

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



A foreign student who has just obtained a French diploma at least equivalent to the master's degree, a professional license, a master's degree or a master of science issued by a member institution of the conference of grandes Écoles (CGE) may stay in France at the end of his/her studies to look for a job or create a business, by applying for a temporary residence card «job search/ business creation» (RECE – Recherche d'emploi/creation d'entreprise) valid for one year (law of 10 september 2018).

students from countries that have bilateral agreements with France can apply for a provisional residence permit ("attestation provisoire de séjour" or APS) for the same reason. The duration of the APS and conditions for the delivery will depend on the agreement.

students of Algerian nationality do not benefit from this option.

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).

Before the expiry date of RECE card, the young graduate holding a job search business creation card will have to apply for a change of status according to his/her situation.

In the case of salaried employment, he may, in particular, apply for one of the following residence permits:

- From a gross monthly amount of € 2 518,42 and if the job is related to the education received, he/she will be allowed to apply for a « travailleur temporaire » or a « salarié » residence card (the employment situation will not be invoked against him/her)
- If he/she has obtained a work contract longer than 3 months with a gross monthly amount of at least € 40 295, he/she will be allowed to apply for a passeport talent salarié qualifié or passeport talent - entreprise innovante
- From a gross monthly amount of € 53 836,50 €, he/she will be allowed to apply for the residence card passeport talent - carte bleue européenne.

For starting a business, he/she may apply for a temporary residence card for business owners / professionals entrepreneur/profession libérale or a multi-year passeport talent residence card for starting a business passeport talent création d'entreprise.

Under certain conditions, he may apply for a multiannual residence card for a passeport talent – chercheur (researcher) or for a passeport talent - profession artistique et culturelle

Beware : for passeport talent residence cards, applications must be submitted online at the earliest 4 months and at the latest 2 months before the expiry date of the RECE (or student residence card) :

<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

Beware: in case of delay, a penalty of 180 euros will be applied and will be added to the tax of the requested residence permit.

In other situations, please contact your local préfecture, « service de l'immigration professionnelle ».



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