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# What is a residence permit application receipt?

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When you apply for a residence card in the prefecture or sub-prefecture, you receive a temporary residence document called *reclamé*. This document allows you to stay in France during the examination of your file. Depending on the case, it also allows you to work.

## What's that about?

The receipt is a document proving the registration of your residence permit application to **the prefecture (or sub-prefecture) of your home**. It allows you to stay in France for the duration it specifies.

## Who is concerned?

You are concerned if you are a foreigner and apply for a residence permit (1<sup>st</sup> request, renewal or duplicate).

## What are the conditions of issue?

The receipt is given to you if **your file is complete**.

### Warning

If your request is made online, you receive (via the online service) a *extension certificate* the instruction for your request.

## How long is the receipt valid?

### 1st request for residence card

You receive a receipt with a duration of **Four or six months**. This period will allow the prefecture to examine your file and produce your residence permit.

The receipt can be exceptionally renewed for up to 3 months.

### Renewal or duplicate of residence card

You receive a valid receipt **3 months**. The date of validity of the card begins the day after the expiry date of your residence card.

The receipt may be renewed.

## When and how to renew the receipt?

You can request your receipt renewal if it expires.

Ask your prefecture (or sub-prefecture) how to apply for this renewal.

In Paris:

## Does the receipt allow you to work?

### General case

Receipt allows you to work **only in the following cases (1<sup>st</sup> issue or renewal)**:

Temporary residence card "employed" or "temporary worker"

Temporary residence card "job search or company creation"

Temporary residence card "private and family life" (except exceptions)

Multi-annual "talent passport", "talent passport - European blue card", "talent passport - researcher" or "talent passport - researcher - mobility programme"

Multi-year residence card "talent passport (family)"

Multi-year residence card "ICT seconded employee", "ICT mobile seconded employee", "ICT seconded employee (family)" or "ICT mobile seconded employee (family)"

Multi-year "seasonal worker" residence card

Multi-annual residence card "beneficiary of subsidiary protection", "member of the family of a beneficiary of subsidiary protection", "beneficiary of stateless status" or "member of the family of a beneficiary of stateless status"

Resident card (except exceptions)

## For an Algerian

Receipt allows you to work **only in the following cases (1<sup>st</sup> issue or renewal)**:

1 year residence certificate "private and family life"

10-year residence certificate for Algerian

## Statute and miscellaneous references

Code on the entry and residence of foreigners and the right of asylum: items R431-12 to R431-15

- ([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section\\_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000043288804/](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000043288804/))  
Issuance and legal effect of the residence permit application receipt

Circular of 5 January 2012 on the conditions of issue and duration of validity of receipts and residence permits

- ([http://circulaires.legifrance.gouv.fr/pdf/2012/01/cir\\_34446.pdf](http://circulaires.legifrance.gouv.fr/pdf/2012/01/cir_34446.pdf))

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