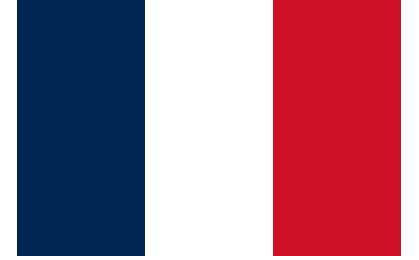




**FRANCE**  
**VISA INFORMATION PACK**

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# 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- France is listed among **the Schengen zone** of the EU.
- **Service, Special and Diplomatic** passport holder T.R citizens are **exempt** from visa provided that they do not exceed 90 days within 180 days.
- However, **Public (Burgundy) passport** holder T.R. citizens are **subject** to a visa.
- **Type C visas**, also known as Schengen visas, are valid for **up to 90 days** of travel. For touristic trips, visiting family and friends, short-term internships, and sports activities, you should apply for a Type C visa.
- **Type D visas**, also known as national visas, are issued for a variety of reasons, including employment, family reunification, and long-term education. Applicants should apply for a Type D visa if their trip will last **more than 90 days** from the date of entry into the country.

- Canadian citizens are not obliged to get a visa to travel to Schengen countries for stays up to 90 days within a period of 180 days.
- For touristic or business purposes, as well as airport transits for stays of up to 90 days, US citizens with US passports valid for at least three months from the intended return date from France, **no visa is required.**
- The United Kingdom is not a member of the Schengen area. Furthermore, UK citizens will no longer have the right to free movement in the European Union after the UK officially exits the EU on January 31, 2020.
- However, until now, UK citizens have not been required to obtain entry visas for France. Following a possible post-Brexit transition period, the details will be formalized.

## 2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- The France visa application form **must be filled in on the online platform** as of November 5, 2018. It is also among the conditions sought that the travel dates specified in the form and the expiry date of the passport must be compatible with each other.
- For women, it is obligatory to write the maiden name in the visa application form.
- The application form must be filled in **completely and without errors**. The consulate, which is very sensitive in this regard, rejects requests for additional documents.
- The address, telephone and e-mail information specified in the application form **must be up-to-date**.
- Applications are made with color scanned IDs instead of photocopies of identity cards.
- Biometric photographs are required to be **unaltered and unblemished**.
- Fingerprints given for passports and identity cards are **not valid** for visas due to different databases.
- Those whose Schengen visas last seen in their passports from Czech Republic and Hungary should make an appointment for fingerprinting **again**.

# 3. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE VISA APPLICATION

- Passport (Passports must not be older than 10 years, have at least 2 blank pages and must be valid for 6 more months after the return date of travel.)
- France visa application form (must be filled completely and without errors)
- If there are previously used passports, the originals of these passports
- 2 biometric photographs (For photographs that must be 35X45 mm in size, the background must be white. The photographs must be taken in the last 6 months.)
- Copy of identity card
- Full certificate of identity paper sample
- Travel health insurance
- Travel and accommodation information and current phone number for visa applicants to travel to France
- Bank account transactions (The account must be used actively for the last 3 months.)
- Wet signed and stamped payroll for the last 3 months (only valid for insured employees)
- Signature circular of the company employed (Only valid for insured employees)
- SGK employment certificate (only valid for insured employees)
- Photocopy of the Commercial Registry Certificate of the company employed (only valid for employers)
- Tax plate for the last period of the company employed (Only for employers)
- Stamped and wet-signed petition with the purpose of travel and departure/return dates written on the company's letterhead
- Photocopies of vehicle license, title deed and rental contract, if any
- Invitation from the municipality, if any, from family or friends
- Sponsor petition (valid for students with insufficient financial income or unemployed)

## *Additional Documents:*

### *Employed:*

- Employment contract (original certificate of employment indicating the position in the company and the salary)
- Bank account statement of the past 6 months
- Approval letter of leave from employer
- Income Tax Return (ITR)

### *Student:*

- Documentation of University enrollment
- No-objection certificate from school management

# 4. FRANCE VISA RULES

- It is **critical** for the application to demonstrate means of subsistence, including a **minimum of 120 euros per day** if the applicant lacks accommodation bookings.
- If your lodgings are pre-paid, the amount to be shown will be **reduced to 35 euros per day** of your stay.
- In general, applicants must personally submit their visa applications, along with all required documents, to the French Diplomatic Mission authorized in their place of residence.
- Your passport must have **at least two blank pages** and be **no more than ten years old**.



# 5. THE OFFICIAL VISA WEBSITE FOR FRANCE



<https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/web/france-visas/>



1. Do you need a visa ?

- > Test in 3 minutes
- > List of supporting documents
- > Applicable fees



2. Start your visa application

- > Create an account
- > Fill out the application form



3. Submit your application

- > Book an appointment
- > Practical information
- > Local features



4. Track your application

- > Check your application status
- > Collect your passport
- > Prepare for your stay in France

FORMS: <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/web/france-visas/forms>

## 6. WHERE SHOULD I APPLY FOR THE VISA?



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Visa applications for the France can be made through *VFS Global*.

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E-mail: info.frtr@vfshelpline.com

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<https://visa.vfsglobal.com/usa/en/fra/> 

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Telephone: +90 (312) 455 45 45

[amba.ankara@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:amba.ankara@diplomatie.gouv.fr)

<https://tr.ambafrance.org/-Turkce->

## ❖ Consulate General of France in Istanbul

Address: Şehit Muhtar, İstiklal Cd. No:8, 34435 Beyoğlu/İstanbul

Telephone: +90 (212) 334 87 30

<https://istanbul.consulfrance.org/-Turkce-331->

# 7. IMPORTANT NOTE

**As of 03 July 2022, Turkish citizens who will use the international area of a French airport for transit to arrive in another country will be subject to an airport transit visa (VTA - “visa de transit aéroportuaire”).**

*This transit visa will not be required for the following people:*

- 1) Holders of a valid uniform visa, a long-term national travel visa or a residence permit issued by a Schengen area country;
- 2) Holders of a valid travel document issued by another EU or European Economic Area (EEA) country, Andorra, Canada, Japan, the Principality of Monaco, San-Marino or the United States (USA) that guarantees the right to readmission;
- 3) Holders of a valid visa issued to another EU or EEA (European Economic Area) country, Canada, Japan or the United States (USA) or persons returning after using this visa;
- 4) Family members of an EU, EEA or Swiss national;
- 5) Persons holding Turkish diplomatic or service passports;
- 6) Flight crew members.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION,

This general information package has been put together to help you with your visa applications.

It is, however, the **applicants' responsibility** to keep up with current information and to carry out his/her process.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the email address listed below:

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