

Validating your visa / Applying for a residence permit in France

Validate your visa

If your visa bears the mention "Dispense temporaire de carte de séjour"

You have nothing to do.

If your visa bears the mention "Carte de séjour à solliciter..."

You have to ask for a residence permit upon arrival at the 'Préfecture', [as explained below](#).

Otherwise, if your visa bears the mention "Passeport Talent", "Etudiant" or is listed on the [following page](#)

Within the first 3 months following your arrival in France, as soon as you have a fixed address, go to the website of the [General Directorate of Foreign Nationals](#) to validate your visa.

This procedure is mandatory, you will need your passport to complete it.

Also, you will have to pay a resident permit tax online by credit card (during the procedure or on <https://timbres.impots.gouv.fr>), or in a bureau de tabac by credit card or cash (ask for a timbre fiscal électronique "Titre p o u r é t r a n g e r s ") .

At the end of this procedure, a confirmation of the validation in PDF format (« Confirmation de la validation de l'enregistrement de votre visa long séjour valant titre de séjour »), will be sent to you by mail. We advise you to **print and always keep this document with you** as it can be required while you travel or to follow your administrative procedures (CAF, Assurance maladie/healthcare).

For more information, please consult the [dedicated FAQ](#) of the General Directorate of Foreign Nationals web portal.

In you face any difficulty during the process, please call the support hotline 0806 001 620, write to dgef-support@interieur.gouv.fr, or ask ISSO.

Applying for a residence permit in France and renewal

You must apply for a residence permit at the Prefecture corresponding to your place of residence. This must be done in the first 2 months of your stay in France

In Grenoble



[In Grenoble, making appointment online to hand your application dossier. Document checklist and link for appointment request...](#)

In Valence



[In Valence, you must take an appointment online with the Drôme Prefecture to submit your residence permit application.](#)

In Chambéry / Annecy



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