portugal, and Iceland.

The French Embassy in Armenia is not responsible for long-stay visa applications for Norway, Portugal, or Iceland. You must apply for a student visa directly at the respective embassies of these countries.

Any Schengen visa application submitted to our embassy for an academic exchange at a Portuguese, Norwegian, or Icelandic university will be refused.

I would like to apply for a student visa for Monaco. Can I do so at the French Embassy in Armenia?

Yes, the consulate is authorized to issue a long-stay student visa for Monaco.

Please note that additional documents are required for visa applications for Monaco. You can find the list [here](#).

If you are studying in Monaco but will be living in France, you must apply for a visitor visa for France.

The "Etudes en France" procedure is mandatory even if you are studying in Monaco.

Can I land in another country and then take the train or bus to my final destination in France?

A student can apply for a student visa with a plane ticket to a neighboring country (Germany, Spain, Italy, etc.) if their place of study is more accessible that way. However, you will also need to present a train or bus ticket for your destination in France when applying for your visa.

For example, if you are studying in Lille, you can fly to Brussels and then take a train or bus to Lille.

I am an Armenian national but I don't live in Armenia. Can I still apply for a student visa from Armenia?

If you are an Armenian national, you can apply for your visa in Armenia. However, the interview with Campus France must be conducted in person, so you must be in Armenia to attend this mandatory interview. No exceptions will be allowed.

I don't have a biometric passport. Is this a problem?

No, you don't need a biometric passport for your visa application. Your biometric data will be collected during your appointment at TLS Contact.

I am going to France for a Ph.D. What type of visa should I apply for?

If you have a Ph.D contract and will receive a salary equal to or greater than €1,770, you will need to apply for a visa – Passeport Talent - Chercheur

If you are financing your Ph.D with your savings, or if you will receive a salary of less than €1,770, you will need to apply for a student visa.

Is health insurance mandatory when applying for a student visa?

No, you will not need to provide proof of health insurance for your visa application. However, it is recommended because you will not be covered in France until you are registered to the Social Security.

What documents do I need to bring for my student visa application?

The list is written on your visa application receipt and in our visa application guide, which you can find on our Campus France Armenia website.

I would like to apply for a “visa concours”. How do I do this?

You must follow the "Etudes en France" procedure. First, you must create an account on the "Etudes en France" website, click on the "Students already accepted" tab, complete your information, and submit your application.

The short-stay visa concours can only be issued if the results of the competitive exam or entrance interview are known within three months.

I am currently abroad. Can I do the interview with Campus France Armenia by phone or video?

No, this interview must be conducted in person in Armenia.

I would like to apply for a student visa to attend a “conservatoire”. Do I need to go through the "Etudes en France" procedure?

Yes, all long-stay student visa applications must be submitted through the "Etudes en France" platform.

My passport expires before the end of my studies in France. Is this a problem?

Your passport must be valid for at least 15 months at the time of your visa application. Your passport must be valid for at least three months after your first year of studies, so a total of 15 months.

If your passport expires during the second year of your studies in France, this will not affect your visa application.

If you need to renew your passport in France, you can contact the Armenian Embassy in France.

For military service, you must renew your passport before applying for a visa.

I can't yet request a deferral of my military service because I was born at the end of the year. Is this a problem?

If you are a minor at the time of your departure, our consulate will issue you a visa mineur scolarisé. You must apply for a student residence permit directly to your prefecture within two months of your 18th birthday.

If you are an over 18 years old at the time of your departure, the consulate will issue you a student visa that expires three months before the end of your passport's validity. For example, if your passport expires on September 1st, the consulate will issue you a student visa valid until June 1st.

Do I need to apply for a student visa if I have a residence permit from another European Union country?

Yes, even if you have a residence permit from another EU member country, you will still need to apply for a student visa.

If you have any questions about your student visa application, consult the [TLS Q&A](#) and the [France Visas website](#). If you cannot find the answer to your question, please contact campusfrance@institutfrancais.am