

Long Stay Visa Validation (if your stay exceeds 90 days)

Algerian nationals are not concerned by this procedure. They must apply for a **"1st request"** residence permit.

If you have received an "examination student" visa, refer to the "1st request for examination student" info sheet.

If you don't fall into these two categories: to find out which procedure you need to follow, check your visa:

If your visa mentions «mineur scolarisé », or «titre de séjour à solliciter dans les deux mois », refer to the **"1st request"** practical sheet.

If your visa mentions "dispense temporaire de titre de séjour », you do not have to do the validation. You can travel without worries, but when your visa expires, you will have to leave the French territory as this visa does not give right to extension or renewal.

In cases other than the ones mentioned above, here is what to do upon your arrival in France:

Within 3 months of your arrival in France, you must **validate your visa online**

To do this, **you need:**

- a valid email address
- your passport and visa
- your residence address in France
- your credit card to pay the residence permit fee (50 € for student or trainee status, 250 € for "scientifique", "passeport talent chercheur" and "passeport talent famille" visas).

Then go on: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr>

This site is in French, English and Chinese.

At the end of the online formalities, you will receive an email with a very important document which confirms the validation of your visa. Print the confirmation document and keep a copy in your passport. Save the email in your mailbox- do not delete it.

This document proves that your long stay visa has been converted into a residence permit. It will enable you to travel, to complete various formalities such CAF, Social Security affiliation and to renew your residence permit before your visa expires.

If you have not taken the necessary steps to validate your within three months of your first entry on French territory with this visa, you will no longer be legally resident in France and, therefore, you will not be able to cross the Schengen borders again!

Once you are done with the online validation procedure, we ask you to send to bienvenue@cmibrest.fr your visa + the validation document so that we can keep you informed of the steps to be taken and deadlines to meet to renew your residence permit.

A question? A concern?
Contact us!

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