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# Renew the ID of a major

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## France

To request an identity card, you have to go to an equipped town hall.

You must present documents.

The documents to be presented depend on the date of issue of the card to be renewed or the passport.

## When to apply for an ID card?

### You were an adult when the old card was issued

You can request the renewal of your ID card the year before it expires.

If you are travelling in a country that accepts the ID, you can apply for early renewal. A travel document coming.

If you have a passport, you can travel with your passport. Early renewal of the identity card will therefore not be possible.

### You were a minor

You can request the renewal of your ID card the year before it expires.

## Where and how do I apply for an identity card?

The place of application does not depend on the domicile: you can surrender in **any town hall**, provided that it is equipped with a recording station.

The **list of equipped town halls** is available online:

**Your presence is essential** to take fingerprints.

### Warning

Many town halls require that the file be filed **only by appointment**. You should consult the website of the town hall.

Before you travel, you can prepare the gait by doing an **online pre-application**, but it is not an obligation.

Pre-application saves you time when you file.

Pre-application for an ID renewal (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R62483>)

You must then go to the town hall with the supporting documents.

## What documents do I need to renew my ID card?

The parts to supply depend on the card expiration date.

Documents must be presented **original**.

## Your ID is valid

Your ID

If you request renewal more than 1 year before its expiry date: proof of travel to come to a country that allows the ID card as a travel document

compliant ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en)  
ID less than 6 months and lang=en)

Proof of domicile ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F14807?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F14807?lang=en)  
lang=en)

If you made a pre-application: Pre-application number and/or QR code obtained at the end of the process (it is recommended to print the pre-application summary)

## Card less than 5 years old

Your ID

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## Card expired for more than 5 years

### You have a valid passport

Your passport

Your ID

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### You have an expired passport

#### Expiration Date: less than 5 years

Your passport

Your ID

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## Expiration Date: + 5 years

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the civil status of the place of birth is dematerialised([https://passeport.ants.gouv.fr/services/villes-adherentes-a-la-Check if dematerialisation](https://passeport.ants.gouv.fr/services/villes-adherentes-a-la-Check-if-dematerialisation)) . If not, a  
birth certificate (full copy or extract with filiation)(<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1406?lang=en>) of less than 3 months.

Certificate of French nationality (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F18713?lang=en>) if you are in a particular situation (e.g., birth at the foreigner of foreigner-born parents)

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## You don't have a passport

Your ID

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## FYI

To use a usage name that is not yet on an identity document, other documents must be provided depending on the nature of the 2nd name:  
name of spouse (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33250?lang=en>) or  
name of other parent (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1343?lang=en>)

## How much does it cost to renew an ID?

The renewal of the identity card is **free** provided you can present the old card.

## How long is the ID card ready?

The identity card is not manufactured on site and therefore cannot be issued immediately.

The manufacturing lead time depends on the location and time of application. For example, as summer holidays approach, delays can increase significantly.

## Warning

If the town hall only receives an appointment, the deadline for obtaining this appointment must also be taken into account.

You can follow your request on the \_\_\_\_\_ :



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### Warning

The service may require that the file be filed by appointment only.

If you wish to withdraw the identity card from an honorary consul (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000043466325>), it must be indicated at the box office at the time of filing.

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#### You have a valid passport

Your passport

Your ID

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##### Expiration Date: less than 5 years

Your passport

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You can follow your request on the \_\_\_\_\_ :

Track your ID request(<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R49786>)

If you provided a mobile phone number during the request, you will receive an SMS when the ID card is available.

## How do I remove the ID?

The applicant must pick up his or her card at the place of filing or from a honorary consul (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000043466325>) .

It must be withdrawn within **3 months**. After this period, the new card is destroyed.

You must return the old card.

## How long is the identity card valid?

## Old card model (blue laminated)



Identity card is valid for **15 years**.

## New Template (Credit Card Format)



Identity card is valid for **10 years**.

### Statute and miscellaneous references

Decree No. 55-1397 of 22 October 1955 on the identity card: Item 4-1 - Parts to be provided for renewal

- ([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/article\\_lc/LEGIARTI000033333776](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/article_lc/LEGIARTI000033333776))

Decree n°2013-1188 of 18 December 2013: Article 10 - Extension of validity of identity card

- ([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/article\\_jo/JORFARTI000028347112](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/article_jo/JORFARTI000028347112))

Decree No. 55-1397 of 22 October 1955 on the identity card: Item 5 - Card Removal

- ([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/article\\_lc/LEGIARTI000033333772](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/article_lc/LEGIARTI000033333772))

Departmental Response of November 28, 2019 on the format of the identity card

- (<http://www.senat.fr/questions/base/2018/qSEQ180706028.html>)

Departmental Response of December 3, 2019 on Automatic Extension of Identity Card ([http://questions.assemblee-nationale.fr/q15/15-](http://questions.assemblee-nationale.fr/q15/15-11107QE.htm)

- 11107QE.htm)

Order of 11 May 2021 implementing Decree No. 2021-279 laying down various provisions on national identity cards and the processing of personal

- data (TES) (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000043496313>)

### Online services and forms

Pre-application for an ID renewal ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R62483?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R62483?lang=en)

- lang=en)  
Online service

Application for birth certificate: copy or extract (birth in France) - Free service ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1406?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1406?lang=en)

- lang=en)  
Online service

Application for birth certificate: copy or extract (birth at foreigner) - Free service ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1405?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1405?lang=en)

- lang=en)  
Online service

Follow your ID request ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1580?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1580?lang=en)

- lang=en)  
Online service

### FAQ

- Do you have to have an identity card?([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11601?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11601?lang=en)  
lang=en)

- What recourse is there in case of difficulties at the counter?([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12567?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12567?lang=en)  
lang=en)

- Can I travel with an identity card that is over 10 years old?([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F32303?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F32303?lang=en)  
lang=en)

- Which photos are allowed?([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en)  
lang=en)

- How do I write the name of my husband or wife on my paperwork?([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33250?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33250?lang=en)  
lang=en)

### **Additional topics**

- Identity documents required for air travel ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F591?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F591?lang=en)  
lang=en)  
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- Honorary Consuls empowered to hand over identity cards and passports  
(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000043466325>)  
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