

Moving to France

Essential Checklist

Use this checklist to organise the main administrative and practical steps before and shortly after your move. The exact requirements depend on your nationality, visa or residence status and personal circumstances.

Before You Leave

- I know which visa or residence route applies to my situation.
- I have checked the current official requirements.
- My passport and key identity documents are valid.
- I have gathered important civil-status documents.
- I have checked whether documents need translation, legalisation or apostille.
- I have prepared the documents required for my visa or residence procedure.
- I have arranged suitable accommodation or prepared the required accommodation evidence.
- I have reviewed my initial healthcare arrangements.
- I have organised my financial and banking arrangements.
- I have saved copies of my important documents in a secure location.
- I have recorded important deadlines and appointments.

After Arrival

- I have completed any required post-arrival visa formalities.
- I know which residence formalities apply to me.
- I have started my healthcare registration process where applicable.
- I have organised my French administrative documents.
- I have recorded my important reference numbers.
- I have checked whether I need to notify administrations of my new address.
- I have reviewed my tax situation and any relevant obligations.
- I have kept proof of important submissions and appointments.
- I have created a calendar for upcoming administrative deadlines.

Getting Organised

- I have created one central digital administrative folder.
- I keep copies of applications, supporting documents and correspondence.
- I know which administration is responsible for each procedure in progress.
- I have a simple list of outstanding tasks and next steps.

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Don't try to complete everything during your first week. Prioritise the steps that affect your immigration status, healthcare and ability to settle, then work through the remaining tasks progressively.

Keep this checklist with your administrative documents and update it as your situation changes.

General organisational resource only. Requirements can change and depend on individual circumstances. Always verify current information with the relevant official authority.