

Visa and resident's permit

The French visa
It authorizes you to enter
the French territory

**The Stay permit (or
resident's card) is
necessary for those
staying in France for more
than 3 months
(see File n°3)**

4 very important points

1 All non-European must obtain a long-term visa entitled CESEDA 311-3 6° or visa 313 -7 or visa 'Concours' or 313-7 2° to enter France if the planned stay is for more than 3 months.

2 In order to obtain a visa, you must contact the French Embassy or Consulate of the country you live in.

3 To apply for a long-term visa, you must first have an admission in a French higher educational institution or be accepted for a trainee contract in a company.

4 A tourist visa cannot allow you to obtain a stay permit. As a rule, a French visa cannot be changed once on the French territory.

A Student's Visa

You have decided to come to France for your studies. You have chosen and you have been accepted by a higher educational institution.

Then, you have to ask for a long stay visa 'D' to enter the French territory. The application for which has to be carried out from your home country or in the country you live.

Various types of visas

There are different types of visas which depend on the nature and the period of your stay in France.

Making an application adapted to your needs is recommended because the French visa cannot be modified once you are in France.

- The long-term visa D entitled **CESEDA 311-3 6°** and **'DEMANDE D'ATTESTATION OFII'** with the mention *'dispense de titre de séjour'*, means your visa must be validate by the French Immigration office (OFII)
- The visa with the mention **"visiteur"** and the reference **CESEDA 311-3 5° or 313-6** should be requested by the student's marital partner.
- The visa **313 -7** for Algerians
- The short stay visa **'Concours' CESEDA 313-7 2°** is for students whose final registration in a French higher educational institution depends on succeeding in a preliminary or competitive examination. If you succeed in the exam and you are admitted in the educational institution, you will be able to obtain your resident's permit without returning to your home country to ask for a long stay visa.
- The visa **'Stagiaire' CESEDA 313-10 1°** is a visa for students on an intern-ship contract to train in a company during their university curriculum.
- **The short stay visa 'C' or tourist visa.** Does not allow you under any condition to obtain a resident's permit in France. It is not possible to regularize your situation when you have obtained a short stay visa **C** for 3 months and you want to stay longer than anticipated. For an extended stay, you have to go back to your country to obtain a long-term "student" visa.

Exemption for European students

European students, that is to say, nationals of the 30 countries of the E.E.A. (27 European Union countries plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and from Andorra, Monaco, Vatican City and Switzerland, San Marino are exempted from asking for visa and resident's permit, except if they ask for it or, in some cases, if they want to work as student.

Except those in possession of a European Community long stay resident's permit

Particular case

Foreign students with a resident's permit in another country of the *Schengen* zone who wants to study in France must make a visa application at the French Embassy of the country they are staying. Exclusively if their resident's permit is still valid.

More information:

At the Accueil-Infos Etudiants / Guichet Unique of Pres de l'Université de Lorraine

le Guide Pratique : <http://www.nancy-universite.fr/guide.pratique/fr/indexfr.php>

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http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/france_829/venir-france_4062/entrer-france_4063/index.html

Campus France: <http://www.campusfrance.org/>

CNOUS: http://www.en.cnous.fr/_etudier_78.htm

EGIDE: <http://www.egide.asso.fr/jahia/Jahia/lang/en/accueil/etudiants>

Service Public.fr — website on French administration: <http://vosdroits.service-public.fr/particuliers/N110.xhtml>