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# Can the family already in France benefit from family reunification?

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## Maghreb or Sub-Saharan Africa

Yes, spouses and children from abroad already in France can benefit from family reunification on the spot.

The spouse must live in France under cover of a residence card of 1 year minimum.

This is particularly the case when the beneficiary spouse stays in France under the status of employee, temporary worker (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15898?lang=en>)

student (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2231?lang=en>)

or

visitor (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F302?lang=en>)

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The other conditions to be fulfilled by the applicant and the beneficiaries of the combination shall be the same as for the normal procedure (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11166?lang=en>)

(minus the visa application).

If agreed, the spouse and children from the Maghreb or sub-Saharan Africa receive resident card (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2208?lang=en>)

(valid for 10 years), if the foreign national from whom the group

originated holds such a title. Otherwise, they receive a one-year residence card. Minor children receive a

circulation document for foreign minor (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2718?lang=en>)

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## Other nationality

Yes, spouses and children from abroad already in France can benefit from family reunification on the spot.

The spouse must live in France under cover of a residence card of 1 year minimum.

This is particularly the case when the beneficiary spouse stays in France under the status of employee, temporary worker (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15898?lang=en>)

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The other conditions to be fulfilled by the applicant and the beneficiaries of the combination shall be the same as for the normal procedure (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11166?lang=en>)

(minus the visa application).

In the event of an agreement, the beneficiary spouse and the adult children shall receive a temporary residence card family and private life (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2209?lang=en>)

(valid for 1 year). Minor children

circulation document for foreign minor (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2718?lang=en>)

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## Statute and miscellaneous references

Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right to asylum: Articles R411-1 to R411-6 (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?&idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006147834&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006070158>)

- Family reunification on the spot: Article R411-6

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