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10-year resident card of an alien in France

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As a foreigner, you can benefit from a 10-year resident card, subject to certain conditions. You can ask for it if you have family ties in France, if you have rendered services in France or if you have international protection. It may be given to you as first residence permit or as a renewal of a temporary or multi-annual card.

▲ Warning : other rules apply if you are [European](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F19315?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F19315?lang=en>), [Algerian](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2257?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2257?lang=en>) or originating in a country with France [an agreement on migration flows](https://www.immigration.interieur.gouv.fr/Europe-et-International/Les-accords-bilateraux) (<https://www.immigration.interieur.gouv.fr/Europe-et-International/Les-accords-bilateraux>). [Agreements on the management of migratory flows](https://www.immigration.interieur.gouv.fr/Europe-et-International/Les-accords-bilateraux) (<https://www.immigration.interieur.gouv.fr/Europe-et-International/Les-accords-bilateraux>)

Bride of French

Terms

The residency card is issued if the following conditions are met:

- you have been married to a French person for at least 3 years (or at least 1 year if you are a Tunisian citizen),
- your community of life is effective,
- your spouse has retained the French nationality,
- if your marriage was celebrated abroad, it must have been transcribed previously on the french civil registry.

Moreover, you must fulfil a condition of republican integration. This condition is particularly appreciated in view of:

- your commitment to respect the principles that govern the French Republic,
- your respect for these principles,
- and your [sufficient knowledge of the French language](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34501?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34501?lang=en>).

To appreciate your integration into French society, the Prefect takes into account the conclusion and follow-up of your [republican integration contract](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17048?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17048?lang=en>). As part of this, the mayor of your home is asked for an opinion.

Does a resident card allow you to work?

The resident card entitles you to stay and work in France.

You are exempt from work authorisation.

Card Request

You must submit your application for a residence card to the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home within 2 months of the expiry date of your residence permit. Find out more on your prefecture's website.

If you file your application after the deadline, except in cases of force majeure or presentation of a valid visa, you will have to pay, in addition to the cost of the card, a visa fee to regularise €180.

General case

Who shall I contact

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- [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>)

In Paris

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- [Paris Police Prefecture](https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/) (https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/)

Parts to supply

- Passport (pages on marital status, validity dates and entry stamps)
- Long-stay visa or valid residence permit
- **Proof of domicile** (https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en) less than 3 months old
- 3 **photos** (https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en)
- Marriage Act: (full copy or extracted with filiation) + declaration of non-polygamy if you are a national of a State which authorises it
- Valid national identity card or certificate of French nationality of less than 6 months of the spouse
- Declaration on the joint honour of the couple attesting to the common life and all documents justifying the community of life since the issuance of the last temporary residence card "spouse of French" (lease contract, EDF receipt, RIB (), etc.)
- Justifications for Republican integration except for Tunisians: declaration on honour regarding respect for the principles of the French Republic + proof of your sufficient knowledge of the French language (diploma, test or linguistic certificate)
- If you have children: birth certificate (full copy or extract with filiation) of each child

Cost

€225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) to be settled by **tax stamps** (https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en).

The proof of payment is required when the card is handed over to the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home (depending on the place where your application is lodged).

Issuance or refusal to issue card

Card Issuance

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Your request is accepted

If your application is accepted, you are summoned to the prefecture for the issue of the title.

Your request is denied

If the prefect has notified you of the refusal

The decision of the Prefect is yours notified by reasoned letter (explicit decision). Such refusal shall be accompanied, unless otherwise provided, by **obligation to leave French territory (OQTF)** (https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F18362?lang=en) fixing the country where you will be returned.

You can form **litigation before the administrative tribunal** (https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en) (within 48 hours, 15 days or 30 days depending on the type of OQTF).

No reply from the Prefect on your request

If the Prefecture did not respond after the receipt was valid, it is an implied refusal.

You can train within 2 months:

- **an administrative remedy** (https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en) (*ex gratia* before the prefect and/or *hierarchy* to the Minister of the Interior),
- and/or **a contentious appeal before the administrative tribunal** (https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en).

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Term

Resident card is valid **10 years** and renewable.

However, it is no longer valid if you leave France for more than 3 consecutive years.

You can ask to extend this period by 3 years. It is the Prefect who assesses whether the reasons given justify the requested extension.

It is granted if your absence is justified by hospitalisation, military service, a reason professional or family, or by the occurrence of special events during your absence.

Renewal

When renewing your residency card, you can ask:

- or **long-term resident card - EU** (https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17359?lang=en),
- or **permanent resident card** (https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11201?lang=en).

You must pay €225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) **tax stamps** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

Foreign entry by family reunification

Terms

The residency card is issued if the following conditions are met:

- you are the spouse or child under the age of 19 **foreign national with resident card**, entered in France by **family reunion** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N11165?lang=en>),
- you have been residing regularly and uninterrupted for at least 3 years in France.

Does a resident card allow you to work?

The resident card entitles you to stay and work in France.

You are exempt from work authorisation.

Card Request

You must file your application for a residence card in the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home within 2 months of the expiry date of your residence permit (or before the expiration of the year following your 18^e anniversary). Find out more on your prefecture's website.

If you file your application after the deadline, except in cases of force majeure or presentation of a valid visa, you will have to pay, in addition to the cost of the card, a visa fee to regularise €180.

General case

Who shall I contact

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- **Paris Police Prefecture** [↗ \(https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/\)](https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/)

Parts to supply

- Passport (pages on marital status, validity dates and entry stamps)
- Long-stay visa for family reunification
- Birth certificate: extracted filiation or full copy
- **Proof of domicile** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en>) less than 3 months old
- Certificate of uninterrupted residence of at least 3 years
- **3 photos** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Declaration on the joint honour of the couple attesting to the common life and extract of marriage
- Medical CertificateOfii () (at the time of delivery of the security)
- Copy of foreign resident card joined
- Justifications for Republican integration except for Tunisians: declaration on honour regarding respect for the principles of the French Republic + proof of your sufficient knowledge of the French language (diploma, test or linguistic certificate)
- If you are married: marriage certificate (full copy or extract with filiation) + declaration of non-polygamy if you are a national of a State which authorises it

👉 **FYI** : foreign-language civil status documents must be accompanied by **of their translation into French by a certified interpreter** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12956?lang=en>).

Cost

€225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) to be settled by **tax stamps** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

The proof of payment is required when the card is handed over to the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home (depending on the place where your application is lodged).

Issuance or refusal to issue card

Card Issuance

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Your request is accepted

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Your request is denied

If the prefect has notified you of the refusal

The decision of the Prefect is yours notified by reasoned letter (explicit decision). Such refusal shall be accompanied, unless otherwise provided, by obligation to leave French territory (OQTF) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F18362?lang=en>) fixing the country where you will be returned.

You can form litigation before the administrative tribunal (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en>) (within 48 hours, 15 days or 30 days depending on the type of OQTF).

No reply from the Prefect on your request

If the Prefecture did not respond after the receipt was valid, it is an implied refusal.

You can train within 2 months:

- an administrative remedy (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en>) (*ex gratia* before the prefect and/or *hierarchy* to the Minister of the Interior),
- and/or a contentious appeal before the administrative tribunal (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en>).

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Term

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It is granted if your absence is justified by hospitalisation, military service, a reason professional or family, or by the occurrence of special events during your absence.

Renewal

When renewing your residency card, you can ask:

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- or permanent resident card (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11201?lang=en>).

You must pay €225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) tax stamps (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

Parent of French children

Terms

The residency card is issued if the following conditions are met:

- you are the father or mother of a French child residing in France,
- you have a residence card for at least 3 years *private and family life* issued in this capacity (you must always meet the criteria for obtaining this card).

Does a resident card allow you to work?

The resident card entitles you to stay and work in France.

You are exempt from work authorisation.

Card Request

You must submit your application for a residence card to the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home within 2 months of the expiry date of your residence permit. Find out more on your prefecture's website.

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Parts to supply

- Passport (pages on marital status, validity dates and entry stamps)
- Valid residence permit
- [Proof of domicile](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en>) less than 3 months old
- [3 photos](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Certificate of residence in France of the child (proof by all means): certificate of schooling or nursery, presence of the child at the time of application, etc.
- Proof of French nationality of your child: national identity card or certificate of French nationality of a child under 6 months
- Birth certificate of the child (copy or extract with filiation)
- Sufficient supporting evidence that you have actually contributed to the maintenance and upbringing of the child since birth or for at least 2 years (proof by any means): payment of a pension, purchases intended for the child (food, clothing, leisure, educational, toys), evidence of participation in the child's education (regular accommodation, interest in the child's schooling, real emotional presence, testimonies), etc.
- Justifications for Republican integration except for Tunisians: declaration on honour regarding respect for the principles of the French Republic + proof of your sufficient knowledge of the French language (diploma, test or linguistic certificate)
- If you are married: marriage certificate (full copy or extract with filiation) + declaration of non-polygamy if you are a national of a State which authorises it

Cost

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You can form [litigation before the administrative tribunal](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en>) (within 48 hours, 15 days or 30 days depending on the type of OQTF).

No reply from the Prefect on your request

If the Prefecture did not respond after the receipt was valid, it is an implied refusal.

You can train within 2 months:

- [an administrative remedy](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en>) (*ex gratia* before the prefect and/or

hierarchy to the Minister of the Interior),

- and/or [a contentious appeal before the administrative tribunal \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en).

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It is granted if your absence is justified by hospitalisation, military service, a reason professional or family, or by the occurrence of special events during your absence.

Renewal

When renewing your residency card, you can ask:

- or [long-term resident card - EU \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17359?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17359?lang=en),
- or [permanent resident card \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11201?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11201?lang=en).

You must pay €225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) [tax stamps \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en).

Child and ascendant of a French national

Children of French

The residency card is issued to you if you are the foreign child of a French national and you meet one of the following conditions:

- you are between 18 and 21 years old
- you are between 16 and 18 and say you want to work
- you are dependent on your parents

In any case, you should not pose a threat to public order.

🔍 Please note : if you are a child of French, you must have filiation legally established (subject to the adoption of its regularity when it has been issued abroad).

Dependent of a Frenchman

The residence card is issued to you if you are a parent (father and mother or grandmother, grandfather) or in-laws dependent on a Frenchman.

You must have entered France with a [long-stay visa \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16162?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16162?lang=en) (for a stay of more than 3 months).

You must not pose a threat to public order.

Does a resident card allow you to work?

The resident card entitles you to stay and work in France.

You are exempt from work authorisation.

Card Request

You must submit your application for a residence card to the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home within 2 months of your entry into France under the cover of a long-stay visa. Find out more on your prefecture's website.

General case

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Parts to supply

- Passport (pages on marital status, validity dates and entry stamps)
- Long-stay visa
- Birth certificate of the child (copy or extract with filiation)
- [Proof of domicile](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en>) less than 3 months old
- 3 [photos](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Medical Certificate Ofii () to be handed over at the time of the surrender of the title
- Justification of the French nationality of the parent, descendant or spouse: valid national identity card or certificate of French nationality of less than 6 months
- If the child is over 21 years of age, proof of care by the French parent(s): sufficient resources of the french parent(s) (e.g., tax notice, wage bill, accommodation certificate, financial payment and lack of resources of the child (child's tax or non-taxation notice, child's statement of account, or medical certificate attesting to an infirmity that prevents the child from working or performing the acts of daily life)
- Ascendant of a Frenchman, evidence of support by the French descendant or spouse: sufficient resources of the french descendant or spouse (e.g., tax notice, wage bill, accommodation certificate, financial payment and lack of resources of the ascendant or medical certificate attesting to a disability which prevents him from working or performing the acts of everyday life)

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Cost

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Renewal

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- or permanent resident card (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11201?lang=en>).

You must pay €225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) tax stamps (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

Refugee, stateless or beneficiary of subsidiary protection


Terms

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Refugee and his family

The resident card is issued to you:

- if you obtained refugee status (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F299?lang=en>),
- or if you are part of the refugee's family:
 - in the case of marriage, civil union or cohabitation prior to the date of application for asylum: spouse, cohabitee or civil partner of the refugee who is allowed to stay in France under family reunification,
 - in the case of marriage or civil union after the date of application for asylum: the refugee's spouse or civil partner, if the marriage or civil union has been celebrated for at least one year and the community of living between spouses or partners is effective,
 - children under 19 years of age of the refugee,
 - parents of a refugee child who entered France as an isolated minor.

 **Please note** : if you are a refugee child, you must have filiation legally established (subject to the adoption of its regularity when it has been issued abroad).

Stateless and family

The resident card is issued to you:

- if you have been granted stateless status and have held a multi-annual residence permit for 4 years,
- or if you are a member of the family of a stateless person and have held a multi-annual residence permit for 4 years:
 - in the case of marriage, civil union or cohabitation **previous** at the date of submission of the application for asylum: spouse, cohabitee or civil partner of the refugee who is allowed to stay in France under family reunification,
 - in case of marriage or civil union **back** at the date of submission of the application for asylum: spouse or partner of civil union, if the marriage or civil union has been celebrated for at least one year and the community of living between spouses or partners is effective,
 - children of foreign nationals who are stateless, unmarried and aged 19 or older,
 - parents of a minor child who is stateless if unmarried. Parents may be accompanied, where appropriate, by their unmarried minor children for whom they are actually responsible.

 **Please note** : if you are a stateless child, you must have filiation legally established (subject to the adoption of its regularity when it has been issued abroad).

Subsidiary Protection Recipient and Family

The resident card is issued to you:

- if you have been a beneficiary of subsidiary protection and have held a multi-annual residence permit for 4 years,
- or if you are part of the family of a beneficiary of subsidiary protection and have held a multi-annual residence permit for 4 years:
 - in the case of marriage, civil union or cohabitation **previous** at the date of submission of the application for asylum: spouse, cohabitee or civil partner of the refugee who is allowed to stay in France under family reunification,
 - in case of marriage or civil union **back** at the date of submission of the application for asylum: spouse or partner of civil union, if the marriage or civil union has been celebrated for at least one year and the community of living between spouses or partners is effective,
 - children of the beneficiary of subsidiary protection, unmarried and aged not more than 19 years,
 - parents of a minor child who is unmarried and who is entitled to subsidiary protection. Parents may be accompanied, where appropriate, by their unmarried minor children for whom they are actually responsible.

 **Please note** : if you are a stateless child, you must have filiation legally established (subject to the adoption of its regularity when it has been issued abroad).

Does a resident card allow you to work?

The resident card entitles you to stay and work in France.

You are exempt from work authorisation.

Card Request

You must apply for a residence card in the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home (within 2 months of the expiry date of your residence permit if you have one). Find out more on your prefecture's website.

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>)

In Paris

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

- [Paris Police Prefecture](https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/)  (<https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/>)

Parts to supply

Répondez aux questions successives et les réponses s'afficheront automatiquement

Refugee

- [Proof of domicile](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en>) less than 3 months old
- [3 photos](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Decision of OFPRA granting refugee status

Stateless

- [Proof of domicile](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en>) less than 3 months old
- [3 photos](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Decision of OFPRA granting statelessness

Beneficiary of subsidiary protection


- [Proof of domicile](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en>) less than 3 months old
- [3 photos](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Decision of OFPRA granting the status of subsidiary protection

Cost

You must pay the following amount:

- Refugee and Family - 1st Application €25 (stamp duty) - to be settled by [tax stamps](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>), renewal and duplicate €225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) [tax stamps](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).
- Stateless and his family - 1st issue of the free card/renewal and duplicate €225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) [tax stamps](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).
- Subsidiary Protected and Family - 1st issue of the free/renewal and duplicate card €225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) [tax stamps](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

Proof of acquittal is required when the card is handed over to the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home (depending on the place where your application is lodged).

 **Please note :** 1^{re} resident card for stateless persons and beneficiaries of subsidiary protection is free.

Issuance or refusal to issue card

Card Issuance

Répondez aux questions successives et les réponses s'afficheront automatiquement

Your request is accepted

If your application is accepted, you are summoned to the prefecture for the issue of the title.

Your request is denied

If the prefect has notified you of the refusal

The decision of the Prefect is yours notified by reasoned letter (explicit decision). Such refusal shall be accompanied, unless otherwise provided, by obligation to leave French territory (OQTF) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F18362?lang=en>) fixing the country where you will be returned.

You can form litigation before the administrative tribunal (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en>) (within 48 hours, 15 days or 30 days depending on the type of OQTF).

No reply from the Prefect on your request

If the Prefecture did not respond after the receipt was valid, it is an implied refusal.

You can train within 2 months:

- an administrative remedy (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en>) (*ex gratia* before the prefect and/or *hierarchy* to the Minister of the Interior),
- and/or a contentious appeal before the administrative tribunal. (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en>).

⚠ Warning : your receipt expires and you don't have a response from the prefecture? The processing time may be extended. In this case, you can obtain a renewal of your receipt at the office of foreigners in your prefecture.

Term

Resident card is valid **10 years** and renewable.

However, it is no longer valid if you leave France for more than 3 consecutive years.

You can ask to extend this period by 3 years. It is the Prefect who assesses whether the reasons given justify the requested extension.

It is granted if your absence is justified by hospitalisation, military service, a reason professional or family, or by the occurrence of special events during your absence.

Renewal or duplicate

When renewing your residency card, you can ask:

- or long-term resident card - EU (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17359?lang=en>),
- or permanent resident card (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11201?lang=en>).

You must pay €225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) tax stamps (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

Workers' compensation annuitant and family

Terms

The resident card is issued to you if:

- you benefit from an accident or occupational disease pension paid by a french body for a permanent disability rate of at least 20%,
- or entitled of a foreigner, beneficiary of a death annuity for occupational accident or illness paid by a French organisation.

Does a resident card allow you to work?

The resident card entitles you to stay and work in France.

You are exempt from work authorisation.

Card Request

You must submit your application for a residence card to the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home within 2 months of the expiry date of your residence permit. Find out more on your prefecture's website.

If you file your application after the deadline, except in cases of force majeure or presentation of a valid visa, you will have to pay, in addition to the cost of the card, a visa fee to regularise €180.

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>)

In Paris

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

- [Paris Police Prefecture](https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/)  (<https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/>)

Parts to supply

- Passport (pages on marital status, validity dates and entry stamps)
- Long-stay visa or valid residence permit
- [Proof of domicile](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en>) less than 3 months old
- [3 photos](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Justification for payment of accident or occupational disease pension

Cost

75 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €50) to be settled by [tax stamps](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

Proof of acquittal is required when the card is handed over to the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home (depending on the place where your application is lodged).

Issuance or refusal to issue card

Card Issuance

Répondez aux questions successives et les réponses s'afficheront automatiquement

Your request is accepted

If your application is accepted, you are summoned to the prefecture for the issue of the title.

Your request is denied

If the prefect has notified you of the refusal

The decision of the Prefect is yours notified by reasoned letter (explicit decision). Such refusal shall be accompanied, unless otherwise provided, by [obligation to leave French territory \(OQTF\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F18362?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F18362?lang=en>) fixing the country where you will be returned.

You can form [litigation before the administrative tribunal](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en>) (within 48 hours, 15 days or 30 days depending on the type of OQTF).

No reply from the Prefect on your request

If the Prefecture did not respond after the receipt was valid, it is an implied refusal.

You can train within 2 months:

- [an administrative remedy](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en>) (*ex gratia* before the prefect and/or *hierarchy* to the Minister of the Interior),
- and/or [a contentious appeal before the administrative tribunal](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en>).

▲ Warning : your receipt expires and you don't have a response from the prefecture? The processing time may be extended. In this case, you can obtain a renewal of your receipt at the office of foreigners in your prefecture.

Term

Resident card is valid **10 years** and renewable.

However, it is no longer valid if you leave France for more than 3 consecutive years.

You can ask to extend this period by 3 years. It is the Prefect who assesses whether the reasons given justify the requested extension.

It is granted if your absence is justified by hospitalisation, military service, a reason professional or family, or by the occurrence of special events during your absence.

Renewal

When renewing your residency card, you can ask:

- or [long-term resident card - EU](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17359?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17359?lang=en>),
- or [permanent resident card](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11201?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11201?lang=en>).

You must pay €225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) [tax stamps](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

Crime victim

Terms

Répondez aux questions successives et les réponses s'afficheront automatiquement

Victim of domestic violence

The residency card is issued to you if you are a beneficiary of [protection order](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12544?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12544?lang=en>) due to violence committed by your spouse, partner or partner. Your husband must have been convicted following your complaint.

The prefect cannot refuse you this card for breaking the life together.

Victim of human trafficking or procuring

The residency card is issued if the following conditions are met:

- you [lodged or testified in criminal proceedings](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F32257?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F32257?lang=en>) against a person or persons prosecuted for procuring or trafficking in human beings (sexual or domestic slavery, forced organ removal, etc.),
- you no longer need to be in contact with the perpetrator(s) being prosecuted,
- the person in question has been definitively convicted,
- you must not pose a threat to public order.

Does a resident card allow you to work?

The resident card entitles you to stay and work in France.

You are exempt from work authorisation.

Card Request

You must submit your application for a residence card to the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home within 2 months of the expiry date of your residence permit. Find out more on your prefecture's website.

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

In Paris


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

- [Paris Police Prefecture](https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/) [↗](https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/) (<https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/>)

Parts to supply

- Passport (pages on marital status, validity dates and entry stamps)
- Birth certificate: extracted filiation or full copy
- [Proof of domicile](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en>) less than 3 months old
- 3 [photos](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Justifications for assessing the cessation of prostitution
- Evidence of commitment to the journey of exit from prostitution and social and professional integration
- or receipt of a complaint for domestic violence

 **FYI** : foreign-language civil status documents must be accompanied by of their translation into French by a certified interpreter (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12956?lang=en>).

Cost

Issuance of the 10-year resident card is free.

Issuance or refusal to issue card

Card Issuance

Répondez aux questions successives et les réponses s'afficheront automatiquement

Your request is accepted

If your application is accepted, you are summoned to the prefecture for the issue of the title.

Your request is denied

If the prefect has notified you of the refusal

The decision of the Prefect is yours notified by reasoned letter (explicit decision). Such refusal shall be accompanied, unless otherwise provided, by obligation to leave French territory (OQTF) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F18362?lang=en>) fixing the country where you will be returned.


You can form litigation before the administrative tribunal (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en>) (within 48 hours, 15 days or 30 days depending on the type of OQTF).

No reply from the Prefect on your request

If the Prefecture did not respond after the receipt was valid, it is an implied refusal.

You can train within 2 months:

- an administrative remedy (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en>) (*ex gratia* before the prefect and/or *hierarchy* to the Minister of the Interior),
- and/or a contentious appeal before the administrative tribunal (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en>).

 **Warning** : your receipt expires and you don't have a response from the prefecture? The processing time may be extended. In this case, you can obtain a renewal of your receipt at the office of foreigners in your prefecture.

Term

Resident card is valid **10 years** and renewable.

However, it is no longer valid if you leave France for more than 3 consecutive years.

You can ask to extend this period by 3 years. It is the Prefect who assesses whether the reasons given justify the requested extension.

It is granted if your absence is justified by hospitalisation, military service, a reason professional or family, or by the occurrence of special events during your absence.

Renewal or duplicate

When renewing your residency card, you can ask:


- or long-term resident card - EU (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17359?lang=en>),
- or permanent resident card (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11201?lang=en>).

The renewal or duplicate of the residency card is free.

Veteran or legionnaire

Terms

The residency card is issued if you are in one of the following situations:

- You have served in a French or allied combat unit: provide fighter card or military booklet
- You have spent at least 3 years under contract with the Foreign Legion and have obtained the certificate of good conduct: provide certificate
- You have spent at least 3 years under contract with the Foreign Legion and participated in a outside operation giving entitlement to the combatant's card  (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/LEGITEXT000005615277/>)
- You fought in the ranks of the French Interior Forces (FFI): provide the demobilisation certificate issued by the incorporation commission or a proof of injury

Does a resident card allow you to work?

The resident card entitles you to stay and work in France.

You are exempt from work authorisation.

Card Request

You must apply for a resident card in your home prefecture or sub-prefecture. Find out more on your prefecture's website.

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>)

In Paris

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

- [Paris Police Prefecture](https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/)  (<https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/>)

Parts to supply

- Passport (pages on marital status, validity dates and entry stamps)
- [Proof of domicile](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en>) less than 3 months old
- [3 photos](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Proof of Veteran

Cost

Répondez aux questions successives et les réponses s'afficheront automatiquement

Veteran

- 1st question: €25 (stamp duty) to be paid by [tax stamps](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).
- renewal and duplicate €225

(stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) to be settled by [tax stamps](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

Proof of acquittal is required when the card is handed over to the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home (depending on the place where your application is lodged).

Former Legionnaire

€225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) to be settled by [tax stamps](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

The proof of payment is required when the card is handed over to the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home (depending on the place where your application is lodged).

Issuance or refusal to issue card

Card Issuance

Répondez aux questions successives et les réponses s'afficheront automatiquement

Your request is accepted

If your application is accepted, you are summoned to the prefecture for the issue of the title.

Your request is denied

If the prefect has notified you of the refusal

The decision of the Prefect is yours notified by reasoned letter (explicit decision). Such refusal shall be accompanied, unless otherwise provided, by [obligation to leave French territory \(OQTF\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F18362?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F18362?lang=en>) fixing the country where you will be returned.

You can form [litigation before the administrative tribunal](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en>) (within 48 hours, 15 days or 30 days depending on the type of OQTF).

No reply from the Prefect on your request

If the Prefecture did not respond after the receipt was valid, it is an implied refusal.

You can train within 2 months:

- [an administrative remedy](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en>) (*ex gratia* before the prefect and/or *hierarchy* to the Minister of the Interior),
- and/or [a contentious appeal before the administrative tribunal](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en). (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en>).

▲ Warning : your receipt expires and you don't have a response from the prefecture? The processing time may be extended. In this case, you can obtain a renewal of your receipt at the office of foreigners in your prefecture.

Term

Resident card is valid **10 years** and renewable.

However, it is no longer valid if you leave France for more than 3 consecutive years.

You can ask to extend this period by 3 years. It is the Prefect who assesses whether the reasons given justify the requested extension.

It is granted if your absence is justified by hospitalisation, military service, a reason professional or family, or by the occurrence of special events during your absence.

Renewal or duplicate

When renewing your residency card, you can ask:

- or [long-term resident card - EU](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17359?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17359?lang=en>),
- or [permanent resident card](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11201?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11201?lang=en>).

You must pay €225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) **tax stamps** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

Young person eligible for French citizenship

Terms

If you were born in France to foreign parents, you can get [French nationality](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F295?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F295?lang=en>) 18 years of age if the following conditions are met:

- you reside in France at the age of 18,
- and have usually resided in France for a continuous or discontinuous period of at least 5 years, since the age of 11.

You can refuse French citizenship (between 17 and a half and 19 years) if you prove that you have another nationality.

In this case, you must apply for a resident card if you wish to live in France.

Does a resident card allow you to work?

The resident card entitles you to stay and work in France.

You are exempt from work authorisation.

Card Request

You must apply for a resident card in your home prefecture or sub-prefecture. Find out more on your prefecture's website.

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

In Paris

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

- [Paris Police Prefecture](https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/) [↗](https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/) (<https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/>)

Parts to supply

- Passport (pages on marital status, validity dates and entry stamps)
- **Proof of domicile** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en>) less than 3 months old
- **3 photos** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Proof of residence in France at the time of majority and for a period of 5 years between 11 and 18 years

Cost

€225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) to be settled by **tax stamps** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

The proof of payment is required when the card is handed over to the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home (depending on the place where your application is lodged).

Issuance or refusal to issue card

Card Issuance

Répondez aux questions successives et les réponses s'afficheront automatiquement

Your request is accepted

If your application is accepted, you are summoned to the prefecture for the issue of the title.

Your request is denied

If the prefect has notified you of the refusal

The decision of the Prefect is yours notified by reasoned letter (explicit decision). Such refusal shall be accompanied, unless otherwise provided, by **obligation to leave French territory (OQTF)** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F18362?lang=en>) fixing the country where you will be returned.

You can form **litigation before the administrative tribunal** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en>) (within 48 hours, 15 days or 30 days depending on the type of OQTF).

No reply from the Prefect on your request

If the Prefecture did not respond after the receipt was valid, it is an implied refusal.

You can train within 2 months:

- **an administrative remedy** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en>) (*ex gratia* before the prefect and/or *hierarchy* to the Minister of the Interior),
- and/or **a contentious appeal before the administrative tribunal** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en>).

⚠ Warning : your receipt expires and you don't have a response from the prefecture? The processing time may be extended. In this case, you can obtain a renewal of your receipt at the office of foreigners in your prefecture.

Term

Resident card is valid **10 years** and renewable.

However, it is no longer valid if you leave France for more than 3 consecutive years.

You can ask to extend this period by 3 years. It is the Prefect who assesses whether the reasons given justify the requested extension.

It is granted if your absence is justified by hospitalisation, military service, a reason professional or family, or by the occurrence of special events during your absence.

Renewal or duplicate

When renewing your residency card, you can ask:

- or **long-term resident card - EU** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17359?lang=en>),
- or **permanent resident card** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11201?lang=en>).

You must pay €225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) **tax stamps** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

Retired

Terms

The residence card is issued to you if you are a foreigner who holds a residence card with the words "retired". You must justify your wish to establish your main residence in France.

Does a resident card allow you to work?

The resident card entitles you to stay and work in France.

You are exempt from work authorisation.

Card Request

You must apply for a resident card in your home prefecture or sub-prefecture. Find out more on your prefecture's website.

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>)

In Paris

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

- [Paris Police Prefecture](https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/)  (<https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/>)

Parts to supply

- Passport (pages on marital status, validity dates and entry stamps)
- Valid residence permit
- [Proof of domicile](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33052?lang=en>) less than 3 months old
- [3 photos](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Certificate of honour by which the applicant declares that he has established his habitual place of residence
- Proof of domicile in France (a habitual residence does not exclude temporary absences outside France, however a minimum of 180 days per year of stay in France is required)
- If you are married: marriage certificate (full copy or extract with filiation) + declaration of non-polygamy if you are a national of a State which authorises it

Term

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Cost

€225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) to be settled by [tax stamps](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

The proof of payment is required when the card is handed over to the prefecture or sub-prefecture of your home (depending on the place where your application is lodged).

Issuance or refusal to issue card

Card Issuance

Répondez aux questions successives et les réponses s'afficheront automatiquement

Your request is accepted

If your application is accepted, you are summoned to the prefecture for the issue of the title.

Your request is denied

If the prefect has notified you of the refusal

The decision of the Prefect is yours notified by reasoned letter (explicit decision). Such refusal shall be accompanied, unless otherwise provided, by [obligation to leave French territory \(OQTF\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F18362?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F18362?lang=en>) fixing the country where you will be returned.

You can form [litigation before the administrative tribunal](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2478?lang=en>) (within 48 hours, 15 days or 30 days depending on the type of OQTF).

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- or permanent resident card (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11201?lang=en>).

You must pay €225 (stamp duty of €25 + tax €200) **tax stamps** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>).

Statute and miscellaneous references

- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right of asylum: Articles L314-1 to L314-7-1 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006163232/)
(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006163232/>)
General provisions on resident card
- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right of asylum: Articles L314-8 to L314-10 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006180201/)
(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006180201/>)
Resident card subject to a regular stay
- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right of asylum: Articles L314-11 and L314-12 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006180202/)
(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006180202/>)
Resident card issued automatically
- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right of asylum: R314-2 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006180234/) (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006180234/>)
Card Issuance
- Order of 21 February 2018 establishing the list of diplomas and certifications attesting to the level of proficiency in French required to obtain a resident card. [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000036639354/) (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000036639354/>)

For more information, please contact

- List of transactions eligible for the combatant card [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/LEGITEXT000005615277/) (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/LEGITEXT000005615277/>)
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