

VALIDATING YOUR VISA “ETUDIANT”



Students holding visas issued for a term of more than three months marked “étudiant” and “CESEDA R311-3 6” or “431-16 13” or “E1 VLS TS valider en ligne” are exempted from applying for a temporary residence card during the first year of their stay in France.

Holders of this visa are required to have their visa “validated as a residence permit” within three months of their arrival in France.
This procedure is mandatory for all holders of this visa.

Algerian students, whose status is governed by the Franco-Algerian agreement of 27 December 1968, have an “étudiant” visa indicating “carte de séjour à solliciter dans les deux mois suivant l’arrivée” (residence card to be requested within two months of arrival) and thus this procedure does not apply to them.

ONLINE PROCEDURE

Visas are validated online at the following address:

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

After having entered their visa number, provided different information (passport number, surname, first name, nationality, date of birth, address in France) and paid a **tax of 50 euros** in the form of an electronic tax stamp, students confirm the registration of their visa and receive a validation certificate in PDF format.

This certificate must be saved, printed and kept for the duration of their stay in France.

The validation certificate includes your “numéro étranger” (foreign number) which will be your personal identifier, useful and necessary throughout your stay in France, in particular:

- to request the renewal of your visa if you wish to extend your stay in France,
- to benefit from your rights (health insurance, work, housing allowance, etc.)
- to cross the borders of the Schengen area after the first three months of the stay.

Please check the FAQ on the ANEF website (currently in French only) for more details:

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

In case of **technical issue** on the ANEF web site, it is advisable to refresh the webpage or change the browser. If the problem persists, send a message from [the ANEF contact form](#) to explain your problem, attaching screenshots if necessary.

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

RENEWAL

Students who wish to stay in France after the expiry date of their visa must apply for a renewal **at the earliest 4 months and at the latest 2 months before the expiry date of their validated VLS TS visa**, still on the ANEF web site: <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.

The residence permit number that will then be requested in order to do the online process is the visa registration number (foreign number or “numéro étranger”) indicated on the validation certificate.