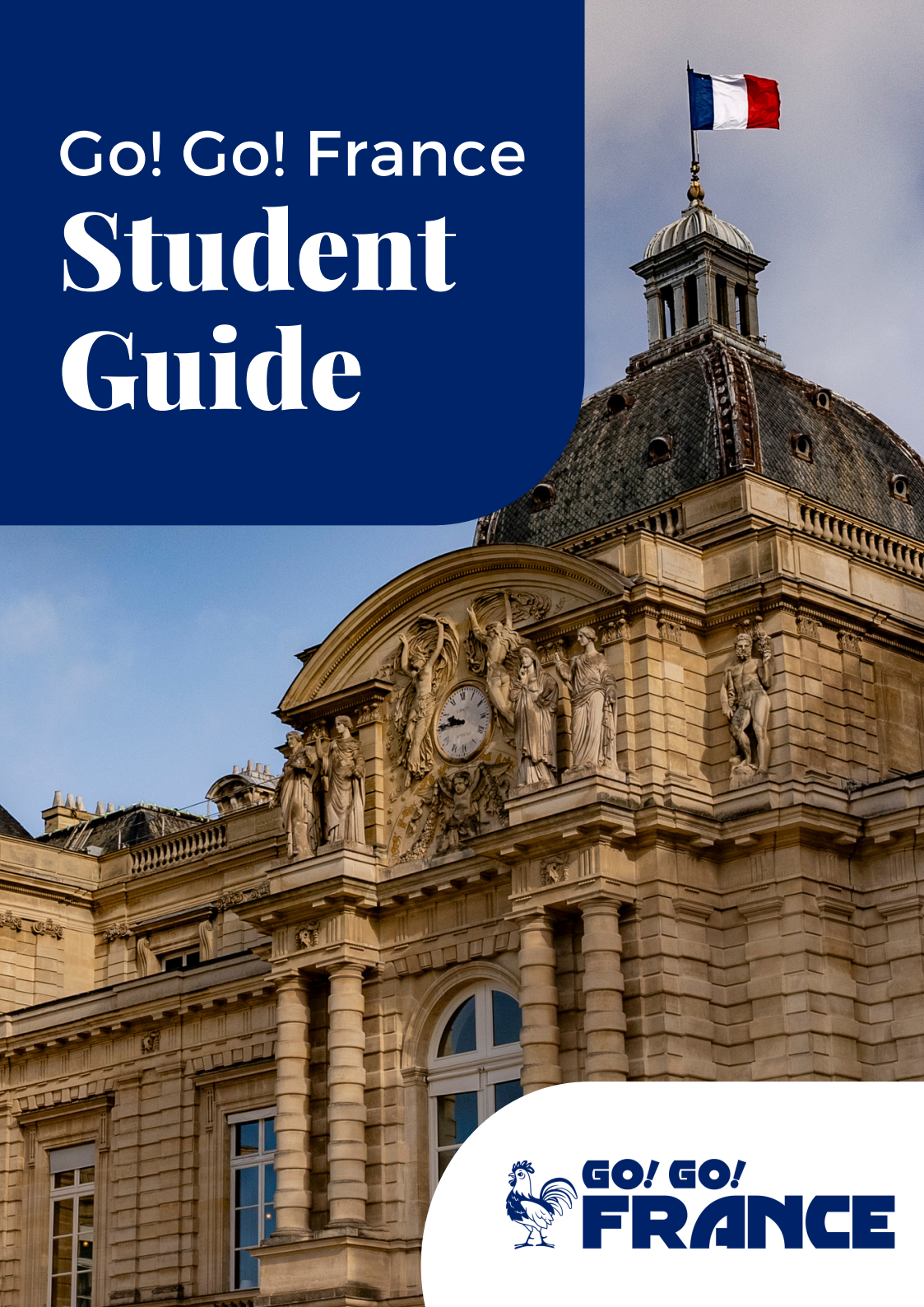


# Go! Go! France Student Guide



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# About us

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Go! Go! France launched in 2023 to help people from all over the world live and study in France. Our mission? To help you broaden your horizons, enrich your life and add a French twist to your learning adventure – all with as little stress for you as possible.

We do this by assisting you in choosing the perfect school, guiding you through the enrollment process, helping you secure your visa if necessary, finding and booking your future accommodation, and more, to make your transition to life in France as smooth as possible.

We know everything about living & studying in France. We provide you with the latest information about France, schools, accommodation options, and visa rules.

Our main focus is always making sure our students are happy and successful. We were founded by two language students who wanted to make a positive impact on future students' lives, and most of our team were language students themselves. Because we've been in your shoes, we know how to support you and help make your dreams a reality. Your success is our success.

***And for those who are wondering about the price,  
our support is completely FREE!***

Our partners are paying us for the services we bring to students on their behalf. You pay the same exact amount of tuition you would if you applied to the school directly, but you get the benefit of our support.



# Student visa

Do you need a visa to study in France? It depends on your country of residence and study plans.

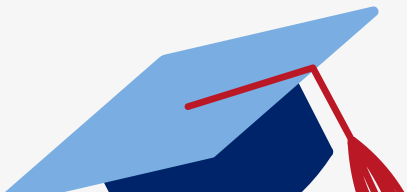


***A student visa offers several benefits, including the ability to study in France for 4 months to 1 year and work part-time (up to 20 hours a week) to supplement your financial resources.***

Additionally, it allows you to travel freely within the Schengen Area and benefit from the French health insurance system. You can also use VISALE service, a free security deposit for students.

To qualify for a student visa, you must be over 18 and already accepted by a higher education institution or language school in France. If you're under 18 or can't stay for more than a trimester, we offer shorter-term options too!

Regardless of your situation, we have pathways for all students, and each path has been designed to offer the greatest possibility of success for your visa application without complicated paperwork and stress.



# Application process

From selecting the right school, booking accommodation and applying for your visa, we guide you through every step of the process.



See how to apply  
with Go! Go! France

## School application

- Fill out your school form and submit your application.
- Receive your invoice, pay your tuition fees and receive your enrollment certificate.

## Pre-departure preparations

- Book accommodation through our partners and receive your proof of accommodation.
- Book your flight ticket.
- Sign up for health and travel insurance if not already covered.

## Pre-consular approval

- Nationals listed in the Etudes en France procedure must get pre-consular approval before applying for their visa, otherwise, you can proceed to the next step.
- Create an account on Etudes en France platform, fill out the forms, attach copies of your documents, and submit your application.
- Pay the administrative fees and schedule an interview with a Campus France agent.
- Pass the interview and receive your pre-consular approval.

## Visa application

- Create an account on France Visas platform, fill out the visa application form, attach copies of your documents, and submit your application.
- Make an appointment with your local French embassy and attend it in person with your original documents.
- An agent will review your application, collect the visa fees and your biometric data.
- You will be notified when your passport with your student visa stamp is ready.

# Language schools

We partner with the best language schools and universities across France. All our partners hold the FLE Quality Label, awarded by the French Ministry of Education for excellence in teaching French to non-native speakers.

This label is a testament to the high quality of the curriculum, teaching staff, facilities, and administrative services. All schools focus on teaching well-rounded language skills in accordance to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

***All students are welcome, and there is no language requirement to apply.***

In addition to attending classes, you're expected to self-study every day to ensure you keep up with the course content. You are also expected to complete any homework that you are assigned.

All schools test regularly throughout each term. To level up, you must pass your tests as well as attend class, keep up with classwork and do your homework.

On top of general French classes, schools offer a myriad of selective classes for those who want to focus on a specific goal such as but not limited to: private lessons, business French, university pathways, DELF/DALF exam preparation classes, au pair courses, and more!

Cultural and pedagogical activities are also an important part of the curriculum. Indeed, many cultural, sportive, culinary, and recreational activities organized by the schools or their partners are conducted in French, allowing students to continue learning and practicing the language while discovering France.



# French level check

Prior knowledge of French is not required before going to France to study.

Language schools and French universities offer classes for all levels, including complete beginners. Students from all background are welcomed!

However, please note that some schools may have specific start dates for complete beginners, while false beginners may have the flexibility to join classes on any Monday.

No matter your previous experience, you can start as a complete beginner or take a placement test before your course begins, and the school will place you in the most suitable class for your level.

Do you already have some knowledge of French but are not sure which course would be the right choice for you? To find out, take the FREE level check test on our website.

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level check test on  
our website



# Official French language diploma

The Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française (DEL F) and the Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française (DALF) are official diplomas given by the French Ministry of Education to prove your ability to speak and understand French. These diplomas are valid for life and show that you have a solid understanding of the French language.

Candidates are tested on the 4 language skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking.

There is a diploma for each of the 6 levels of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) from level A1 to level C2. DELF is for beginner to intermediate learners (A1 to B2) while the DALF is for advanced learners (level C1 to C2).

## How many hours of study you need at each level (approximately)

DALF C2 + 1000h

DALF C1 800 to 950h

DEL F B2 550 to 650h

DEL F B1 350 to 400h

DEL F A2 150 to 200h

DEL F A1 60 to 100h



The DELF and DALF are used as benchmarks by French employers who hire foreigners to determine their language skills and by French universities and schools as proof of French proficiency for foreign students who wish to follow their programs.

***The DELF B2 is often the gold standard for university admission or entry into certain prestigious schools.***

It can also enhance a resume and make it easier to obtain a job in a company where the spoken language is French.



# Cost of living in France

France might appear at first to be an expensive place to live, but the cost of living in France is completely achievable for those who wish to live and study in France – as long as you do some preparation.

Starting August 1, 2026, France will increase the financial requirement for student visas. The new amount is set at 47% of the French minimum wage (SMIC) and will adjust automatically as the SMIC rises with inflation. For 2026, this equals €877.50.

Use the cost of living calculator on our website



## School

Our partner schools have different fees for their courses. Prices also vary depending on the length of study, intensity, and city. You can see the prices and details of each school on our website.

## Accommodation

Depending on which city and type of accommodation you choose, prices can vary quite a lot from between €450 to €1,000-€1,200 per month. You can see all the options we display on our website.

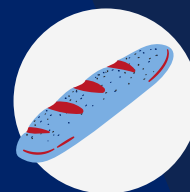
## Food

On average, students spend about €150 to €200 per month on groceries.

Dining out is also part of the cultural experience. An average meal at an inexpensive restaurant costs about €15 to €20, while dining at a mid-range restaurant can cost between €25 to €50 per person.



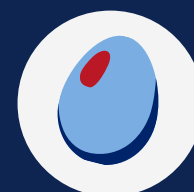
1 liter of milk  
€1.20



1 baguette  
€1



1 coffee  
€2-4



6 eggs  
€1.55



1 camembert  
€2



1 croissant  
€1.10



1kg of pasta  
€1.50



1 meal at a university restaurant  
€3.30



1kg of potatoes  
€1.90



1 fast-food meal  
€9



1 dinner at a neighborhood restaurant  
€15-20



1kg of rice  
€3



## Transportation

A monthly public transport pass in Paris costs about €90, while in other cities like Lyon, Marseille, or Toulouse, the cost ranges from €30 to €60. Many cities offer student discounts, so be sure to inquire about these options.

## Health

Access to *Sécurité Sociale*, the national health insurance system in France, is free for international students. The *Sécurité Sociale* will cover most of your medical costs but not fully. To increase the amount of healthcare expenses that are reimbursed, you may sign up for complementary health insurance, called "mutuelle" in France, which costs about €12 to €25 per month.



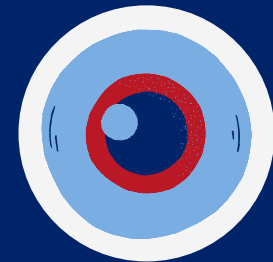
**Generalist starting at**  
€30 (€19 reimbursed)



**Psychiatrist starting at**  
€39 (€26.30 reimbursed)



**Gynecologist starting at**  
€37 (€19 reimbursed)



**Ophthalmologist starting at**  
€37 (€19 reimbursed)



**Dentist at least**  
€30 (depending on  
treatment)



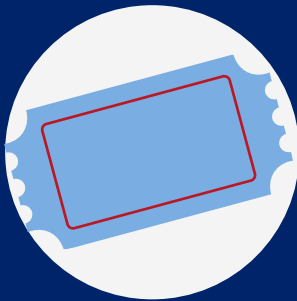
## Mobile & Internet

Mobile phone plans in France are relatively affordable. For about €10 to €30 per month, you can get a plan with unlimited data, calls, and texts. Internet plans for those living in private accommodation range from €20 to €40 per month. Some student residences include internet in the rent, so this is worth considering when choosing your accommodation.

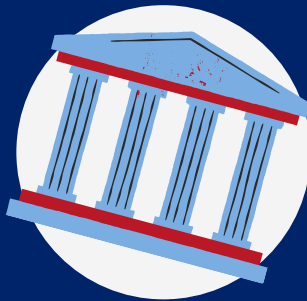
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France is very student-friendly, offering a plethora of discounts. Always carry your student ID to take advantage of reduced prices on public transport, museum entries, movie tickets, and even some restaurants.

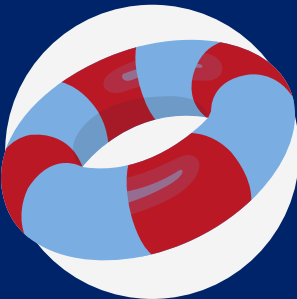
## Culture & Leisure



**1 movie ticket  
at student rate:**  
around €9



**1 museum visit:**  
€5–15



**1 swimming pool  
admission:**  
around €2



**1 theater ticket:**  
around €10



# Accommodation

Finding a home in a foreign country can be daunting, especially if you don't speak the language (yet!) which is why we're here to help. We work with trusted partners and ensure the process of finding and booking the perfect place to live is as seamless as possible.

***You can find and book your future accommodation in France 100% online using the accommodation finder on our website.***

Thanks to our partners, you can avoid the typical challenges and any hidden costs that can be associated with renting a place to live in France as a foreigner. There is no complicated bureaucracy, no need for a guarantor, and many more benefits for students. You even get an official accommodation certificate for those requiring a visa!

## Student residences

Located on campus or in town, student residences are often the most affordable option.

## Private apartments

Private apartments are the best option when it comes to privacy and having your own space.

## Share houses

Share houses offer a good balance between quality and price and gives you a chance to make more friends.

## Homestay

Staying with a local family is the most immersive experience and often a good solution for those looking to improve their French skills quickly.

## Good to know

Update July 2026: Only students from EU/EEA/Switzerland, or those with a scholarship, can receive housing allowance from the French government. The amount varies depending on many factors. Learn more about student housing aid on our blog!



***Accommodation  
finder available on  
our website***



# Health

The Sécurité Sociale is a comprehensive public system that provides a wide range of social protections to residents of France such as health insurance, pensions, financial aids, unemployment insurance, etc.

***Every resident, including international students can benefit from it. Registration is free and mandatory for all long-term students in France.***

Most medical expenses are covered, but for any remaining costs, many people also enroll in private health insurance, known as a "mutuelle," which covers the difference between the real cost and what is covered by the Sécurité Sociale. A mutuelle is not mandatory but highly recommended.

It is important to note that registration for the Sécurité Sociale and a mutuelle cannot be done before arrival. This means students must have appropriate travel insurance to cover their flight to France and the first weeks of their stay in France until they are able to register.

To cover that gap, we recommend WorldTrips as a reliable insurance broker. Their insurance package covers both medical and travel expenses.

Get your travel  
and health insurance



## Good to know



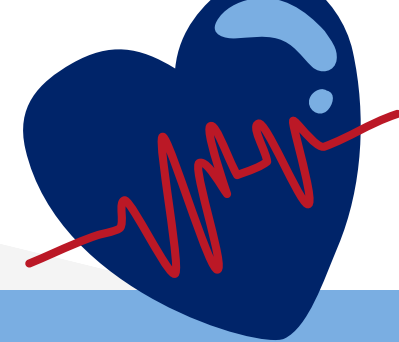
Medical emergency  
Call 15 (France) or  
112 (Europe)



Police Emergency  
Call 17



Fire Emergency  
Call 18



# Working in France as a student

Under a long-term student visa, you can supplement your income by working part-time while studying in France.

***French law allows foreign students to work up to 964 hours per year, or the equivalent of 60% of the maximum working hours permitted in France which is 35 hours per week.***

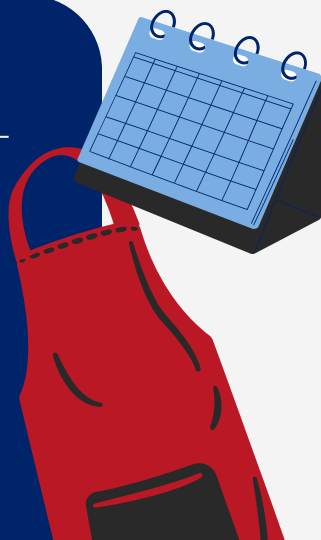
A minimum wage is guaranteed in France by law. As of January 2026, the minimum wage is €12.02 per hour before taxes. After about 20% tax, you take home around €9.52 per hour. For example, if you work 10 hours a week at minimum wage, you'll earn about €380 net per month.

For part-time job search, we recommend you check the platform Jobaviz. This platform is the go-to site for student employment, it lists job offers from a wide range of employers. As the site is aimed at a student audience, the job offers found on the platform are compatible with your school schedule. Many students successfully find jobs teaching their native language to French locals or working in restaurants, cafes, hotels, local stores, and more.

## Good to know

After graduation, you can apply for a temporary job seeker residence permit, allowing you to look for a job in France. This residence permit is valid for 12 months and is not renewable.

A certain level of study is required, as this option is typically available to students who have obtained a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, or an equivalent qualification.



# Want to know more?

Contact our team directly.

We have years of experience in helping people from all over the world successfully apply for language school and their student visas.

Read our blog for articles on learning French, life in France, French culture and cuisine, and more practical information.

Quickly send us a message on WhatsApp and we'll get back to you in a flash! or submit the contact form on our website.



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