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For Thai and foreign students currently
residing in Thailand

2025-2026

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Who is eligible ?



- The students of **Thai nationality**;
- The **foreign students** living in Thailand with **residence permit** (student or work visa) ;
- The students with a **French or international baccalaureate**.

who

have been accepted by a French institution and is already in possession of an official letter of admission for :

- an exchange program ;
- a double degree ;
- a French language program ;
- a professional training program ;
- a bachelor's degree ;
- a master's degree ;
- a PHD degree.

The duration of the academic stay in France must exceed 90 days.

These students must follow the **pre-consular procedure** on **the Etudes en France platform** (1), complete a student visa application on **the France-visas platform** (2) before making an appointment with **TLSContact Bangkok** (3).



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Key information about the student visa

The 3 services involved



Campus France Thailand is the French government agency that works with students in Thailand going to France **for an academic program of 90 days or more.**

The Etudes en France application is the mandatory first step for all student visa applicants. Campus France Thailand ensures all academic criteria are met before the applicant submits a student visa application.

Students participating in a program in France of under 90 days do not need to complete the Campus France procedure. Depending on their nationalities, they might need to request a short-stay visa.



TLScontakt is an external agency responsible for managing all visa appointments and visa application submissions across Thailand **on behalf of the Embassy of France.**

After completing an online student visa application on the France-Visas platform (1), students must visit TLScontakt visa application Center in person to submit the visa application (2).



Once students have submitted a visa application at TLS Contact, the application is sent to **the Visa Service of the Embassy of France in Bangkok** for processing.

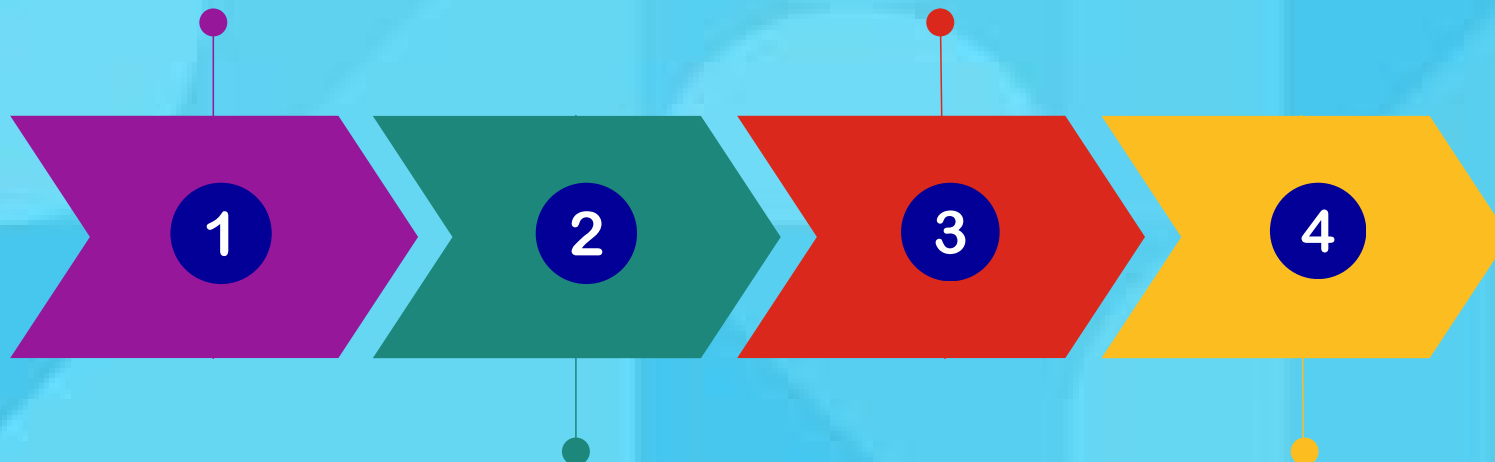
The Visa Service reserves the right to contact students if they require any additional supporting documents during the visa review process. **The Visa Service makes decisions on the issuance of student visas.**

Summary of the student visa procedure



1 - Complete an Etudes en France (EEF) application

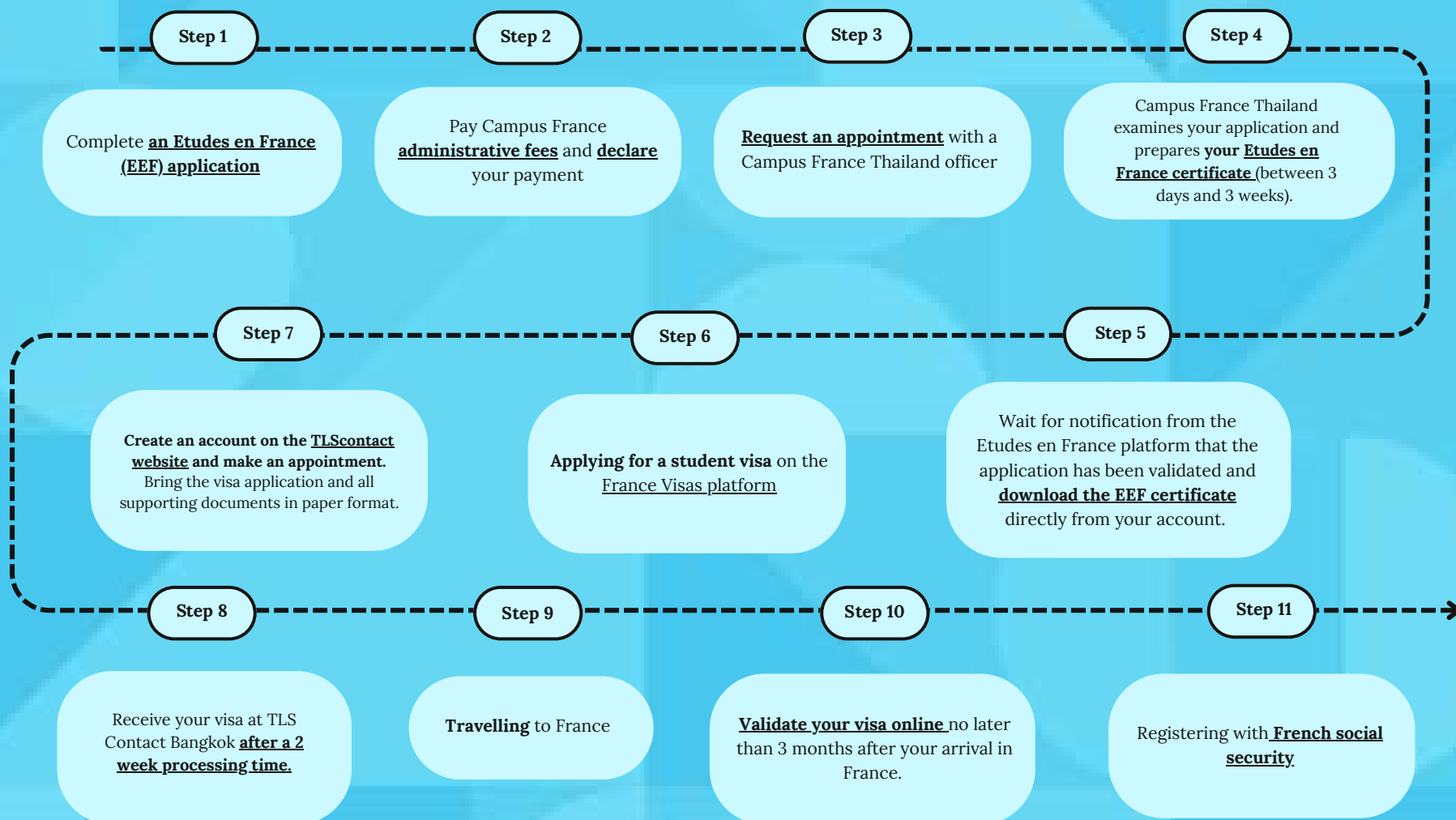
3 - Create an account on the TLScontact website and make an appointment. Bring the visa application and all supporting documents in paper format.



2 - Applying for a student visa on the France Visas platform

4 - Receive your visa at TLS Contact Bangkok after a 2 weeks processing time.

The steps of student-visa procedure





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Etudes en France platform

“Etudes en France” platform – I am an already accepted student

- If you have an official acceptance letter from a French higher education establishment, **you are an already accepted student**. You must therefore initiate a pre-consular procedure on the *Etudes en France* platform.
- The students may start the application process on Etudes en France at any time. It is recommended to start the application process **at least 10 to 12 weeks before departure to France**.
- Students must complete an online application file and submit several supporting documents, **such as a letter of acceptance from the establishment in France**.
- **The student will have to pay administrative fees and be interviewed** by a Campus France Thailand officer (unless he or she is exempted). You can check it out **by clicking [here](#)**.
- **To access the Etudes en France platform, please click [here](#)**.



Welcome to
Études en France



“I am an already accepted student. I follow the pre-consular procedure”



1

I create my account on the Études en France platform ;



4

I have an individual online interview with a Campus France Thailand officer ;



2

I upload my acceptance letter and the required documents on the “Etudes en France” platform ;



5

I download my “Études en France” certificate directly to my account as soon as my study plan has been validated by the officer ;



3

I pay the administrative fees (unless I am exempted) and declare the payment.



6

I apply for a visa on France-Visas platform and I book my appointment at TLScontakt Bangkok ;



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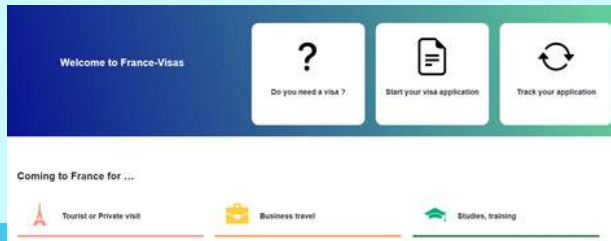
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Compulsory Documents for the French service of visas (1) and TLS Contact Bangkok (2)

The France-Visas platform (1)

You must initiate a visa application procedure on the France-visas platform and **upload the required supporting documents**.

Uploading documents to the France-visas platform will **reduce the time you need to spend at your appointment** with TLS Contact Bangkok.



TLS Contact Bangkok (2)

At your individual appointment at TLS Contact Bangkok, **you will be required to submit the paper version of all supporting documents**.

The online procedure on France-visas **does not** exempt you from making an appointment in person at TLS Contact Bangkok. **Please bring all your paper documents with you.**



BREAKING NEWS

Since 1 June 2025, it is now possible to apply for a long-stay student visa, 6 months before the date of departure.

Supporting documents to provide

1 The official list in French

2 The summary in English

Justificatifs à fournir

La liste des pièces justificatives à fournir est la suivante :

Pré-requis

Photographie d'identité (la photo doit mesurer 35 mm de large sur 45 mm de haut).

รูปถ่าย 2 นิ้ว มีขนาดเส้นผ่าศูนย์กลาง 3.5 ซม. x 4.5 ซม. 2. ถ่ายจากคำหน้าโดยไม่มีสิ่งต่างบนใบหน้าหรือศีรษะ 3.ภาพถ่ายปัจจุบัน (ไม่เก่า) 4. ใบรูปและตัวจะต้องปรากฏบนภาพถ่าย 5. ภาพถ่ายจะต้องครอบคลุมถึงศีรษะและคางบนภาพถ่ายโดยต้องเห็นใบหน้า 70-80% ของภาพอย่างชัดเจน

Si vous êtes titulaire d'un document de voyage officiel, présentation obligatoire d'une note verbale.

Si vous n'êtes pas un ressortissant de votre pays de résidence : preuve de votre résidence légale dans ce pays (titre de séjour...).

Un document de voyage, délivré depuis moins de 10 ans, comportant au minimum deux pages vierges, d'une durée de validité supérieure d'au moins 3 mois à la date à laquelle vous avez prévu de quitter l'Espace Schengen ou, en cas de long séjour, d'une durée de validité supérieure d'au moins trois mois à la date d'expiration du visa sollicité. Veuillez à transmettre (numériser) TOUTES LES PAGES de votre document de voyage comportant des visas, cachets d'entrée et sortie ou toute autre inscription.

Objet du voyage/séjour

Dernier diplôme obtenu (pays hors procédure "EEF - Etudes en France" uniquement).

ประกาศนียบัตรจบการศึกษาล่าสุด (เฉพาะประเทศที่อยู่นอกกระบวนการศึกษาแบบ EEF- ระบบการศึกษาของประเทศฝรั่งเศส)

Pays à procédure EEF-Etudes en France : Attestation de pré-inscription générée par l'application EEF-Pastel, mentionnant le n° d'identifiant EEF. Pays hors procédure EEF-Etudes en France : Attestation de préinscription (ou d'inscription) dans un établissement d'enseignement supérieur ou de formation.

ประเทศที่ใช้ระบบการศึกษาแบบ EEF - การศึกษาในประเทศฝรั่งเศส : ใบรับรองการลงทะเบียนเรียนผ่าน Application EEF-Pastel ระบุหมายเลข EEF ประเทศที่ไม่ใช่ระบบการศึกษาแบบ EEF - การศึกษาในประเทศอื่น : ใบรับรองการลงทะเบียนเรียนในสถาบันอุดมศึกษา หรือ สถานับเฉพาะทาง

Ressources

Attestation de bourse précisant le montant et la durée de la bourse ou engagement sur l'honneur d'une tierce personne à verser minimum 615 euros/mois à l'étudiant et justificatifs de ressources de cette personne ou relevés bancaires du demandeur, photocopie et traduction en français ou en anglais.

ใบรับรองทุนการศึกษาระบุจำนวนเงินและระยะเวลาในการรับทุน หรือจดหมายรับรอง, เอกสารแสดงความรับผิดชอบทางการเงินของบุคคลที่ 3 โดยให้การช่วยเหลือ ค่าใช้จ่ายขั้นต่ำ 615 ยูโรต่อเดือน รวมถึงหลักฐานแหล่งที่มาของเงินรายได้ของผู้ผู้ทำประกัน หลักฐานการทำงาน รายการเงินบัญชีเงินออม และหรือรายการเงินบัญชีของผู้สมัคร

Hébergement

Justificatif d'hébergement : réservation d'hôtel, contrat de bail, attestation/engagement sur l'honneur de l'hébergeant (établissement/institution ou particulier) ou lettre explicative de l'étudiant sur la manière dont il envisage de se loger.

• Administrative requirements

- a - Identity photograph
- b - For Thai nationals : passport
- c - For non-Thai nationals : passport and proof of legal status in Thailand (*work visa or student visa*)

• Campus France Thailand

- d - Etudes en France (EEF) certificate generated by the Etudes en France platform (*mentioning the student's EEF number - such as THXX-XXXXX*)

• Financial resources

- e - Proof of financial resources, such as bank statements, letter of commitment from a relative to financially support the student during the academic stay (615 euros minimum per month) or scholarship certificate.

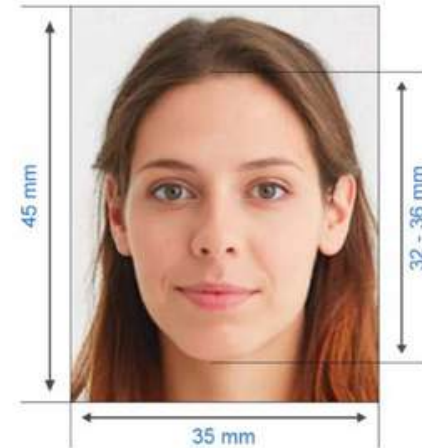
• Accommodation

- f - Proof of accommodation in France, such as hotel booking, rental contract or a signed declaration by the person providing an accommodation to the student.

Supporting documents to provide

The identity photograph

- This is a passport-style headshot photograph, measuring 3.5 cm by 4.5 cm, in color, with a **white background**.
- **It is recommended to have this photo taken at a professional photo service.** Please refrain from taking the photo yourself, as this may result in the rejection of your application.
- **The photograph must be recent - less than 6 months ago - but does not need to match the one in your passport.** Your mouth should be closed, and both your eyes and ears must be clearly visible. Glasses, hats, and scarves should not be worn.



Supporting documents to provide

b For Thai citizens : Passport

- **Your passport must be valid for at least three months beyond your planned return date from France.** For instance, if your program begins on September 1, 2025, and ends on May 1, 2027, your passport must remain valid until at least August 1, 2027. **Should your passport expire before this date, you will need to renew it prior to applying for a visa.**
- Additionally, your passport must have two consecutive blank visa pages side by side (so that when you open the passport, you see two adjacent blank visa pages like an open book), plus one additional blank page. Pages labeled 'Endorsement' do not count as visa pages. **If your passport does not meet these requirements, you will need to renew it.**
- Ensure that your passport is signed, as an unsigned passport may result in the rejection of your application. **Please also be aware that you will need to leave your passport with the visa service for the duration of the processing period, so plan accordingly.**



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Supporting documents to provide

- C** For non-Thai citizens : Passport and proof of legal status in Thailand (work visa or student visa)

You will need to bring the original document and also one photocopy of **your residency card or Thai visa** to your TLS appointment, as well as **your passport** from your country of citizenship.

Only **students with Thai citizenship or legal Thai residency exceeding the length of their proposed stay in France** may apply for a French visa from Thailand. If this does not apply to you, you may write us a mail at : bangkok@campusfrance.org



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Supporting documents to provide

- d** Etudes en France (EEF) certificate generated by the Etudes en France platform (mentioning the student's EEF number)

This PDF is generated when Campus France office has processed your Etudes en France application. The PDF will be entitled **“Accord préalable d’inscription”**.

To find this document, connect to your Etudes en France account. From the Welcome page, click on your application tab - **“Student (already accepted)*Pre-consular”** - and then on **“1 - I finalize my procedure”**.

The PDF will be under the **“1.1 - I choose my studies projects”** section and you will have to click on :

 **Certificate of acceptances**

Accord préalable d'inscription

Confirmation of acceptance/enrollment
Attestation « Etudes en France »
Etudes en France certificate

Nom : [redacted]
 Surname (family) name : [redacted]
 Prénoms : [redacted]
 First name(s) : [redacted]
 Date de naissance : [redacted]
 Date of birth : [redacted]
 Numéro d'identification : [redacted]
 Application ID : [redacted]
 Dossier suivi par : Campus France Thaïland
 Contact information : 25 Charoen Krung Rd, Bang Rak, Bangkok 10500

Etablissement d'accueil : [redacted]
 Host institution : [redacted]
 Site : [redacted]
 Location : [redacted]
 Formation demandée : [redacted]
 Chosen master : [redacted]
 Année d'entrée : [redacted]
 Entry year : [redacted]

Après avoir obtenu votre visa de long séjour, vous devrez vous présenter à l'adresse ci-dessous mun(e) de cette attestation et des justificatifs requis par votre établissement d'accueil, le cas échéant, pour finaliser votre inscription.
 Once you receive your long stay visa, you must come in person to the address below and present this certificate, along with documents required by your host institution, if requested, in order to finalize your enrollment.

Date de début des cours : [redacted]
 Course start date : [redacted]
 Durée de la formation : [redacted]
 Course duration : [redacted]
 Date limite d'arrivée autorisée : [redacted]
 Latest authorized arrival date : [redacted]

Informations importantes de la part de votre établissement :
 Important information provided by host institution :
 Non renseigné

Date de délivrance : [redacted]
 Date of issue : [redacted]

Cette attestation a été générée par l'application « Etudes en France » du ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères. Elle doit être présentée à l'ambassade, au consulat ou au centre de dépôt des demandes de visa.

compliant. Elle est valable sous réserve de présentation des justificatifs demandés par l'établissement et de leur traduction officielle, pour la rentrée qui suit le dépôt de dossier.
 This certificate is issued by the Etudes en France application provided by the French ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs. Please present this certificate to the French Embassy, consulate or nearest visa application center. This certificate is valid only for the term indicated, on the condition of submitting documents and official translation requested by your host institution.





Supporting documents to provide

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Proof of sufficient financial resources for your stay in France

You will need to provide proof that you have sufficient financial resources to sustain yourself for the duration of your stay in France.

The French government considers this threshold to be 615 euros per month.

You will need to provide the proof that, AFTER you pay all the tuition fees related to your program period (both fees from your French institution and Thai institution, and all travel costs, if applicable) you will have at least 615 euros per month at your disposal for all living expenses.

You must provide **proof of sufficient funds** through one of **the following means** :

1 - The **three most recent official bank statements** from your own savings account that show either a balance of (615 euros x the number of months that you will spend in France) OR that show a steady monthly income of over 615 euros per month. If you provide bank statements showing an existing income that is planned to continue, you need to provide proof of this future continuity, such as a **valid employment contract** with dates that cover your program period in France or a letter from your employer.

2 - A **financial guarantee form** completed by a sponsor who agrees to provide you with at least 615 euros per month for the entirety of your time in France AND copies of that individual bank statements showing sufficient and reliable funds, and showing that this person has the financial means to provide you with at least 615 euros per month for the duration of your time in France. **The sponsor could be a parent, another family member or simply an individual who agrees to support you.** The form must be notarized.

3 - An official written statement from your university or the awarding institution confirming that you are **the recipient of a scholarship or student loan package** of a value of over (615 euros x the number of months that you will spend in France) beyond all tuition, administrative and program fees. **You must provide proof that you will have at your disposal at least 615 euros per month** after having paid all program fees for France and all outstanding tuition fees for the program period at your Thai institution (if applicable).



Supporting documents to provide

F Proof of accommodation in France

It is required that all students have adequate accommodation arranged **for the first three months of their stay in France** and that they provide an address in France at which they can be contacted.

If at the time of your visa application you have not yet secured accommodation for the first 3 months of your stay in France, please provide proof of accommodation for **at least the first month following your arrival in France, along with a letter explaining clearly your concrete plans regarding long term accommodation.**

If possible, please have this letter signed by an official representing your program of study.

If you, as the student, are responsible for securing your own accommodation in France, please provide the proof of accommodation in one or more of the following ways :

- **A rental agreement** in your own name ;
- **A printed booking at a hotel or apartment** for the first three months of your stay in France ;
- **A proof of a booking in a student residence ;**
- **A written statement from a friend, family member or individual who will accommodate you in their home**, including the host's address, the dates of your stay, the host's contact details, the host's signature, a copy of your host's identity document (ID) and a proof of the host's address (the only documents accepted in this case as proof of address are copy of the lease or property deed).

If your home institution, host institution or study abroad program will arrange housing for you in France, please provide the proof of housing in one or more of the following ways :

- **An official letter from either the host institution in France or home university that explains in detail any arrangements** made by these institutions to arrange your housing for at least the first three months of your stay in France. That letter must include the full address of the residence, contact information for all institutions involved and the residence type (student housing, hotel, home stay, etc.)
- **A proof of a reservation in a student residence.**





Your checklist

- Identity photograph
- For Thai citizens : passport
- For non-Thai citizens : passport and proof of legal status in Thailand (work or student visa)
- **“Etudes en France” certificate** generated by the Etudes en France platform
- Proof of financial resources
- Proof of accommodation in France

REMINDER

Since 1 June 2025, it is now possible to apply for a long-stay student visa, 6 months before the date of departure.



Recommendations



- Please note that one of the requirements for all applicants for a *visa long séjour valant titre de séjour mention "étudiant"* (VLS-TS mention "étudiant"), is the Etudes en France certificate from Campus France Thailand. **This document is mandatory for both Thai and non-Thai applicants.**
- **Students must ALWAYS follow the checklist generated by France-Visas, following their online visa application on the France-visas platform.**
- The France-Visas checklist may include additional documents not listed here. **This list above is intended to help students understand the items that they will find on the France-Visas checklist.**



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Frequently asked questions



Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

1. **How much** does it cost to obtain a student visa for France ?
2. Can I apply for an **accelerated processing** of my visa ?
3. How can I **collect my visa** ?
4. I have been asked to provide additional information about my **accommodation** in France. How to proceed ?
5. I have been asked to provide additional information about my **financial resources**. How to proceed ?
6. I am leaving for France soon and have **not yet received my visa**. What should I do?
7. What should I do **when I arrive** in France ?
8. Who should I **contact** if I have any questions ?

1 - How much does it cost to obtain a student visa for France ?

Before applying for a student visa, you must have paid the **Campus France administrative fees of 5000 THB** (regular program) **or 3000 THB** (exchange program/double degree program). Please follow the EEF payment summary [here](#).

When you make an appointment online to submit your application to **TLS Contact Bangkok**, you will be charged with **administration fees of 25 euros** (approximately **931 THB**).

At your appointment with a TLS Contact Bangkok agent, you will then be required to pay **the visa fees of 50 euros** (approximately **1862 THB**). **Thanks to the Etudes en France (EEF) certificate, you may benefit from a 50% discount. Instead of paying the full price of 99 euros, you pay 50 euros.**

If you live near the TLS Contact Bangkok centre, you can return to TLS Contact Bangkok to collect your passport and visa in person when this is ready, at no extra cost. If you would like your passport sent by post, an additional charge will be applied.

Please note that the total cost of the procedure to obtain a student visa (Campus France administrative fees + French visa service fees + TLS Contact Bangkok fees) is between 7738 THB and 5738 THB. Additionally, TLS Contact Bangkok fees and French visa service fees may vary depending on the exchange rate.



2 - Can I apply for an accelerated processing of my visa ?

After the appointment with a TLS Contact Bangkok agent, the processing time by the French visa service is generally **2 weeks** for a regular service. **Please note that the visa section of the Embassy of France in Bangkok does not offer an expedited visa processing service.**



3 - How can I collect my visa ?

Passports can be collected from Monday to Friday, between 08:00 and 16:30 at TLScontact Bangkok. Once your passport is ready for collection, **you will be notified through your personal account page online and by SMS**, with instructions to come to the TLScontact center with your visa application checklist, along with the original and a copy of your identity card.

If you opted to have your passport returned by EMS service, it will be sent directly to the address you provided. **Please consult [this page](#) for more information.**



4 - I have been asked to provide additional information about my accommodation in France. How to proceed ?

All students travelling to France must provide proof that they have arranged accommodation for themselves for at least the first three months of their stay in France. Please refer to **page 18** of this document to find out how to provide this proof depending on your type of accommodation.

If, at the time of your visa application, you have not yet found accommodation for the first three months of your stay in France, please provide proof of accommodation for at least the first month following your arrival in France, together with a letter clearly explaining your plans for finding accommodation.

If possible, please have this letter signed by an official representative of your study programme.



5 - I have been asked to provide additional information about my financial resources. How to proceed ?

All students travelling to France must prove that they have **at least 615 euros per month during their stay**. **There are several ways for proving this :**

- If you are planning to receive support from one of your parents or another person, **they must complete a financial guarantee form and provide their bank statements** showing that they can **support you with 615 euros per month during your stay**. This 615 euros per month must be available to you after you have paid all your tuition fees and administrative costs (*in particular those relating to settling in France*) ;
- If your accommodation and/or food costs are covered by your French establishment, **please provide an official letter explaining this in detail, together with a proof of funding ;**
- If you provide **a letter stating that your university is offering financial assistance**, this letter must state that you will receive sufficient financial assistance to enable you to obtain 615 euros per month of stay after paying all tuition fees and administrative costs (*including those relating to your installation in France*).



6 - I am leaving for France soon and have not yet received my visa. What should I do?

Visa processing times may vary. For well-prepared applications, **the average visa processing time is 2 weeks** from the date of your appointment at TLS Contact Bangkok. However, in some cases it may take longer :

- If you submitted your visa application to TLS Contact Bangkok less than three weeks ago, **please check the status of your application with TLS Contact Bangkok.**
- If you submitted your visa application to TLS Contact Bangkok more than three weeks ago, **please contact the french service of visas of the Embassy of France in Thailand at the following e-mail address : visas.bangkok-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr**



7 - What should I do when I arrive in France ?

You have just received a VLS-TS (*long stay visa valid as residence permit*) for students, which allows you to stay legally in France. **In the first three months after your arrival in France, you MUST validate your visa on this website.**

This quick and simple procedure will enable you to be registered as a legal resident in France so that you can settle in successfully.

To validate your visa online, you will need to provide information such as a valid e-mail address, your visa details, the date of your entry into France and your home address in France.

Soon after you arrive in France, and after registering and validating your visa following the procedure explained above, all students need to register with the French Social Security by visiting this website.

8 - Who should I contact if I have questions ?

Campus France Thailand



 bangkok@campusfrance.org

 02.627.2160/02.627.2107

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French Service of visa



 visas.bangkok-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr

 02.657.5100

TLS Contact Bangkok



 contact.th@tlscontact.com

 02.838.6699

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