



LONG-TERM/STUDENT VISA APPLICATION A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

A LONG-TERM/STUDENT VISA (VLS-TS) WHAT IS IT?

The long-stay visa serving as a residence permit with the "student" designation, abbreviated as VLS-TS "student", allows you to stay in France for a period ranging from four months to one year in order to pursue higher education.

A LONG-TERM/STUDENT VISA (VLS-TS) WHAT FOR?

It gives you the right to:

- travel freely throughout all the Schengen area countries,
- work up to 964 hours per year (20 hours per week), to supplement your income,
- benefit from VISALE, the free student rental guarantee
- receive housing assistance from the CAF (French family allowance fund),
- extend your stay beyond the validity period of the issued residence permit.

STEP 1

FIND OUT IF YOU NEED ONE

Perform a simulation thanks to the [visa assistant](https://www.france-visas.gouv.fr) on the website France Visas (www.france-visas.gouv.fr). Depending on your home country and your plans, within a few minutes you will know whether you need to apply for a visa.



STEP 2

FILL-UP THE ONLINE FORM

Fill-up your personal information on the online form France Visas along with your passport, your supporting documents (originals and copies) and 2 ID pictures (respecting OACI regulations).

At the end of the procedure, you will be issued a confirmation form :
double-check that all your personal informations are correct and print the form out.

STEP 3

GET AN APPOINTMENT AT VFS-GLOBAL

Book an appointment at [VFS-Global Muscat](#) to finalize your visa application. Make sure you allow enough time to get an appointment and for your application to be processed before the planned start date of your trip.

Don't wait until the last minute! Student visa applications can take time to process, so the earlier you apply, the better!



STEP 4

PRESENT YOURSELF AT THE APPOINTMENT

You must attend the appointment with your complete file (CERFA form, receipt and all supporting documents).

VFS-Global will receive you, check your file, collect the fee, take your biometric data (photo and fingerprints), and keep your passport and supporting documents (copies) to transmit them to the consulate.

THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. LONG-STAY VISA APPLICATION FORM

Completed and signed.

2. PASSPORT PHOTO

- Must meet French/Schengen standards (light background, neutral expression, full face visible, etc.).

3. PROOF OF LEGAL RESIDENCE

- If you are not a national of the country where you're submitting the visa application: you must provide proof of legal residence (e.g., residence permit, visa, etc.).

4. TRAVEL DOCUMENT (PASSPORT)

- Issued less than 10 years ago.
- Must have at least two blank pages.
- Valid for at least 3 months beyond:
 - the date you plan to leave the Schengen Area (for short stays), or
 - the expiration date of the requested visa (for long stays).
- You must scan and submit all pages of the passport that contain visas, stamps, or annotations.

5. PROOF OF PRE-REGISTRATION OR ENROLLMENT

- Submit a pre-registration or enrollment letter from a French higher education institution or training center.

THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

6. MOST RECENT DIPLOMA

- Only required for applicants from countries not under the EEF procedure.

7. PROOF OF FINANCIAL MEANS

Minimum required: €615 per month

Acceptable documents:

- Scholarship certificate (if applicable),
- Bank certificate showing sufficient funds in a French bank account,
- Certificate of a permanent and irrevocable bank transfer or blocked account,
- Letter of financial support from a guarantor (sponsor) + copy of their ID + proof of sufficient, regular, and reliable income.

8. PROOF OF ACCOMMODATION

- Hotel reservation,
- Rental contract,
- Accommodation certificate or letter of commitment from a host (individual or institution),

9. HEALTH INSURANCE

Valid for the entire duration of your stay in France.

STEP 5

INTERVIEW WITH THE CULTURAL ATTACHÉ

You will be received by the Cultural Attaché of the French Embassy in Oman for a brief interview. During this meeting, the officer will ask you to provide more detailed information about your academic background and professional project. The purpose of this interview is to ensure that your plans are coherent and aligned with the objectives of your visa application.

STEP 6

GET YOUR PASSPORT BACK

You will receive a notification inviting you to collect your passport from VFS. Visa application decisions are generally made within 15 days. This period may be extended up to 45 days in specific cases if the examination of the application requires it.

Along with your passport, you will be given a letter with the explanations of the procedure to validate your visa upon arrival to France.

STEP 7

VALIDATE YOUR VISA

As soon as you arrive in France, you must validate your visa. The process is entirely digital: you can do everything remotely, at home, on your computer. You must validate your visa within 3 months of arriving in France at the very latest.

You will need : a valid email address, information on your visa, your date of arrival in France, your home address in France, a bank card to pay online the fee for issuing the residence permit.