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Movement Document for Minor foreigner (CMEC)

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A foreigners minor resident in France is not obliged to hold a residence permit. However, to facilitate his movements outside France, he can obtain a circulation document for minor foreigner (DCEM). The person who exercises parental authority over the child must make the request, providing certain supporting documents. The document is valid for a period of time 5 years renewable. The Republican Identity Document (TIR) has been deleted.

Parent foreigner in a regular situation

The Minor foreigner Movement Document (CMPD) refers to the minor foreigner after a foreigner trip. It allows the foreigners minor to return to France (or to the external borders of [Schengen Area](https://www.touteleurope.eu/les-pays-membres-de-l-espace-schengen.html)  (<https://www.touteleurope.eu/les-pays-membres-de-l-espace-schengen.html>)) without needing a visa. It proves regularity of stay in France.

The DCEM must be accompanied by a valid travel document (passport in most cases), once the young person is travelling outside France.

Who is concerned?

General case

The DCEM is issued to a minor resident in France and one or more of the parents has one of the following cards:

- ▶ Temporary residence card
- ▶ Multi-year residence card
- ▶ Resident Card

In Mayotte

The DCEM shall be issued to a minor born in France whose at least one of the parents holds one of the following cards:

- ▶ Temporary residence card
- ▶ Multi-year residence card
- ▶ Resident Card

Where and how to apply?

The person who exercises parental authority (or his or her agent) must file the EMDC application online.

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Documents to be provided

- ▶ Applicant's birth certificate (parent or holder of parental authority): full copy or extract with filiation
- ▶ Passport (or otherwise: national identity card, consular identity card, etc.) of the applicant **and** of the child
- ▶ Family booklet or extract of birth certificate with the child's established parentage
- ▶ Valid residence card of the applicant (unless the applicant is European)
- ▶ Documents certifying that the applicant exercises parental authority over the minor:
 - ▶ Married parents: marriage certificate
 - ▶ Divorced parents: divorce judgement

- Unmarried parents: birth certificate of the child mentioning the recognition of the minor before the age of 1 year, or joint declaration of joint exercise of parental authority made to the clerk of the court or a copy of the court ruling on parental authority (if the child has been recognised after the age of 1 year)
- If parental authority is exercised by a third party: copy of court decision delegating parental authority or decision of family council
- If the applicant uses a proxy:
 - Mandate of the person holding parental authority (letter, authentic act)
 - Agent ID
 - Documents certifying that the signatory of the warrant exercises parental authority over the minor
- Certificate of schooling or nursery or any other document for young children who can prove habitual residence in France
- Proof of domicile on behalf of the applicant if the minor resides with him, or on behalf of the minor if he does not live with the applicant
- **2 photos** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>) minor
- Tax Stamps of €50 to be donated at the time of submission of the DCEM
- Form **cerfa 11203** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1457?lang=en>) completed, dated and signed by the applicant (the form can be completed online)

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

DCEM Delivery

The applicant for the title must come to withdraw it in prefecture (or sub-prefecture) **accompanied by the beneficiary child**.

➡ **FYI** : if the prefecture or sub-prefecture has not responded within 2 months, the application for DCEM is refused.

Cost

There is a charge for the issue of the DCEM: a €50 is **by tax stamps** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>) when the title is delivered.

Term

If the child is under 13 years

DCEM is valid **5 years** and can be renewed.

- If the parents have a residence permit that will end before 5 years, the end date of the child's EMD is the same as that of the parent's permit.
- If the parents have a residence permit that will end before 1 year, the child's CESD end date is 1 year.

➡ **FYI** : if parents have titles with different end dates, the earliest end date is taken into account

The EMD may be withdrawn when the child no longer meets the conditions of issue.

If the child becomes French or if he or she obtains a residence permit, the DCEM must be returned to the prefecture.

From 13 years

DCEM is valid until **18 years** of the child.

If the parents have a residence permit that will expire before the child's 18 years of age, the child's CESD end date is the same as that of the parent's title. However, the child's DCEM cannot be less than 1 year.

➡ **FYI** : if parents have titles with different end dates, the earliest end date is taken into account

The EMD may be withdrawn when the child no longer meets the conditions of issue.

If the child becomes French or if he or she obtains a residence permit, the DCEM must be returned to the prefecture.

Renewal

The MRSD may be renewed for a period of time **5 years**.

The DCEM is renewable up to the majority of the child.

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

European Parliament

Who is concerned?

The DCEM is granted to the following children:

- ▶ Minor with at least one parent European and is established in France for more than 3 months
- ▶ Minor whose stepparent is European and at least one of the parents is established in France for more than 3 months

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Documents to be provided

- ▶ Applicant's birth certificate (parent or holder of parental authority): full copy or extract with filiation
- ▶ Passport (or otherwise: national identity card, consular identity card, etc.) of the applicant **and** of the child
- ▶ Family booklet or extract of birth certificate with the child's established parentage
- ▶ If the minor is a European child: any document certifying the applicant's stay
- ▶ If the minor is a child of French: valid national identity card or national passport of the French parent
- ▶ If the minor has a parent who has acquired French nationality: valid passport, valid national identity card, certificate of French nationality of less than 6 months or national passport of the French parent
- ▶ Documents certifying that the applicant exercises parental authority over the minor:
 - ▶ Married parents: marriage certificate
 - ▶ Divorced parents: divorce judgement
 - ▶ Unmarried parents: birth certificate of the child mentioning the recognition of the minor before the age of 1 year, or joint declaration of joint exercise of parental authority made to the clerk of the court or a copy of the court ruling on parental authority (if the child has been recognised after the age of 1 year)
- ▶ If parental authority is exercised by a third party: copy of court decision delegating parental authority or decision of family council
- ▶ If the applicant uses a proxy:
 - ▶ Mandate of the person holding parental authority (letter, authentic act)
 - ▶ Agent ID
 - ▶ Documents certifying that the signatory of the warrant exercises parental authority over the minor
- ▶ Certificate of schooling or nursery or any other document for young children who can prove habitual residence in France
- ▶ Proof of domicile on behalf of the applicant if the minor resides with him, or on behalf of the minor if he does not live with the applicant
- ▶ **2 photos** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>) minor
- ▶ Tax Stamps of €50 to be donated at the time of submission of the DCEM
- ▶ Form **cerfa 11203** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1457?lang=en>) completed, dated and signed by the applicant (the form can be completed online).

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DCEM Delivery

The applicant for the title must come to withdraw it in prefecture (or sub-prefecture) **accompanied by the beneficiary child**.

 **FYI** : if the prefecture or sub-prefecture has not responded within 2 months, the application for DCEM is refused.

Cost

DCEM is free.

Term

If the child is under 13 years

DCEM is valid **5 years** and can be renewed.

The EMD may be withdrawn when the child no longer meets the conditions of issue.

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From 13 years

DCEM is valid until **18 years** of the child.

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Renewal

The MRSD may be renewed for a period of time **5 years**.

The DCEM is renewable up to the majority of the child. The approach is the same as for the 1^{re} request.

Other

Who is concerned?

General case

The EMDC may be issued to minors residing in France:

- who has been entrusted, at the latest, to the service of the Ase (),
- or recognised as a refugee or granted subsidiary protection,
- or who entered France under cover of [long-stay visa \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16162?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16162?lang=en) as a child of French (or adopted),
- or who entered France before the age of 13 on a long-stay visitor visa, and who has been ordinarily resident in France ever since,
- or at least one of the parents has acquired French nationality.

In Mayotte

The DCEM may be issued to a minor residing in Mayotte, where at least one of the 2 parents has a residence permit.

The minor must have been born in France or entered Mayotte regularly, without family reunification, before the age of 13.

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Common justifications for all applicants

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- Documents certifying that the applicant exercises parental authority over the minor:
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Juvenile assigned before age 16 to the child welfare department

Decision of the judicial judge for child welfare before age 16

Refugee or subsidiary protection

Decision of the Ofpra () or CNDA () recognising refugee status or subsidiary protection

Minor who entered France on a long-stay visa as a child of French (or adopted)

- Visa for longer than 3 months mention *French family* or *international adoption*
- Proof of the French nationality of the parent: valid passport, valid national identity card or certificate of French nationality of less than 6 months

Minor entered before the age of 13 in France with long-stay visa as a visitor

- Copy of the visa for a period exceeding 3 months mention *visitor* and admission stamp to France before the age of 13
- Evidence of habitual residence in France (school certificates) since the age of 13

Minors residing in Mayotte born in France

- Valid residence card of at least one of the 2 parents
- Proof of birth in France

Minor residing in Mayotte born in foreigner

- Valid residence card of at least one of the 2 parents
- Proof of regular entry to Mayotte before the age of 13

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If the applicant uses a proxy, he must also provide the mandate (letter, written declaration, authentic act, etc.), and the identity document of the representative.

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Statute and miscellaneous references

- Code on the entry and residence of foreigners and the right of asylum: Articles L414-2 to L414-9 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000042771504/)
(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000042771504/)
Issuance of the MRSD: L414-4 to L414-7
- Code on the entry and residence of foreigners and the right of asylum: Articles D414-1 to D414-4 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000042800892/)
(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000042800892/)
Issuance of the DCEM
- Code on the entry and residence of foreigners and the right of asylum: Articles L436-1 to L436-10 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000042772036/)
(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000042772036/)
Taxes and stamp duty payable
- Code on the entry and residence of foreigners and the right of asylum: annexe 10 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/article_lc/LEGIARTI000043472320/)
(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/article_lc/LEGIARTI000043472320/)
List of parts to be supplied: item 63
- Decree No. 2014-1292 of 23 October 2014 on exceptions to the principle "silence is acceptance" and exceptions to the 2-month period of birth of implicit decisions (domestic) [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000029676117/) (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000029676117/>)
Implicit refusal in case of silence kept on the request of DCEM by the Prefect for more than 4 months

Online services and forms

- Application for a circulation document (CMEC) for a minor foreigner (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1457?lang=en>)
Form

For more information, please contact

- Schengen Area map [↗](https://www.touteurope.eu/les-pays-membres-de-l-espace-schengen.html) (<https://www.touteurope.eu/les-pays-membres-de-l-espace-schengen.html>)
All Europe