



# FRANCE STUDENT VISA CHECKLIST (VLS-TS)

## 1. Acceptance and Documentation from French Institution

- **Offer of Admission:** Obtain an official acceptance letter from a French educational institution.
- **Campus France Registration:** Register and complete the application process on the Campus France website, followed by Campus France Interview

## 2. Passport

- **Valid Passport:** Ensure your passport is valid for at least three months beyond the end date of your intended stay in France.

## 3. Visa Application Forms and Fees

- **Visa Application Form:** Complete the Long Stay Visa Application form available on the French consulate or embassy website.
- **Application Fee Payment:** Pay the visa application fee and keep the receipt.

## 4. Photos

- **Passport-sized Photographs:** Provide two recent passport-sized photographs that meet French visa photo requirements.

## 5. Schedule and Attend Biometric Appointment

- **Biometric Information:** Schedule an appointment to provide biometric information (fingerprints and photograph) at a visa application center.

## 6. Financial Documents

- **Proof of Funds:** Provide evidence of sufficient funds to cover tuition fees, living expenses, and other costs. This can include:
  - Bank statements showing sufficient funds (at least €615 per month).
  - Sponsorship letters or affidavits of support.
  - Scholarship or financial aid documents.

## 7. Academic Documents

- **Transcripts and Certificates:** Include academic transcripts, diplomas, degrees, or certificates from the institutions you have attended.
- **French Language Proficiency:** Provide proof of French language proficiency (DELF/DALF, TCF, etc.) if required by your institution. For programs taught in English, proof of English proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL, etc.) may be required.

## 8. Additional Supporting Documents

- **Accommodation Proof:** Provide proof of accommodation for at least the first three months of your stay. This can include a rental agreement, university housing confirmation, or a host's attestation.
- **Health Insurance:** Proof of health insurance covering your stay in France.
- **Motivation Letter:** A letter explaining your study plan, career aspirations, and reasons for choosing the particular institution and course.
- **CV/Resume:** A detailed CV or resume may be required.
- **Passport-sized Photograph:** Provide recent passport-sized photographs as per French visa requirements.

## 9. Prepare for Possible Interview

- **Interview Preparation:** Be ready to answer questions about your course, your institution, your financial situation, and your intentions to return to India after your studies (However the major interview is conducted at Campus France)
- **Documents for Interview:** Bring all relevant documents to your visa interview, if one is required.

## Visa Application Submission

- **Submit Application:** Lodge your completed visa application along with all required documents through the relevant French consulate or VFS Global center.
- **Biometrics:** Provide biometrics (fingerprints and photo) at an authorized center if requested.

## Post-Visa Approval

- **Travel Arrangements:** Arrange for travel to France once the visa is approved.
- **Housing and Accommodation:** Confirm your accommodation in France.
- **Arrival Plans:** Make plans for your arrival in France, including airport pickup, if provided by your institution.
- **Orientation Programs:** Attend any pre-departure and arrival orientations provided by your institution.

## Checklists and Additional Information

- **Campus France Certificate:** Obtain the Campus France certificate once your registration and interview with Campus France are completed.
- **Translations:** Any documents not in French must be accompanied by a certified translation.

## Useful Sources

- **Campus France India:** Campus France India
- **France-Visas:** France-Visas Official Website
- **VFS Global for France:** VFS Global

Make sure to check the latest requirements and guidelines on the official French consulate or embassy website or the specific instructions provided by your French institution, as they may have updates or specific requirements.