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EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen worker residence permit

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If you are European and come to work in France, you do not need a residence permit. However, you can request it in prefecture or prefecture if you wish. You must, however, have resources and health/maternity insurance.

The first 5 years of stay

Who is concerned?

You are concerned if:

you European,

and you are engaged in a professional activity (employed or not) in France.

Card Request

You must apply to the prefecture where your home is located.

If your file is complete, you receive a response. [reclaimed \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15763?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15763?lang=en)

pending the prefecture's

General case

Warning

It is not possible to do the paperwork in some sub-prefectures. Find out more on your prefecture's website.

In Paris

Parts to supply

Employee

Your valid identity card or passport

Your home: by any means

photos (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)

recent identity

Health/maternity insurance certificates

Employment certificate issued by your employer

In case of involuntary cessation of your activity, you must justify maintaining your right to stay by providing the following:

A certificate of incapacity for work,

or a certificate of termination or a letter of dismissal, accompanied by a certificate of registration in Pôle emploi specifying the duration of your employment,

or a certificate of completion of a work placement accompanied, in the case of a work placement not related to the previous professional activity, by a certificate of termination or a letter of termination.

Non-employed

Your valid identity document or passport

Your home: by any means

photos (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)

recent identity

Health/maternity insurance certificates

Business justification: all documents relating to the regular, effective and sustainable exercise of your activity, such as, for example, depending on its nature and the situation:

registration in legal registers (business and company registers or business registers),

membership of professional bodies and social security bodies,

insurance subscription

minutes of appointment,

professional lease

hardware purchase invoices

sales contracts, benefit contracts,

turnover declaration form,

book of receipts and purchases, etc.

In case of involuntary cessation of your activity, you must justify maintaining your right to stay by providing the following:

a certificate of incapacity for work,

or a certificate of follow-up to an internship, accompanied by a certificate of termination specifying the conditions for such termination, in the case of an internship not related to the previous professional activity,

or a certificate of registration in Pôle emploi and a proof of the period of exercise of the activity which has ended and of its cessation.

Cost

Issuance of residence card

is **free**.

Card Delivery

The card is given to you by the prefecture or sub-prefecture where you submitted your application.

Card validity period

Employee

The card expiration date is the end of the employment contract + 6 months.

It may not exceed 5 years.

Non-employed

The card expiration date is the end of the expected professional activity+ 6 months.

It may not exceed 5 years.

Renewal

The approach is the same as for the 1^{er} request.

Renewal of the residence card

is **free**.

After 5 years

After 5 years legal and continuous stay in France, you can request

EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen's residence card - Permanent stay - All professional activities (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F22116?lang=en>)

This card allows you to attest that you have the right to live in France permanently, without any other conditions.

It makes your administrative process easier, since the administration will no longer have to ask you to prove that you have a job.

Who is concerned?

You are affected if you meet all of the following conditions:

you European,

have worked in France for 5 continuous years ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2651?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2651?lang=en)
you lang=en)

you continue to live in France (whether or not you have a professional activity).

Card Request

You must apply to the prefecture where your home is located.

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recent identity photos ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en)
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Health/maternity insurance certificates

Justifications for the continuity of your stay for 5 years in France: 1 document per semester (rent or expense receipts, invoices, etc.)

Justifications for the previous 5 years of your right to stay in France (employment contract, etc.)

You have ceased your activity in France and can obtain a right to permanent residence before 5 years

You are retired (including early retirement)

Your valid identity card or passport

Your home: by any means

identity photos ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en)
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1 certificate of employment (including periods of involuntary unemployment duly recorded, periods of involuntary cessation of work and absence of work or stoppage for illness or accident) or 1 certificate of professional activity for the last 12 months

Health/maternity insurance certificates

Justification of your right to stay as an employed person for more than 3 years

You are permanently incapacitated worker

Your valid identity card or passport

Your home: by any means

identity photos ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en)
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Health/maternity insurance certificates

Proof of incapacity and your right to stay for more than 2 years as an employed person or proof of incapacity resulting from an accident at work or an occupational disease entitled to a pension from a social security body

You are a cross-border worker

Your valid identity card or passport

Your home: by any means

identity photos ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en)
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Proof of employment over 3 years (including periods of involuntary unemployment duly recorded, periods of involuntary cessation of employment and absence of work or stoppage for illness or accident) in another European country and the maintenance of your habitual residence in France (return at least once a week)

Cost

Issuance of the card is **free**.

Card Delivery

The card is given to you by the prefecture or sub-prefecture where you submitted your application.

Card validity period

The card is valid **10 years**. It is renewable.

Renewal

The approach is the same as for the 1^{er} request.

Renewal of the residence card is **free**.

Statute and miscellaneous references

- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right of asylum: Articles L121-1 to L121-5
(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006147746/>)
Right of residence
- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right of asylum: Articles L122-1 to L122-3
(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006147747/>)
Right of permanent residence
- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right of asylum: items R121-10 to R121-15
(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006180208/>)
EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen - All professional activities
- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right of asylum: items R122-1 to R122-5
(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006147821/>)
EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen - Permanent stay - All professional activities
- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right of asylum: Items D311-18-1 to D311-18-3
(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000020087897)
Tax
- Circular of 10 September 2010 on the right of residence of European and Swiss citizens and their family members (PDF - 1.3 MB)
(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/download/pdf/circ?id=32884>)

FAQ

- What is a residence permit application receipt? ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15763?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15763?lang=en)
lang=en)
- What photo to provide for an identity document (passport, identity card...)? ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en)
lang=en)
- Abroad in France: how do i buy a tax stamp? ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en)
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