

LES ECOLES  
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DU LUXE

## INTERNATIONAL WELCOME PACK

2021-2023



**WELCOME TO FRANCE!**

# 01

## TRAVEL TO FRANCE and Covid-19 Information for International Students



Eiffel Tower, Paris

### Travel to France and Covid-19

“Despite the coronavirus pandemic, France continues to welcome international students. Nevertheless, depending on the country and the vaccination status, the procedures to follow to enter French territory vary.” -*Campus France*-

Categories of countries have been defined on the basis of health indicators. The lists of countries may change according to the evolution of their epidemic situation.

**Please check the information about requirements, tests, vaccines and travel certificate:**

- [www.campusfrance.org](http://www.campusfrance.org) - [www.diplomatie.gouv.fr](http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr) - [Covid Certificate in France](#)
- [Covid-19 Information & Guidance from the French Government](#)
- [Paris Airports](#) - [French Railway \(SNCF\)](#) - [Buses to and from France](#)
- [Your school in Paris \(map\)](#) - [Your school in Versailles \(map\)](#)

# 02

## VISAS

### Different Types of Student Visas



Palace of Versailles

### Which visa to obtain?

The [VLS-TS](#) -*Visa Long Séjour valant Titre de Séjour “étudiant”*- allows you to study in France **for a period of four months to one year**. It must be validated upon your arrival in France ([How to validate your VLS-TS](#)).

The [Schengen short-stay visa](#) -*visa Schengen court séjour*- allows you to enter and remain in France -as a country in the Schengen area- **for a maximum period of 90 days**.

The [Internship VLS-TS](#) -*Long-Stay Internship Visa*- allows you to complete an **internship** in France **for more than four months**.

To get information about other types of visa, visit [www.campusfrance.org](http://www.campusfrance.org)

Official information on [www.campusfrance.org](http://www.campusfrance.org) - [www.diplomatie.gouv.fr](http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr)

# 02

## VISAS

### Long Stay Visa VLS-TS



# France-Visas

The official visa website for France



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### NEW! Digitization

**France-Visas** provides students with the possibility of sending digital copies of their supporting documents when completing their visa application online. This optional procedure allows an accelerated process by the external service provider (ESP). This feature is at first accessible only to applicants for **long-stay student visas** residing in a country where the visa application is outsourced to an ESP and available online.

To request your student visa for France, log on to [france-visas.gouv.fr](https://france-visas.gouv.fr)



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## Student Housing

Several types of accommodation may be available, if you book early:

- Accommodation in [CROUS](#) residences
- Private student residences
- Live alone in a private apartment
- Share an apartment with other students
- Student hostels - Rooms for rent
- Student accommodation with an elderly person

### Where to find accommodation?

[ARPEJ](#) - [CIUP](#) - [immojeune](#) - [studapart](#) - [student.com](#) - [fac-habitat](#) - [just landed](#) - [adele](#) - [uniplaces](#) - [estudines.com](#) - [nexity studéa](#) - [studelites](#) - [suitEtudes](#) - [locatme](#) - [colocation-adultes](#) - [ensemble2générations](#) - [Campus France Catalog](#) - [airbnb](#)

[Other Practical Information](#) - [VISALE \(Free Security Deposit Service for students\)](#)

# 03

## ACCOMMODATION Assistance from the CAF



### Assistance from the CAF

"You may qualify for a rent subsidy. If you do, the **CAF (France's family assistance fund)** will pay you [a subsidy](#) under one of two national programs (APL, *Aide Personnalisée au Logement*; or ALS, *Allocation de Logement à caractère Social*).

Many international students already benefit from these programs. If you come to France with a visa, you must hold the [VLS-TS](#) (long-stay visa and residency permit) in order to qualify for CAF assistance.

Everything can be done online. Don't hesitate to do an [online simulation](#) to learn whether you're eligible and find out how much assistance you might be able to receive each month."

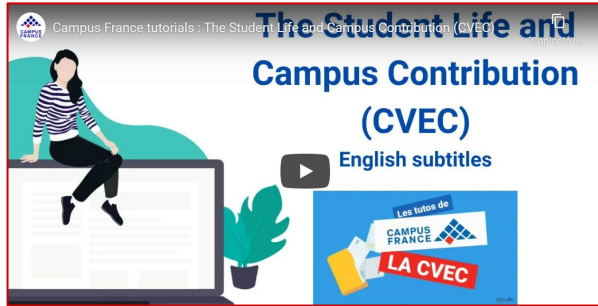
Source: Campus France

- [Campus France](#)
- [CAF: Caisse d'Allocations Familiales](#)

# 04

## CVEC - Contribution

### The Student and Campus Life Contribution



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### What is CVEC?

CVEC helps to finance training programs.

It helps to improve student services through social, health, cultural and other activities. It also aims to promote safety and health education initiatives.

The amount of the annual subscription fee is €91.

More information on CVEC with one [click](#)



# 05

## HEALTH, SOCIAL SECURITY & INSURANCE

### Social Security (Sécurité Sociale)



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Registration is mandatory and free of charge. It will entitle you to reimbursement of your health care expense.

It offers international students social coverage during their studies in France.

To be reimbursed for your health care expenses at the highest possible rate, you can take out additional health care coverage or coverage from a mutual fund: mutual insurance coverage (“mutuelle”).

All information on Health, Social Security and Insurance [here](#)

Direct online registration: <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/>

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### Health Insurance (*Assurance maladie*)



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The French Healthcare System allows the “Assurance Maladie” to cover the healthcare costs of insured people and guarantees access to healthcare and support, while promoting prevention.

In order to benefit from this cover and to forestall any difficulties, you must carry out the registration procedure as soon as you arrive in France.

Watch the video (left) and find out *how the “Assurance Maladie” (Health Insurance) works in France.*

## Health Insurance (Assurance Maladie)

Watch the video (left) and find out everything you need to know about *the “Assurance Maladie” (Health Insurance)*.

It is vital you arrive in France with digital copies of all the documents you will need to provide when you register with the “Assurance Maladie”:

- your passport or ID card
- your residence permit
- a full copy of your birth certificate, certified copy of the original, translated by a sworn translator
- your matriculation certificate for the current year
- your bank account details / IBAN.

We recommend you arrive in France with private health insurance. Once registered to the Assurance Maladie, you can benefit from the anti-covid vaccines.



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# 07

## STUDYING WITH A DISABILITY

Only your motivation will make the difference



### Studying with a disability

The **Ecoles des Métiers du Luxe** are committed to enrol students with disabilities meeting the academic requirements of their training programs.

Please inform the school of any adjustments you may need to pass the selection exams, reach the school and attend on-campus or online courses successfully, in complete confidentiality.

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**[Being a student with a disability in France](#)**

# 08

## OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

Local payments, withdrawals, transfers, credit card

### Opening a bank account in France

Opening a bank account in France will facilitate your local payments, withdrawals and transfers.

To get a bank account you need the following documents: identity document, proof of address in France and your enrollment certificate or student card.

In France, the main retail banks are: Crédit Agricole, BNP Paribas, Société Générale, Caisse d'Épargne, Banque Populaire, Crédit Mutuel, HSBC, La Banque Postale, LCL. The euro is the single currency in France.

More information on 'Getting a bank account in France' [here](#)

[Euro Exchange Rates Table](#) - [Preparing your budget](#)



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## **International Welcome Desk**

**A one-stop shop for information and assistance**

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