

APPLYING FOR A RESIDENCE PERMIT AUTHORISING YOU TO START A BUSINESS OR SEEK EMPLOYMENT



A foreign student who has just obtained a professional degree in France or a degree at least equivalent to a master's degree may stay in France once his/her studies are completed to seek employment or start a business.

The law of 10 September 2018 replaced the APS (temporary residence permit) with a residence permit for seeking employment / starting a business, except in the case of bilateral agreement (the application for APS is still valid).

Note: this residence permit does not apply to Algerian students.

PROCEDURE

Students living in Paris (75) must make an appointment online at the following address:

<https://www.ppoletangers.interieur.gouv.fr/index.php?motif=demrece>

The following documents must be submitted (original and photocopy for each document):

- "student" residence permit or visa + confirmation of online validation of the visa;
- passport (pages related to marital status and validity dates);
- 3 recent passport photographs (35 mm x 45 mm format) up to current standards (no copy);
- proof of your health insurance;
- residence permit application form of the police prefecture
- proof of address less than 6 months old:
 - if tenant: electricity bill (or gas, water, landline telephone or internet service bill) or rental lease agreement less than 6 months old or rent receipt or housing tax statement;
 - if staying at a hotel: hotelier's certificate and bill;
 - if staying with an individual: dated and signed statement from the host, copy of his/her identity card or residence card, deed of ownership (or the host's statement of residence tax or copy of the rental lease agreement or the host's electricity, gas, water, landline telephone or internet service bill);
- diploma obtained within the last twelve months or certificate of successful completion issued by the examination board:
 - diploma at least equivalent to a master's degree;
 - professional diploma;
 - Level I diploma certified by the Conférence des grandes écoles (master's degree and "master of science" degree).

Students first receive a receipt and are then notified of an appointment for the provision of their residence card. On the day of the appointment, the student must pay a fee of € 75 in the form of a tax stamp.

In the case of bilateral agreement students do not have to pay any tax to obtain their APS.

RIGHT TO WORK

during the validity period of the residence permit for seeking employment / starting a business, the holder is authorised to seek and perform a job related to his/her training or research, with a salary of more than 1.5 times the monthly SMIC (French minimum wage).

At the end of the twelve months, the application for a residence permit will depend on the status and income of the student holding a residence card for seeking employment / starting a business:

- For starting a business, he/she may apply for a temporary residence card for business owners / professionals or a multi-year passport talent residence card for starting a business
- For salaried employment, he/she may apply for a residence permit according to his/her income:
 - From a gross monthly amount of € 2,331.88 and if the job is related to the education received:
 - * « travailleur temporaire » or « salarié » residence card (the employment situation will not be invoked against him/her)
 - * or multi-year « passeport talent - chercheur » residence card
 - * or multi-year « passeport talent - profession artistique et culturelle » residence card
 - From a gross annual amount of € 37,310
 - * multi-year « passeport talent – salarié qualifié » residence card
 - * or multi-year « passeport talent – entreprise innovante » residence card
 - From a gross annual amount of € 53,836.50
 - multi-year « passeport talent – carte bleue européenne » residence card



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