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Abroad in France: how do i buy a tax stamp?

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Tax stamps due for a foreigner's stay in France can be bought in several ways.

In mainland France, tax stamps are sold only in dematerialized form (*orelectronic*). Electronic tax stamps can be purchased either online or at a tobacco office.

Please note

In overseas departments, it is always possible to pay by stamp paper..

Long-stay visa valid as residence permit (VLS-TS)

You must purchase a tax stamp to validate your long-stay visa valid as residence permit (VLS-TS) (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F39?lang=en>) ..

Online

Payment at the site of purchase is possible with the following bank cards:

Blue Card (CB) and eCard

Visa

Mastercard

However, payment by Paypal or American Express card is not accepted.

Tax Stamp Online Purchase - Foreign Title (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R49486>)

The electronic stamp may be issued on 2 media:

a PDF document with a 2D code that can also be scanned directly from a phone or tablet by the department responsible for receiving your request, or a text message with the 16-digit stamp ID that will be accepted by the agent handling your case.

In case of error, the refund request must be sent to the tax department.

Tax stamp refund request (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R57169>)

In a tobacco office

You can buy a tax stamp from a tobacco office, if the business is equipped to edit them.

Warning

Do not buy a fine stamp in error.

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Welcome Certificate

The person requesting the validation of a reception certificate (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2191?lang=en>) stamp.

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Online purchase of the tax stamp - Welcome Certificate (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R52645>)

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Residence card/resident card

You must buy a tax stamp for a 1^{er} application, renewal or duplicate:

- a residence card,
- or a resident card.

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Foreign minor circulation document

You must buy a tax stamp for a 1^{er} application, renewal or duplicate of foreign minor circulation document (CDR.)(<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2718?lang=en>)

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Travel document for refugee, stateless or subsidiary protected

You must buy a tax stamp for a 1^{er} application, a renewal or a duplicate of a travel document for refugee (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15401?lang=en>), stateless (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15402?lang=en>) or beneficiary of subsidiary protection (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2689?lang=en>)

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Statute and miscellaneous references

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/>)
Tax provisions on residence permits

FAQ

French nationality: how do i buy a tax stamp? ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F32952?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F32952?lang=en)

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Additional topics

Electronic fiscal stamp

- (<https://timbres.impots.gouv.fr/index.jsp>)
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