

# CHECKLIST



Once you have been accepted, you will need to begin preparing for the experience you are about to live. Here is a reminder what you need to do:

## BEFORE ARRIVAL

- Verify the validity of your passport. Request renewal when your passport will soon expire.

If you are NOT a European citizen:

- Apply for your visa (4 to 3 months before your arrival) - Make sure that you apply for it as soon as you have received confirmation of your admission. (See [“Visas and Resident permits”](#))
- Subscribe to a private health insurance (*if applicable*). (See [“Health & Insurance”](#))

If you are a European citizen:

- Request your European Health Insurance Card.
- Prepare documents that you might need once in France:
  - a copy of your Passport or ID,
  - a copy of international health insurance,
  - a copy of your birth certificate showing your parents' information or other documents, along with a translation if possible (see [“Health & Insurance”](#)),
  - your acceptance letter,
  - a copy of your visa (if already obtained).
- Look for your accommodation and guarantor. (See [“Accommodation & Housing”](#))
- Inform your bank of your departure and check if your credit/debit card can be used in France.
- Obtain a repatriation insurance (not mandatory, but strongly recommended). (See [“Health & Insurance”](#))
- Obtain a personal civil liability insurance. (See [“Health & Insurance”](#))
- Obtain your CVEC once you are granted your visa. (See [“Succeed in your studies in France”](#))
- If you have a disability, make sure to inform our team in advance and reach out to the disability person contact of your future school/program.

## UPON ARRIVAL

We advise you to arrive a few weeks before your first day of school as you will need to undertake many administrative procedures (resident permits, health insurance, bank account) and look for accommodation.

If you are NOT a European citizen and you are staying more than 3 months: Validate your visa online when you arrive to obtain a resident permit. (See [“Visas and Resident permits”](#))

- Open a bank account. (See [“Banking, Budgeting & Scholarships”](#))
- Register to obtain the French “Sécurité sociale” health insurance. (See [“Health & Insurance”](#))
- Obtain a complementary health insurance (not mandatory but recommended). (See [“Health & Insurance”](#))
- Obtain a French phone number. (See [“Accommodation & Housing”](#))
- Choose your commuter pass. (See [“Transportation”](#))
- Find an accommodation

Once you have found an accommodation: (see [“Accommodation & Housing”](#))

- Obtain a housing insurance before getting the keys.
- Apply for the housing subsidy from the CAF.
- If not included in the rent, open an account for electricity and gas.
- If not included in the rent, purchase an internet connection.

## DURING YOUR STAY

- Participate in student activities and clubs.
- Succeed in your academic year studies.
- Learn French.
- Visit the many cities of France & enjoy discovering French culture.
- Take pictures, purchase souvenirs.
- Renew your resident permit, if needed.

## BEFORE LEAVING FRANCE

- Inform your landlord with 1- or 3-months advance notice once you know the date of your departure. (See [“before returning to your home country – Accommodation & Housing”](#))
- Update your CAF profile to stop payments. (See [“French Government Housing Subsidy”](#))
- Cancel your electricity and gas account with your provider. (See [“before returning to your home country – Accommodation & Housing”](#))
- Cancel your internet and mobile phone account with your provider. (See [“before returning to your home country – Accommodation & Housing”](#))
- Cancel your commuter pass (if applicable). (See [“Transportation”](#))
- Leave your French bank open as you might receive deposits such as your final housing subsidy, security deposit on your lodging, etc. (See [“Before returning to your home country – Banking, Budgeting & Scholarships”](#))
- Bring souvenirs to your family and friends.

## AFTER LEAVING FRANCE

- Once you have received the money that you are owed you can close your bank account. (See [“before returning to your home country – Banking, Budgeting & Scholarships”](#))
- Stay in touch with your schools and teachers, and become an OMNES Education Alumni.