**Overview**

This guide explains the registration process you must complete as a UK national living in France. We recommend that you read this and French government guidance before you make your residency application.

## UK nationals living in France before 1 January 2021

On 19 October 2020, the French government opened the new residency application website for UK nationals living in France. All UK nationals must get a new biometric residency permit, issued to the holder under the terms of the [Withdrawal Agreement](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-withdrawal-agreement-and-political-declaration).

UK nationals legally resident in France before 31 December 2020 must apply before 1 July 2021. You will need to be in possession of the new residency permit from 1 October 2021.

Each individual must make a separate application. Minors do not need to apply, unless they require a residency permit for work purposes or will turn 18 close to the deadline.

### Step 1: **Submit your residency application online**

You should submit your residency application through the French government [website](http://invite.contacts-demarches.interieur.gouv.fr/BREXIT), available in both French and English.

You may be asked to provide documentary evidence of your status. Supporting documents should be in French and, where possible, your comments in the application form and communication with the Prefecture should also be in French. Translations may be required for civil registration documents such as marriage certificates, but check the list of supporting documents first to see what is required. Non-official translations may be accepted for other documents, such as work contracts.

You will be able to save your application and return to it within 20 days.

Once your application is submitted, you will receive an email confirmation which you can print and show upon request (e.g. at the border along with your passport, when applying to CPAM). Keep this safe as it is not possible to receive a second one.

**Step 2: Attend the Prefecture appointment**

Once your application has been processed, your local Prefecture will invite you to an appointment. Attend the appointment at your prefecture to provide your biometric information (photo and fingerprints). You will have the opportunity to change the appointment if you are not available on the date first allocated to you. If you would like to request an appointment at the same time as another household member, you should indicate this in the comments box of your application form.

**Step 3: Receive your new residency permit by post.**

Receive your new residency permit by post. You will need to sign upon receipt.

As this is a new system, it may take some time for Prefectures to process files. The Prefecture will contact you if anything is missing, or incorrect, or if they have any questions on your file. Avoid asking for an update unless urgent as this may slow processing times.

**The application portal itself**

The website is simple and straightforward. After the introductory page, you will need to follow these steps:

* Select your nationality (British or non-European family member);
* Declare your length of residency (more or less than 5 years);
* Specify when you settled in France, and note whether or not you have a carte de sejour;
* Upload your supporting documents;
* Complete your personal details such as civil status, address, contact details;
* Add any comments;
* Complete the “I am not a robot” test;
* Click "validate"
* Save the confirmation email you receive and keep it safe.

## If you have been living in France for over five years

If you have been living in France for over five years, you will be eligible for permanent residency and a ten-year renewable residency permit.

If you have a 10-year EU carte de sejour: upload a copy of your carte de sejour as part of your online application (even if it has expired). Present your passport at your prefecture appointment.

If you do not have a carte de sejour you will have to upload the following supporting documents as part of your application:

* Passport
* Proof of when you settled in France, or any date that demonstrates more than five years of residency (e.g. rental contract from 6 years ago)
* Proof of your ongoing residency in 2020

## If you have been living in France for under five years

If you have been living in France for fewer than five years, you will be eligible for a card with five years’ validity. You will need to provide evidence of your personal situation (as a worker, self-sufficient person, student, job seeker, British family member, British spouse of a French national). You will find a flowchart on the application website that shows what documents you will need to provide. You will see that the required documents are minimal.

In some situations, you will need to give proof of healthcare (e.g. carte vitale, S1, or *attestation de droits*). As long as you have registered for healthcare and have your *attestation de droits*, it does not matter if you have not yet received your carte vitale.

**If you are retired or not working,** youwill need to provide proof of resources (e.g. tax declaration, bank statement, evidence of savings) which should be equal to or greater than the minimum work welfare benefit called [*revenu de solidarité active* (RSA),](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revenu_de_solidarit%C3%A9_active) without taking into account other welfare benefits. You can include resources or income from abroad.

Flexibility will be shown in particular for homeowners or those living rent-free.

There is no income minimum for the employed or self-employed who can show they are genuinely in work.

**Jobseekers** that have not previously worked in France must register at the job centre "pole emploi". You will be eligible for a six-month provisional residency certificate (renewable once).

**If you are married to a *French*national**, you will need to apply for a residency permit, but you will automatically be eligible for a ten-year card. Follow the instructions on the website.

**If you applied to the “no deal” website**

If you are among the 9000 UK Nations that applied online between October last year and early January this year, you will not need to apply again. You should wait for your Prefecture to get in touch with you when they start processing your file.

The exception to this is if you have moved house and changed *Departement*. In this instance your application cannot be transferred and you will you need to make a new application. No action needed if you have moved but your *Departement* remains the same.