

Retiring in France

Essential Checklist

Use this checklist to organise the main administrative and practical questions before relocating to France for retirement. Your requirements will depend on your nationality, family situation, income, healthcare arrangements and intended length of stay.

Before You Move

- I have checked which visa or residence route applies to my situation.
- I have reviewed the current official requirements for my application.
- My passport and key identity documents are valid.
- I have gathered my civil-status documents.
- I have prepared evidence of my financial resources where required.
- I have checked whether documents need translation, legalisation or apostille.
- I have considered where I will live and how I will document my accommodation.
- I have reviewed my healthcare options for the period before and after arrival.
- I have considered my tax-residence position and any relevant cross-border tax questions.

Planning Your Finances & Healthcare

- I know how my pension or retirement income will be paid while living in France.
- I have considered how my income may be treated for French tax purposes.
- I have reviewed any relevant France–country-of-origin tax considerations.
- I understand what healthcare coverage will apply to me initially.
- I know what steps may be required to access the French healthcare system.
- I have considered whether complementary health insurance may be appropriate.

After Arrival

- I have completed the residence formalities that apply to me.
- I have kept copies and proof of all submissions.
- I have started the relevant healthcare registration process.
- I have organised my French administrative documents.
- I have reviewed my tax and address-registration obligations.
- I have arranged practical essentials such as banking, utilities and insurance.
- I have recorded important renewal dates and administrative deadlines.

Settling Into Life in France

- I know which local services and administrations I may need to contact.
- I have a secure system for storing important documents.
- I keep track of correspondence from French administrations.
- I have identified who to contact if I need help with a complex procedure.
- I review my administrative situation when my circumstances change.

HumaForm Tip ■

Retirement planning in France is not only about obtaining a visa. Immigration, healthcare, taxation and practical settlement are closely connected, so it is worth considering the whole picture before you move.

HumaForm resources are practical organisational tools. Requirements and procedures can change and depend on your circumstances. Always check the latest information with the relevant official authority.