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## Residence card for retired foreign national or retired spouse

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Additional cases ? [Certificate of residence for Algerian - Retired/Spouse of Retired \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F3137\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F3137)

### **i** Coronavirus / Covid-19: extension of validity of residence permits

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the validity period of residence documents that expired between 16 March and 15 June 2020 has been extended by **6 months**.. This measure concerns:

- Long-stay visas
- All residence permits (except special permits issued to foreign diplomatic and consular personnel)
- Provisional residence permits
- Receipts of applications for residence permits

This extension is automatic. It also extends social rights and the right to work.

If you are a foreigner (European or Algerian) and retired, you can get a residence card mention *retired*, subject to conditions. Your spouse can obtain a residence card *retired spouse* if he/she has regularly resident with you in France.

### Application in France

#### What is it about?

The residence card *retired* or *retired spouse* allows you to enter France at any time for stays of **maximum duration of 1 year** without having to apply for a visa.

She doesn't allow working there.

 **Warning** : it does not allow you to bring your family to France.

Once holder of the residence card mention *retired*, if you wish to re-establish your usual residence in France, you have the right to request a **resident card** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2208?lang=en>).

#### Who is involved?

You are concerned if you are a foreigner and you meet all of the following conditions:

- You have resided in France with a resident card ( **resident card** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2208?lang=en>) or **EU long-term resident card** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17359?lang=en>) or former 3-year ordinary resident card or 10-year preferred resident card)
- You have established (or establish) your habitual residence abroad,
- You have a pension from a French basic social security scheme.

This residence card does not allow you to bring your family to France. However, your spouse can obtain a residence card *retired spouse* if he/she has regularly resident with you in France. This card allows him to enter France at any time for stays of **maximum duration of 1 year** without having to apply for a visa. But she doesn't change her country of residence.

 **Please note** : if you European, you are not required to hold a residence card and are not concerned.

#### How do I apply?

You must submit your application within 2 months of the expiry date of your resident card.

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

**⚠ Warning :** some sub-prefectures cannot do the paperwork. Find out more on the website of your prefecture.

In Paris

Who shall I contact

- [Prefecture de Police de Paris - Residence permit service](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>)

If your file is complete, you receive a [receipt](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15763?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15763?lang=en>) waiting for the prefecture to respond.

## Parts to supply

For retired card

- Your passport
- Justification that you have established (or establish) your habitual residence abroad
- Extract of registration proving your rights issued by the organization paying your pension or your last tax certificate (or a photocopy of one of these documents if you do not have an original)
- Justification for your residence in France with a resident card
- 1 [identity photos](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Declaration of non-polygamy if you are married and a national of a state that allows it

For the Joint Retirement Card

- Your passport
- Justification that you have established (or establish) your habitual residence abroad
- Copy of residence card *retired* or a certificate of entitlement issued by the organization paying your pension or your last tax certificate (or a photocopy of one if you do not have an original)
- Justification for your residence in France with your spouse
- 1 [identity photos](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Declaration of non-polygamy if you are married and a national of a state that allows it

## Cost

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

Stamps are requested when you agree to your request or when you hand over your card. Check with your prefecture.

## Processing folder

### Issuing the card

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 prefect's decision 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 to which you will be returned.

You can form a [appeal to 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 has not replied to the expiry of the validity of the receipt, it is an implicit refusal.

You can train within 2 months:

- [administrative appeal \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en) (*ex gratia* before the prefect and/or *hierarchical remedy* before 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 :** if your receipt expires and you do not have a response from the prefecture, the processing time may be extended. In this case, you can obtain the renewal of your receipt at the foreign office of your prefecture.

The card is given to you by the prefecture or sub-prefecture where you applied.

## Card validity period

The cards *retired* (or *retired spouse*) is valid **10 years** and renewable.

## Card Renewal

You must submit your card application within 2 months of the expiry date of your credit card *retired*.

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 regularize €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

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

**▲ Warning :** some sub-prefectures cannot do the paperwork. Find out more on the website of your prefecture.

In Paris

Who shall I contact

- [Prefecture de Police de Paris - Residence permit service](https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/Demarches/Particulier/Ressortissants-etrangers/Ressortissants-etrangers/Titres-de-sejour-Nous-contacter)  (<https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/Demarches/Particulier/Ressortissants-etrangers/Ressortissants-etrangers/Titres-de-sejour-Nous-contacter>)

### Parts to be supplied:

- Your passport
- Your residence card *retired* (or *retired spouse*) expiring
- An attestation on the honor that each of your stays in France, with this residence card, has not exceeded 1 year
- 1 [identity photos \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en)

**Cost ::** you must settle €25 (stamp duty) by [tax stamps \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en).

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 regularize €180..

If your file is complete, you receive a [receipt \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15763?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15763?lang=en) waiting for the prefecture to respond.

### Issuing the card

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 prefect's decision 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 to which you will be returned.

You can form a **appeal to 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 has not replied to the expiry of the validity of the receipt, it is an implicit refusal.

You can train within 2 months:

- ▶ **administrative appeal** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en>) (*ex gratia* before the prefect and/or *hierarchical remedy* before 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 :** if your receipt expires and you do not have a response from the prefecture, the processing time may be extended. In this case, you can obtain the renewal of your receipt at the foreign office of your prefecture.

The card is given to you by the prefecture or sub-prefecture where you applied.

## Abroad

### What is it about?

The residence card *retired* or *retired spouse* allows you to enter France at any time for stays of **maximum duration of 1 year** without having to apply for a visa. She doesn't allow working there.

**👉 FYI :** once the holder of the residence card mention *retired*, if you wish to re-establish your usual residence in France, you have the right to request a **resident card** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2208?lang=en>).

### Who is involved?

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

- ▶ You are a foreigner
- ▶ You have resided in France with a resident card ( **resident card** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2208?lang=en>) or **EU long-term resident card** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17359?lang=en>) or former 3-year ordinary resident card or 10-year preferred resident card)
- ▶ You have established (or are establishing) your habitual residence abroad
- ▶ You have a pension from a French basic social security scheme.

Your spouse can obtain a residence card *retired spouse* whether he/she resided regularly resident with you in France.

**📌 Please note :** if you European, you are not required to hold a residence card and are not concerned.

### Card request

You must submit your card application to the **French consular authorities** in your country of residence.

Who shall I contact

- ▶ **Visa Service (French Embassy/Consulate abroad)** 🌐 (<https://france-visas.gouv.fr/web/france-visas/ma-page-pays?caller=depotVisas>)

If your file is complete, you receive a **receipt** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15763?lang=en>) waiting for the prefecture to respond.

### Issuing the card

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 prefect's decision 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 to which you will be returned.

You can form a appeal to 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 has not replied to the expiry of the validity of the receipt, it is an implicit refusal.

You can train within 2 months:

- administrative appeal (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2474?lang=en>) (*ex gratia* before the prefect and/or *hierarchical remedy* before 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 :** if your receipt expires and you do not have a response from the prefecture, the processing time may be extended. In this case, you can obtain the renewal of your receipt at the foreign office of your prefecture.

## Parts to supply

Répondez aux questions successives et les réponses s'afficheront automatiquement

For "retired" card

- Your passport
- The justification you have established (or establish) your habitual residence abroad
- Extract of registration proving your rights issued by the organization paying your pension or your last tax certificate (or a photocopy of one of these documents if you do not have an original)
- Justification for your residence in France with a resident card
- 1 identity photos (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Declaration of non-polygamy if you are married and a national of a state that allows it

For the "pensioner spouse" card

- Your passport
- The justification you have established (or establish) your habitual residence abroad
- Copy of residence card *retired* or a certificate of entitlement issued by the organization paying your pension or your last tax certificate (or a photocopy of one if you do not have an original)
- Justification for your residence in France with your spouse
- 1 identity photos (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)
- Declaration of non-polygamy if you are married and a national of a state that allows it

## Cost

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

Stamps are requested when you agree to your request or when you hand over your card. Check with your prefecture.

## Card validity period

The cards *retired* (or *retired spouse*) is valid **10 years** and renewable.

## Card Renewal

Répondez aux questions successives et les réponses s'afficheront automatiquement

If you are in France

You must submit your card application to the prefecture (or sub-prefecture) of your home (find out more on the prefecture's website) within 2 months before the expiry date of your card *retired* (or *retired spouse*).

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)
- [Sub-prefecture](http://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Le-ministere/Prefectures)
- [Paris Police Prefecture](https://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/)

While waiting for your folder to be instructed, you will receive a [receipt](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15763?lang=en).

If your prefecture or sub-prefecture has not responded within 4 months, your request for a card is refused.

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 regularize €180.

If you are abroad

You must submit your card application to the **French consular authorities** in your country of residence.

Who shall I contact

- [French embassy or consulate abroad](https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/le-ministere-et-son-reseau/annuaires-et-adresses-du-ministere-de-l-europe-et-des-affaires-etrangeres-meae/ambassades-et-consulats-francais-a-l-etranger/)

You must apply for a renewal at **French consular authorities** in your country of residence.

Parts to be supplied:

- Your passport
- Your residence card *retired* (or *retired spouse*) expiring
- An attestation on the honor that each of your stays in France, with this residence card, has not exceeded 1 year
- 1 [identity photos](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en)

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

Who shall I contact

- [Visa Service \(French Embassy/Consulate abroad\)](https://france-visas.gouv.fr/web/france-visas/ma-page-pays?caller=depotVisas)

## Statute and miscellaneous references

- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right to asylum: Article L317-1 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idArticle=LEGIARTI000006335133&idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006147762&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006070158)  
*Issuance of the "retired" and "retired spouse" residence card*
- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right to asylum: Articles R317-1 to R317-3 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006147832&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006070158)  
*Parts to supply*
- Social Security Code: Articles D254-1 to D254-6 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006155967&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006073189)  
*Excerpt from the registration establishing pension rights*
- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right to asylum: Articles R311-10 to R311-13 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006180221/)  
*Implicit refusal in the event of silence for more than 4 months on an application for a residence permit (Article R311-12)*
- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right to asylum: Articles D311-18-1 to D311-18-3 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000025100779/)  
*Taxes payable*
- Code on the entry and residence of aliens and the right to asylum: Articles L311-13 to L311-18 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000020040148/)  
*Stamp duty payable*