



Visa Vacances Travail



Complete guide on requirements, application, and practical tips to start your French adventure.

Universal Requirements

Key rules and documentation applying to most nationalities.



Funds and Extension

How do I prove my funds?

It is mandatory to present an **original bank certificate**. This document must be signed and stamped by the financial institution, and be no more than 30 days old at the time of application.

Can I extend my WHV?

As a general rule, **it is not possible to extend the visa**; the maximum limit is 12 months. However, there is a unique exception for Canadian citizens, who can extend it for an additional 24 months.

Additional Documents



Language

No official French certificates are required. Documents are usually accepted in English or French, and certain consulates (like in Latam) accept Spanish.



Background Check

A criminal record certificate is not mandatory for all nationalities, but an original and apostilled one is required for applicants from countries like Argentina or Colombia.



Medical Exams

Most Latin American countries require a standard medical certificate issued by a public or private entity proving good health.

Insurance & Studies

- **Mandatory Medical Insurance:** You must purchase an international policy for exactly 12 months covering a minimum of €30,000.
- **Comprehensive Coverage:** The insurance must cover illness, hospitalization, and repatriation expenses to the country of origin.
- **Academic Training:** Studying during your stay is allowed, provided it is a secondary activity.
- **Study Restrictions:** Only short-term training courses (languages, workshops) are permitted, not regular university degrees.



Country Specifications

Quotas, processes, dates, and details according to your
passport.



General Comparison by Country

Nationality	Age Limit	Required Funds	Annual Quotas
Australia / New Zealand	18 to 35 / 30 years	€ 3,050 / € 2,500	Unlimited
Canada	18 to 35 years	€ 1,600	7,000
South Korea	18 to 30 years	€ 2,500	2,000
Japan	18 to 30 years	€ 3,100	1,800
Argentina	18 to 35 years	€ 2,500	1,500
Hong Kong	18 to 30 years	€ 2,500	750
Brazil / Taiwan	18 to 30 years	€ 2,500	500
Chile / Colombia	18 to 30 years	€ 2,500	400
Mexico / Uruguay / Peru / Ecuador	18 to 30 years	€ 2,500	300

Calendar & Dates

Latin America

Applications usually open between **January 1st and 2nd** of each year. Due to high demand in countries like Argentina, Colombia, or Mexico, quotas often run out within 1 to 6 months. It is recommended to apply as soon as the calendar opens!

Oceania & North America

For countries like Australia, New Zealand, and Canada, applications are usually **open year-round**. Thanks to unlimited or very large quotas, applicants can organize their trip and apply with much greater flexibility.

Key Visa Facts

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Months of Stay

Processing Times & Costs

Once your documentation is submitted, consular processing usually takes between **2 to 4 weeks**. For most Latin American countries, the visa is free (€0), while others pay a standard fee of €99. All must cover service fees at the visa application center (VFS).

Official Checklist

- ✓ Completed official form on the France-Visas platform.
- ✓ Valid passport with sufficient validity.
- ✓ Biometric photographs meeting ICAO standards.
- ✓ Motivation letter explaining your intentions in France.
- ✓ Original proof of financial solvency.
- ✓ International medical insurance policy (€30,000).
- ✓ Criminal record and medical certificate (if applicable to your country).

Application Process

Hybrid: Online & In-Person

The WHV for France is a **Type D Visa**. The process begins by completing your application digitally on the official France-Visas portal.

Once this step is complete, you must schedule a mandatory **in-person appointment** at the visa application center (VFS or TLS) corresponding to your country to submit physical documents and provide biometrics.



Available Annual Quotas



**Australia and New Zealand have unlimited quotas.*

Prepare Your Trip!

The opportunities to experience an unforgettable year in France are at your fingertips. Make sure to gather your documentation in time, review the specific requirements for your country, and apply as soon as possible so you don't miss out on a quota.



Top Destinations



Paris

The cultural and professional heart, ideal for gastronomy and tourism.



Lyon

Culinary capital and quintessential student city, with a great job market.



Marseille

Charm on the southern coast, excellent weather, and gateway to the Mediterranean.

Questions?

Thank you for your attention and best of luck with your application to
France!

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