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VISA (non-European students)

Before moving to France, you need to apply directly to the French Consulate in your current country of study for a Visa type D, student, long-stay.

- **Once you arrive in France:**

Your passport / visa needs to be stamped by the Border Police at the airport! Without this stamp, the visa is not valid.

Within 3 months, you need to send with secured letter (French: *lettre recommandée avec accusé de réception*) following documents:

- Copy of your passport (pages: holder information, validity, stamp, visa).
- the original OFII form (the one you filled in at the time of VISA application in Portugal or Germany)

To:

*OFII – Direction territoriale
55, rue Saint-Sernin
CS 90370
33002 Bordeaux Cedex*

Once the OFII receives your letter and documents, you will receive within the next weeks an **appointment for a medical visit**.

You need to go to the medical visit with:

- Your passport
- An accommodation certificate
- A recent photography (face, non-covered head, 3,5 x 4,5 cm)
- A stamp OMI/ANAEM/OFII which costs 58€. You can buy it either in a tabac/paper shop in Bordeaux or through the OFII website: <https://www.timbresofii.fr/>

Once the medical visit is done, the OFII will insert a secured vignette in your passport. Without this vignette and after 3 months in France, you will lose your VISA rights and be considered as irregular resident. The vignette allows you to stay in French during the all validity period and to travel to other Shengen space countries.

In France :

Bordeaux Sciences Agro's Map



ACCOMMODATION

You can apply for accommodation on Bordeaux Sciences Agro's campus.

BxScAgro has rooms (12m²) for 280€per month and small studios (18 m²) for 370. Please contact Nadia FRIANT (nadia.friant@agro-bordeaux.fr) if you are interested in.

- Private student residence: TENERO

For those who do not want to apply for an accommodation at Bordeaux Sciences Agro: you can apply for a **private student residence (TENEO)** which is more expensive (a studio is around 550-600€ a month).

<http://www.teneo.fr/concept/2/1/2/teneo-apparhotel-talence-medoquine.html>

<http://www.teneo.fr/concept/2/1/3/teneo-apparhotel-talence-universite.html>

The studios/apartments are equipped.

The monthly rent includes internet and all charges.

- **Other private accommodation**

If you are not interested in this type of accommodation, you can also look for an apartment or studio in the private market.

Please find here following links (in French) that could help you to find an accommodation on your own:

- CIJA WEBSITE: <http://www.info-jeune.net/logement-durgence.html>
- Leboncoin: <http://www.leboncoin.fr/locations/offres/aquitaine/gironde/?f=a&th=1>

If you look for flat-sharing (please be careful when reading the ads and contacting the persons, to check if it is real ads or hoax):

- <http://www.unecoloc.com/>
- <http://www.colocation.fr/homepage.php>
- <http://www.appartager.com/>

You can also consult estate agencies in Bordeaux (please avoid DirectLocation or agencies that provide Lists of apartments. Most of the time, Lists providers are a hoax, since apartments are no longer available!)

- **Financial support from the French Government**

If you rent a flat / room in France, you might receive financial support from the French Government.

https://www.caf.fr/wps/portal/!ut/p/c5/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3hLf2dfY0cn35AAF19LA6MA_8Awr2AnAwN3c_1wkA4kFZbe_oYGRj4Wrl6BvsYGBgbGaPKYJoDIDXAARwN9P4_83FT9guzsIAthRUUATBMY7A!!/dI3/d3/L2dJQSEvUUt3QS9ZQnZ3LzZfOU9DTTNBQk1USEs1RTAyUEISR0IUQTMwNDY!
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Students who get a room in a CROUS residence may be eligible too.

Upon arrival, you can ask International Office to help you applying for the CAF, should you be eligible.

ENROLMENT

You will be enrolled at *Direction des Etudes* when you arrive and then you will be provided with student cards, enrolment certificates and internet access codes.

Non-European students: Please try to bring with you a **Birth certificate**. Although it is not required to apply for a VISA, this document may be requested for further administrative issues later.

Card 'Bordeaux ma ville' (if you're under 25)

If you're under 25 only:

You can request the card 'Bordeaux ma ville' to get discounts on a few cultural events.

http://www.bordeaux.fr/ebx/portals/ebx.portal?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=pgPresStand8&classofcontent=presentationStandard&id=45001

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I will help you if you're interested, once you're in Bordeaux.

TRANSPORT

- **Bordeaux Public Transport (TBC)**

<http://www.infotbc.com/>

You can purchase annual and monthly cards online (<http://boutique.infotbc.com/index.cfm>) or at one of the TBC offices (<http://www.infotbc.com/node/48>)

Students staying 1 semester:

I would suggest that you take the monthly pass. The annual pass becomes interesting if you stay at least 6/6.5 months in Bordeaux. The card is valid from 1st to 31st of each month. You have then to reload your card each month either at the machines or at a TBC office.

If you're under 28: the monthly card costs 28€ / month
Otherwise: 39€ a month.

Students staying 1 year:

You can purchase the annual pass.

If you're under 28: 195€
Otherwise: 384€

- **Train Discount Card (Carte 12-25)**

This card is available **for students under 25 years old**. Students who will turn 26 soon, and are interested to apply, can apply [before their 26th birthday](#).

The card will still be 12-month valid!

You can purchase the card at the train station or online:

<https://www.12-25-sncf.com/carte/commande/achatcarte.aspx?s=true>

If you purchase it online, you may receive your card in a week or two. Please give a correct and valid postal address!

Holding this card, any time you will purchase a train ticket via sncf.com you will be granted a 25% or 50% discount depending on the day / time you will travel.

USEFUL LINKS

Bordeaux University Campus Life:

http://www.univ-bordeaux.fr/Vie_universitaire.html (French)

CAMPUS FRANCE:

<http://www.campusfrance.org/>

Handbook “Choose France” (edited by Campus France, 2012):

http://ressources.campusfrance.org/guides_etab/guides/choisir/en/choisir_en.pdf

CROUS/CNOUS:

<http://www.cnous.fr/>

Handbook “I’m going to France” (edited by CNOUS, 2010):

http://www.cnous.fr/doc/JVF_2010_Anglais.pdf

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