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European family member residence card

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If you European, and whether you're settling in France, your immediate family can accompany or join you. These include your spouse or wife and children under 21 years of age. Non-European adult members of your family must apply for a residence card. If you are French and come back to France after a stay in Europe, you can be accompanied by your close family members under the same conditions.

For the European family

Optional residence card

The European adults in your family **are not required to hold a residence card** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2653?lang=en>).

During the first 5 years of their stay, the title issued to the persons of your family shall be marked *family member card of an EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen*.

Major members of your family, who have been living in France with you for less than 5 years, can request a **Residence card for a family member of a Union/EEA/Switzerland-All professional activities** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F19315?lang=en>). However, this is not an obligation.

Card Request

Your family member must apply to your home prefecture.

While waiting for his application to be processed, he receives a receipt.

General case

Who shall I contact

Specify your city or postcode The choice of a municipality in the suggestion list will automatically trigger an update of the content

- [Prefecture](http://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Le-ministere/Prefectures)  (<http://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Le-ministere/Prefectures>)
- [Subprefecture](http://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Le-ministere/Prefectures)  (<http://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Le-ministere/Prefectures>)

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In Paris

Who shall I contact

- [Paris Police Prefecture - Service des titres de séjour](https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/Demarches/Particulier/Ressortissants-etranagers/Ressortissants-etranagers/Titres-de-sejour-Nous-contacter)  (<https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/Demarches/Particulier/Ressortissants-etranagers/Ressortissants-etranagers/Titres-de-sejour-Nous-contacter>)

Parts to supply

- Your family member's valid identity card or passport
- Home Information: by any means
- 3 **identity photos** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Family link justification
For the spouse: marriage act

For the child: birth certificate (full copy or extract with filiation)

For ascendant: birth certificate of the child taking care of you (full copy or extract with filiation)

- Justification of your right to stay as a host in France (e.g.: employment contract, proof of resources, health insurance, student card)

Cost

The residence card *family member of a Union citizen* is issued free of charge.

Card Delivery

The card is delivered by the prefecture or sub-prefecture where the application was filed.

Term

The validity of the card is equivalent to that of your own right to stay in France (**5 years maximum**). It is renewable.

Renewal

Répondez aux questions successives et les réponses s'afficheront automatiquement

The card was issued for less than 5 years

The card is renewable under the same conditions as for the 1^{re} issue

One or more cards were issued for 5 consecutive years

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For the family of another nationality

Residence card required

Non-European adults in your family must apply for a residence card, whether they want to work or not.

During the first 5 years of their stay, the title issued to the persons of your family shall be marked *family member card of an EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen*.

Card Request

Your family member must apply to your home prefecture **within 3 months of entry into France** .

While waiting for his application to be processed, he receives a receipt.

⚠ Warning : in case of irregular stay (application lodged more than 3 months after entry), a visa fee to regularise €200 settle **by tax stamps** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>) will be required upon delivery of the card.

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Parts to supply

- Your family member's valid passport
- Home Information: by any means
- 3 [identity photos](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Proof of the family bond (for the spouse, extract of the marriage certificate, for the child, extract of the birth certificate with filiation, for the ascendant, extract of the birth certificate of the child taking care of you)
- Justification of your right to stay as a host in France (e.g.: employment contract, proof of resources, health insurance, student card)

Cost

The residence card *family member of a Union citizen* issued **free**.

Card Delivery

The card is delivered by the prefecture or sub-prefecture where the application was filed.

Term

Your family member's card is valid for 5 years; if you plan to stay for less than 5 years, the length of your stay is the same. It is renewable.

Renewal

The renewal of the card must be requested within 2 months of its expiry date.

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





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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 to stay for the first 5 years
- 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/>)
Parts to be provided (items R121-13 to R121-15)
- 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/>)
Right of permanent residence and documents to be provided
- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right of asylum: Articles L311-13 to L311-18 
(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000020040148/>)
Fee and visa fee: Article L311-13
- 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>)