

ONLINE FIRST APPLICATION FOR A RESIDENCE PERMIT “PASSEPORT TALENT - CHERCHEUR”

Upon arrival in France and within two months, you must apply for a residence permit.

The application must be submitted online on the ANEF platform (Administration Numérique pour les Étrangers en France): administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr

How do I create my account?

If you already have an ANEF account: Enter your login and password.

If you have a visa but no foreign national identification number nor ANEF account: Enter your visa number, the start and end dates of your visa, then follow the process that will lead to the creation of your account.

What documents do I need to prepare and scan before completing the online procedure?



Documents that are not written in French must be translated by a sworn translator in France : <https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12956>

Each document requested must be included in a single file .jpg, .pdf, .png, .bcp, .tiff format and not exceed 10MB per file.

☐ **Passport:** pages relating to civil status and validity dates.

☐ **Long stay visa “Passeport Talent – Chercheur”:** entry stamp and visa

☐ **Birth certificate with filiation**, specifying parents' names: original document + translation in French by a sworn translator if needed

☐ If you are married and/or have children: **spouse's residence permit** (or identity card); **marriage certificate**, or **birth certificates of children with filiation** (original document + translation in French by a sworn translator)

☐ **Proof of address in France** less than 6 months old:

- If you rent your accommodation: electricity bill (or gas, water, Internet access), your lease less than 6 months old, rent receipt or council tax at your name
- If you are living in a student residence: proof of accommodation (attestation d'hébergement)

- If you are hosted by a private individual: a dated and signed handwritten certificate from the host, a copy of his/her identity card or residence permit, and a property deed (or a copy of the host's council tax or rental agreement or bill).

☐ **Contrat d'engagement à respecter les principes de la République:** the template can be downloaded from the ANEF platform or from the [French Ministry of Interior website](#) and need to be signed and added along with the proof of address in France

☐ **Last diploma** (at least equivalent to a Master degree)

☐ **Hosting agreement** (*convention d'accueil d'un chercheur ou d'un enseignant étranger Cerfa 16079*03*)

☐ **e-photo** (ID photo with digital signature)



E-photos can be taken in a Photomaton booth or at a photographer approved by the ANTS (identified by a blue sticker indicating "*Agréé services en ligne ANTS*"). Find the list of approved photo booths and photographers on the website:

<https://permisdeconduire.ants.gouv.fr/services/geolocaliser-les-photographes-habiles>

You will receive a photo plate with a 22-character code (highlighted on the document below) that you will need to enter on your residence permit application form online.

Please note: this code is valid only once and must be used within 6 months.

What are the steps to follow to submit the application?



Step 1: click on "*I would like to apply or renew my residence permit*"

Make sure to select "**L421-14**" in the "reference réglementaire" drop-down menu.

Step 2: check your civil status and address information. Do not forget to indicate your French phone number (this is the number you will receive notification of once your residence permit has been issued). Indicate your postal address in France, as this address will be used to send your application to the Prefecture of your place of residence.

Step 3: Add the required supporting documents

Step 4: Check carefully the summary of your application and your documents and validate. Please note that once you have submitted your application, you will not be able to modify it.

Step 5: You will receive a **confirmation of your application for a residence permit** in your e-mail box (*confirmation de dépôt de votre demande de titre de séjour*). This confirmation can also be downloaded directly on your ANEF account.



Please note: this is a simple acknowledgement of receipt which only attests to the submission of the application. This document does not allow you to prove that you are legally resident in France. It does not give you any social right, nor does it allow you to travel outside France.

Step 6: your application is reviewed by your local Préfecture

While your application is examined by agents of the Prefecture, you will receive a **certificate of extension** (*Attestation de Prolongation d'instruction – APD*) by e-mail.

This certificate does not give you any social right and does not allow you to travel outside France.

Check the status of your application regularly on your personal account on ANEF; the Prefecture may ask you for additional information or documents to process your application.

Step 7: notification of decision

Once your application has been examined and processed by the Prefecture, you will receive a **certificate of favorable decision** (*Attestation de Décision Favorable – ADF*) stating that your application has been accepted and that your residence permit is being printed.

This certificate allows you to work, to open social rights and to travel outside France (if it is explicitly written on the document) but it is only valid with your long stay visa (even if it has expired).

How do I collect my residence permit?

When your residence permit is ready, you will receive a text message (if you have provided a French cell phone number) inviting you to come and collect your residence permit in person at the Prefecture of your place of residence.

A tax will need to be paid by fiscal stamps when you collect the residence permit from the Prefecture.

What is a fiscal stamp? Fiscal stamps are a way of paying certain taxes in France. They are sold by tobacconists or online: <https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071>