

VALIDATION OF THE "STUDENT" VISA BY THE OFII

This applies to the "student", "internship" and "researcher-talent passport" VLS-TS

Within 3 months of entering France, you must register your VLS-TS on the website of the Ministry of the Interior.

ONLINE PROCEDURE

Since February 18, 2019, the validation of this type of visa is done online at the following address:

<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>



You will need :

- a valid e-mail address
- your VLS-TS visa
- your date of entry into France
- A credit card to pay the residence permit fee

At the end of the process, you will receive a confirmation of the validation of the registration of your **VLS-TS** in PDF. You can download this document by logging into your space. **This certificate must be saved, printed and kept for the duration of the stay in France.** This step is mandatory to guarantee a regular stay in France. Otherwise, you will be in an irregular situation and will not be able to cross the Schengen border again.

For any questions, you can contact the Ministry of the Interior
dgef-support@interieur.gouv.fr or **+33 (0) 8 06 00 16 20.**

Attention: The Algerian students, whose status is governed by the Franco-Algerian agreement of December 27, 1968, have a "student visa" mention "residence permit to apply within two months of arrival" and are not therefore not concerned by this procedure with the OFII.

The OFII stamp is no longer affixed to the passport. The foreign student will be able to insert in his passport a certificate which is accessible in his personal space created during the online validation.

Payment of the tax can be made online here. If the student does not have a credit card to pay his tax online, he can go to a tobacconist to buy his electronic stamp.

During the three months following your arrival in France, you are authorised to travel outside of France and to leave the Schengen area without an OFII sticker. After that, the OFII sticker, or the OFII attestation of receipt in the absence of the former, is mandatory for travelling outside of France.

AND AFTER ?

Students wishing to stay in France for more than one year must apply for a residence card renewal at the prefecture of their place of residence three months before the date of expiry of the "valid residence permit" visa.

The residence permit number that will then be requested by the Prefecture is the registration number of the visa appearing on the validation certificate.