



Visa Validation Overview

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Visa Validation

Introduction

What is visa validation?

Visa validation is an important, required process for all students with a VLS-TS student visa. The validation process converts your visa into the equivalent of a residency permit.

Your confirmation of validation will allow you to reenter France from abroad and to apply to renew your residency in France, rather than applying for a new visa abroad.

Who needs to validate?



All students with a VLS-TS visa, both new and returning students, need to validate their visa within 3 months of arrival.

If you have a *mineur scolarisé* visa, you should not attempt to validate your visa. Please reach out to Student Immigration Services for assistance: sis@aup.edu

- You must validate your visa within 3 months of your arrival in France!
- Please validate your visa before you travel internationally!

Visa Validation

Before You Validate

Required Materials for Validation

To complete the validation, please ensure you have your:

- Passport with your student visa
- Evidence of entry to France (boarding pass or entry stamp)
- French residential address
- €50 tax stamp from *Étrangers en France*
 - See the next page for more information on the tax stamp.

You will also need an email address for the validation. You will need access to this same email address if you renew your residency later.

Purchasing the Tax Stamp

Before validating, please purchase the 50 € tax stamp on EEF:

➤ [Étrangers en France | Tax Stamp](#)

You must select the 50 € option for your stamp. (If you purchase the wrong stamp, you can request a refund later.)

After purchasing the stamp, you will receive a 2-page PDF receipt. If you are validating with SIS, please forward this document to sis@aup.edu

Your Tax Stamp

Your tax stamp will resemble the two-page form to the right. →

The first page includes a 16-digit confirmation number. You will use this to verify the stamp when validating.

If you are validating with SIS, please send us the PDF by email:

sis@aup.edu



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Validation Process

SIS proposes several options to help you validate:

- Validate on your own and send SIS the confirmation: sis@aup.edu
- Attend a group workshop posted on our [Engage](#) page
- Schedule a one-on-one meeting with SIS on LibCal
 - (available in-person or via TEAMS)

If you plan to validate on your own, please review the [visa validation step-by-step guide](#) in end of this overview to help you complete this.

Please remember to send SIS your confirmation: sis@aup.edu

Once you validate, please download the validation confirmation and send it as a PDF to sis@aup.edu

SIS will send you confirmation, with the next steps to maintain your status. If you plan to stay in France, make sure you note:

- Your expiration date
- When to start your renewal

It is your responsibility to submit your renewal on time.

After validating, you should also set up your ANEF account.

You will use an account connected to your validation confirmation to renew your residency. Once you have downloaded the confirmation, you can set up your account here: [Sign in to ANEF USAGERS](#)

- Your username is the identifiant from the validation confirmation.
- You can reset your password with the email you verified. Please do not lose access to this email.

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Validation Confirmation

Confirmation of Validation

Once you validate the visa, you can download your
visa validation confirmation

If you complete the validation on your own, please send SIS the confirmation as a PDF:

➤ sis@aup.edu



Residency Permit



Confirming your visa provides you with a residency permit for France. The combination of the visa in your passport and the confirmation of your validation serves as your residency permit, equivalent to a *titre de séjour*.

You will not receive a *titre de séjour* as a physical card.

Your residency permit in France is valid for the duration of the visa in your passport. If you plan to stay at AUP beyond that period, please pay close attention to expiration date and reach out to Student Immigration Services to initiate your renewal at least 4 ½ months before your residency expires: sis@aup.edu

Whenever travelling internationally, please make sure to carry your visa validation confirmation and your passport with your visa.

You should keep these with you for all international travel *including* for all travel within European Union or Schengen Area.

Please remember to carry your confirmation as a printed document, rather than an electronic copy on a mobile device!

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Step-by-Step Guide

Before you get started, please make sure you have:

- Your passport and visa
- Proof of entry (an entry stamp or boarding pass)
- Access to your email
- Your [50 € tax stamp](#)

Please identify the following information on your visa before validating:

- Visa Number: 9-digit number indicated in the top right corner.
- Initial Validity Date (du/from): second row, on the left.
- Expiration Date (au/until): second row, in the middle.
- Issue Date (le/on): fourth row, on the right.
- Remarks: The remarks should include **ETUDIANT** and **A VALIDER EN LIGNE**.
 - If your remarks indicate MINEUR SCOLARISE, do not validate your visa!
 - *Mineurs scolarisés* should reach out to SIS (sis@aup.edu) for assistance.

The Form of Your Visa

The basic form of a French student visa is shown below, with the relevant information highlighted.

EU	VISA FRANCE / FRANCE / FRANCE		Visa Number (9 digits)
PHOTO	VALID FOR FRANCE		
	FROM DD-MM-YY	UNTIL DD-MM-YY	DURATION
	TYPE	PASSPORT NO.	NUMBER OF ENTRIES
	ISSUED AT		ON DD-MM-YY
	NAME, SURNAME LASTNAME FIRSTNAME MIDDLENAME		
	Remarks: <u>EDUDIANT</u> A VALIDER EN LIGNE		

Accessing the Portal

The visa validation takes place on the [Etrangers en France](#) portal.

You can reach the online form for visa validation by navigating to *Visa long séjour* under *mes services en ligne*, by following the QR code the consular leaflet (right), or by clicking on the link below:

➤ [Visa Validation Form](#)

CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL DE FRANCE À WASHINGTON

Welcome to France !

You have just been issued a long-stay student visa serving as a residence permit, enabling you to legally stay in France.

Within the first three months following your arrival, you must register and validate your visa by scanning the following QR code. This quick and simple process will ensure that you are registered as a legal resident in France in order to complete your relocation. You will need to provide:

- ✓ Your visa information,
- ✓ The date on which you entered France,
- ✓ Your home address in France,
- ✓ Your credit card details in order to pay a fee online for the issuance of your residence permit (for other means of payment, please visit the QR code).

*Please refer to the following article of the CESEDA : 431-16 13**

ⓘ If you fail to validate your visa within the first three months following your arrival, you will no longer be considered a legal resident in France and will be unable to re-enter the Schengen Area.

Any questions? ☎ 0806 001 620 or ✉ dgef-support@interieur.gouv.fr

Changing the Language

This guide will provide you the steps to complete the validation on the French website. If you prefer, you can change the language to English:



On the page *Validation en ligne du Visa Long Séjour valant Titre de Séjour*, get started with the validation by entering your Visa Number, indicated in the top right corner of your visa.

- Enter the Visa Number
- Click *Confirmer mon numéro de visa*
- Click *Je commence* on the next page

The following pages show how to complete the forms.

Vous êtes ici : [Accueil](#) > Valider mon VLS-TS

Validation en ligne du Visa Long Séjour valant Titre de Séjour

Vous devez faire cette démarche si votre visa de long séjour (type D) porte l'une des mentions suivantes :

"VIE PRIVEE ET FAM" ou "VIE PRIV.ET FAM"
"VISITEUR"
"ETUDIANT"
"ETUDIANT-MOBILITE" ou "ETUDIANT-MOBIL."
"TRAVAILLEUR TEMP." ou "TRAVAILL. TEMP."
"PASSEPORT TALENT" ou "PASS. TALENT",
"PASSEPORT TALENT FAMILLE" ou "PASS TALENT FAM"
"STAGIAIRE",
"STAGIAIRE ICT" ou "STAG. ICT",
"STAGIAIRE ICT FAMILLE" ou "STAG. ICT FAM"
"SALARIE DETACHE ICT" ou "SAL.DET.ICT",
"SALARIE DETACHE ICT (FAMILLE)" ou "SAL.DET.ICT FAM"
"ENTREPRENEUR-PROF. LIBERALE" ou "ENT./PROF.LIB"
"RECH. EMPLOI"
"JEUNE AU PAIR"
"SALARIE EN MISSION ACCORD FRANCO-RUSSE" ou "SAL. EN MISSION ACC. FRANCO-RUSS"
"SALARIE ACCORD FRANCO-RUSSE" ou "SALARIE ACC. FRANCO-RUSS",
"VIE PRIVEE ET FAM ACCORD FRANCO-RUSSE" ou "VIE PRIV.ET FAM ACC. FRANCO-RUSS"

Vous n'avez pas à valider votre visa si :

- Vous êtes mineur
- Vous avez un visa D avec la mention "CARTE A SOLLICITER DANS LES DEUX MOIS" ou "C.SEJASOLLIC"
- Votre visa porte la mention "vacances travail"
- Vous avez un visa de court séjour (type C)

Je saisis mon numéro de visa.

Le symbole * indique les champs obligatoires.

* Numéro de Visa



➤ **Visa Number (from visa)**

(Affiché en haut à droite du visa)

[Confirmer mon numéro de visa](#)

Vous êtes ici : [Accueil](#) > Valider mon VLS-TS

Votre démarche en ligne de validation de Visa de Long Séjour valant Titre de Séjour

Je déclare mon arrivée en France et je valide mon VLS-TS en 6 étapes :

- 1 Je saisis les informations de mon visa (dates de délivrance et d'expiration, motif de mon visa et référence)
- 2 Je saisis les données complémentaires demandées,
- 3 Je saisis la date de mon arrivée en France et mon adresse,
- 4 Je valide le récapitulatif des informations saisies,
- 5 Je paye la taxe de séjour correspondant à mon visa,
- 6 Je télécharge la confirmation de validation.

Cette démarche dure environ 10 minutes et je dois me munir de :

- mon **passport** revêtu de mon **visa**
- ma **carte bancaire** ou un timbre fiscal électronique pour titre étranger ou une carte de paiement

A l'issue de la démarche, vous recevrez 2 emails :

- un email contenant vos **identifiants de connexion**.
- un email de confirmation indiquant les données renseignées en ligne et pouvant être téléchargé.

Ces codes d'accès vous permettront d'accéder à votre espace personnel depuis lequel vous pourrez télécharger l'attestation de confirmation.

⚠ Toute fausse déclaration est passible des peines d'emprisonnement et des amendes prévues par les articles 441-6 et 441-7 du code pénal.

> [Comment mes données vont-elles être utilisées ?](#)

Précédent

CLICK TO START > Je commence

On page 1, you are asked to provide details relating with your visa. Starting with the personal information:

- *Prénoms*: Please enter your First Name, including any middle names, as it is written on your visa.
- *Nom*: Please enter your Last Name, as it is written on your visa.
- *Date de naissance*: Please enter your Date of Birth (DD-MM-YY).

Next on page 1, you will need to provide validity dates as indicated on your visa. Please reference your visa and enter the exact dates.

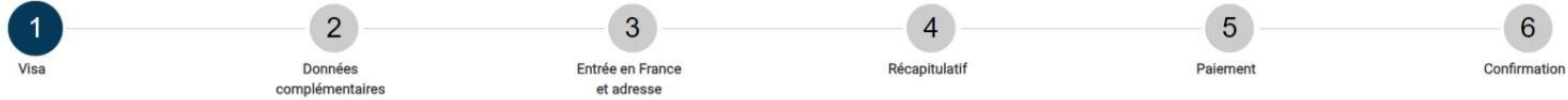
- *Date de début de validité du visa (du)*: Please enter the initial validity date of your visa.
 - FROM on your visa: second row, on the left
- *Date de fin de validité du visa (au)*: Please enter the expiration date of your visa.
 - UNTIL on your visa: second row, in the middle
- *Date de délivrance (le)*: Please enter the issue date of your visa.
 - ON on your visa: fourth row, on the right

Last on page 1, you must answer two questions relating to your status in France. You possess a student visa.

- *Motif:* Please select the option *ETUDIANT* or *STUDENT*.

- *Référence réglementaire:*
 - If your visa says ETUDIANT, select: CESEDA R431-16 13°

Vous êtes ici : Accueil > Valider mon VLS-TS > Visa



Visa

⚠ Je saisis les informations telles qu'elles figurent sur mon visa.

Le symbole * indique les champs obligatoires.

* Prénoms

➤ First Name(s) (matching visa format)

* Nom

➤ Last Name (matching visa format)

* Date de naissance

➤ Date of Birth

* Date de début de validité du visa (du)



➤ Initial Visa Validity Date

FROM on visa

* Date de fin de validité du visa (au)



➤ Visa Expiration Date

UNTIL on visa

* Date de délivrance (le)



➤ Visa Issue Date

ON on visa

* Motif (dans la rubrique « remarques »)



➤ Enter ETUDIANT or STUDENT

* Référence réglementaire (dans la rubrique « remarques »)



➤ See guide for your CESEDA code.

Avant de passer à l'étape suivante, je vérifie que les informations saisies sont bien identiques à celles de mon visa

> [Comment mes données vont-elles être utilisées ?](#)

Précédent

Suivant

Once you have filled in all the form fields, you can click *Suivant* in the bottom right corner to proceed to the next page.

Click to proceed to next page. ➤ 

If it does not let you proceed, you may need to reenter one of the form fields. Please make sure the data you provides matches your visa exactly!

On page 2, you are asked to provide information about your relationship status, telephone number and email address:

- *Situation familiale*: select your legal status (single or married, etc.) from the drop-down menu.
- *Numéro de telephone*: Enter a French number or leave blank. Leave out the +33 and start with 06 or 07.
- *Adresse de courrier électronique*: Please enter an email address that you check regularly. We recommend you use your AUP email.

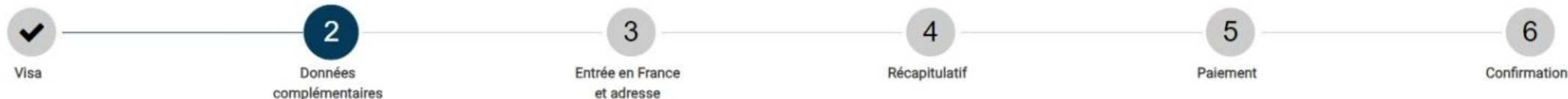
Once you enter this information, click the button '*Envoyer un code de vérification*' to verify your email address. You will receive a code by email.

The email you provide at this stage is automatically linked to an account with Etrangers en France. If you renew your residency, you will need access to this account to submit the application. **Please use an email that you will not lose access to!**

- **We recommend that you use your AUP email address!** This email can easily be recovered if there are any issues.

Please continue reviewing this guide to see [how to verify your email](#).

Vous êtes ici : [Accueil](#) > [Valider mon VLS-TS](#) > Données complémentaires



Données complémentaires

Je saisis les données complémentaires suivantes.

Le symbole * indique les champs obligatoires.

* Situation familiale

► **Relationship Status**
Select from dropdown menu.

Numéro de téléphone

(Format attendu : 06 11 22 33 44 55 ou 0033 6 22 33 44 55)

► **French Phone Number**
Please leave off +33 and start with 06 or 07.

* Adresse de courrier électronique

(Exemple : nom@exemple.com)

► **Email Address**

► **Click Here to verify your email address.**

L'adresse de courrier électronique est à vérifier en cliquant sur le bouton ci-dessus.

Vous devez payer 50 euros de taxe de séjour.

Si vous n'avez pas de carte bancaire ou de carte de paiement prépayée Visa ou Mastercard, vous pouvez acheter un timbre électronique de ce montant dans un bureau de tabac.

> [Comment mes données vont-elles être utilisées ?](#)

Once you have entered your information on page 2 and clicked to verify your address, you see a pop-up window asking for your verification code.

- Check the email address you indicated on the form.
- Enter the code in the *Code de verification* field and click *Valider le code* to validate.
- The verification may take a few seconds to complete.

Once your email is verified, the pop-up will disappear, and you can click *Suivant* to move onto page 3.

VÉRIFICATION DES INFORMATIONS DE CONTACT



Un code de vérification vous a été envoyé.

Nous voulons simplement nous assurer de votre identité.

Pour continuer, consultez vos messages et entrez le code de vérification que nous vous avons envoyé. Si vous n'avez rien reçu, attendez cinq minutes et vérifiez vos spams.

Adresse de courrier électronique :

a1 [redacted]@aup.edu

Modifier

Code de vérification :

F2H7D9Y7

Valider le code

Annuler

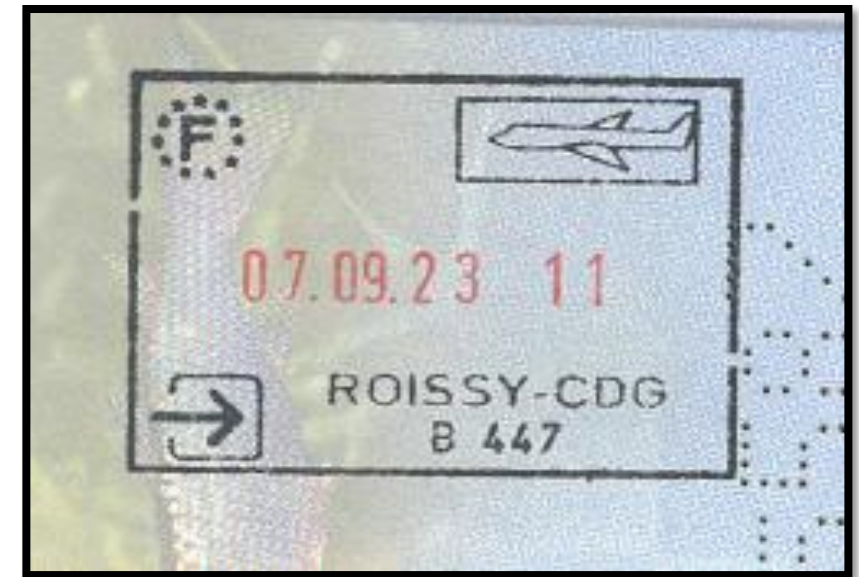
Once you have filled in all the form fields and verified your email, you can click *Suivant* in the bottom right corner to proceed to the next page.

Click to proceed to next page. ➤ 

If it does not let you proceed, you may need to check your phone number to make sure it is properly formatted (it must be a French number) or you may need to reverify your email address.

On page 3, you are first asked to provide your date of entry in France.

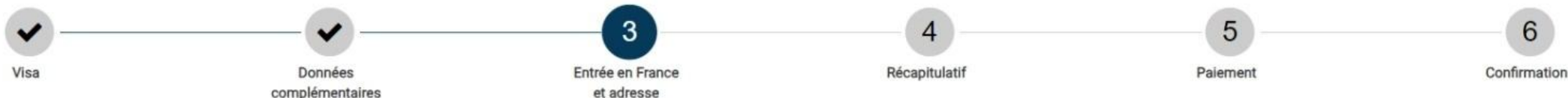
- *Date d'entrée en France:* Please put the date you arrived. This should match your entry stamp or the arrival time on your boarding pass.
- Check your passport for an entry stamp like the one on the right.
- If you rely on your boarding pass, please remember it should be the day of arrival, not the day of departure.



Next on page 3, you are asked to provide details about your address.

- *Je suis hébergé:* Answer no to this question, unless you are staying with a family member or friend rent-free.
- *Adresse:* Please put your residential address in France (where you sleep at night – not AUP’s campus). The form will suggest matching addresses to choose from the INSEE database – please make sure to choose the correct one.

Vous êtes ici : [Accueil](#) > [Valider mon VLS-TS](#) > Entrée en France et adresse



Entrée en France

Je saisis la date de mon entrée en France.

Le symbole * indique les champs obligatoires.

* Date d'entrée en France



Jour ▾ Mois ▾ Année ▾

► **Day of Arrival in France**

Please verify this with your entry stamp or boarding pass.

Adresse

Je saisis mon adresse en France.

Le symbole * indique les champs obligatoires.

* Je suis hébergé :

► **Is someone hosting you?**

Oui

For most students, the answer is no.

Non

Adresse

► **Address in France**

Vous résidez en outre-mer et vous ne trouvez pas votre adresse dans les suggestions d'adresse qui vous sont proposées.

Vous ne trouvez pas votre adresse dans les suggestions d'adresse qui vous sont proposées.

Once you have filled in all the form fields, you can click *Suivant* in the bottom right corner to proceed to the next page.

Click to proceed to next page. ➤ 

If it does not let you proceed, it might be because:

- Your entry date was before your initial visa validity date. If you entered early, enter the initial visa validity date instead.
- You only entered address information and did not select from the INSEE list provided.

On page 4, you will be able to review the answers you provided to the previous three pages.

- Please take the time to review and ensure all answers are correct!
- Once you have reviewed, you can continue by clicking *Suivant*.

Click to proceed to next page. ➤ 

On page 5, you are asked to provide payment for the validation. Please enter the 16-digit tax stamp number, indicated at the top of the tax stamp you purchased online.

- [Review the section on the tax stamp.](#)

Once you enter the number, click *Je valide mon visa*. The site will take a few moments to process the tax stamp. You should then see a screen indicating:

- *‘La taxe d’un montant de 50€ est payee’.*

Vous êtes ici : [Accueil](#) > [Valider mon VLS-TS](#) > Paiement



Paiement de la taxe

Je paye ma taxe de 50 euros en saisissant les 16 chiffres de mon timbre électronique.

Le symbole * indique les champs obligatoires.

* Numéro du timbre



(Numéro à 16 chiffres)

▶ Enter the 16-digit code from your tax stamp.

[J'achète mon timbre électronique en ligne](#) ↗

Précédent

Click to validate. ▶

[Je valide mon visa](#)

Vous êtes ici : [Accueil](#) > [Valider mon VLS-TS](#) > Paiement



Paiement de la taxe



Click to continue. ► [Suivant](#)

Once you have reached page 6, your visa is validated!

- Please click the link '*Je télécharge ma confirmation*' to download a copy of the confirmation of validation.
- Please send a copy of your validation confirmation to Student Immigration Services to update your records: sis@aup.edu.

You have now successfully completed the visa validation process!

Vous êtes ici : [Accueil](#) > [Valider mon VLS-TS](#) > Confirmation



Confirmation de la validation du VLS-TS

Votre visa vaut désormais titre de séjour et vous permet de circuler librement dans l'espace Schengen pour des courts séjours.

Deux messages électroniques vous ont été envoyés :

- un email contenant vos identifiants de connexion, vous permettant d'accéder à votre espace personnel.
- un email de confirmation indiquant les données renseignées en ligne et pouvant être téléchargé.

Ces codes d'accès vous permettront d'accéder à votre espace personnel depuis lequel vous pourrez télécharger l'attestation de confirmation.

Vous trouverez dans votre espace personnel la confirmation et les données personnelles recueillies au cours de la démarche.

Vous pouvez dès à présent télécharger la confirmation de validation de votre VLS-TS. Vous y trouverez votre identifiant personnel en tant qu'étranger résidant en France qui vous servira dans vos démarches en France.

[Je télécharge ma confirmation \(PDF - 87 Ko\)](#)

► **Make sure to download your confirmation!**

Vous pouvez également télécharger ce document depuis l'espace [Mes Documents](#) depuis votre [espace personnel](#).

> [Comment circuler à l'étranger avec votre VLS-TS ?](#)

> [Comment renouveler votre droit au séjour ?](#)

Je donne
mon avis

Voxusagers.gouv.fr

Your visa is validated!

Congratulations! If you have completed these steps, your visa is validated; you have legal residency in France!

- Please remember to send a copy of the confirmation of your validation to Student Immigration Services: sis@aup.edu!

Wondering what comes next?

- Look over the SIS materials on Residency Renewal on [Engage](#)

After validating, you should also set up your ANEF account.

You will use an account connected to your validation confirmation to renew your residency. Once you have downloaded the confirmation, you can set up your account here: [Sign in to ANEF USAGERS](#)

- Your username is the identifiant from the validation confirmation.
- You can reset your password with the email you verified. Please do not lose access to this email.