



## PREPARE YOUR ARRIVAL:

check list of the important documents needed in France  
*when applicable - if it applies to you*

For each family member, you must prepare the original version and some copies of the following documents:

- birth and wedding certificate. These documents may have to bear an apostille or legalisation (see examples below). Check if your nationality is subjected to it: <http://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/data/aide/apostille/>
- current valid passport for each person
- last diplomas
- driving licence
- for non European, the hosting agreement - Convention d'Accueil - of a researcher/ professor with the French stamp and number.

Official translation will be demanded, it is advised to have them done in France by an official translator.

### The following documents can be useful:

- the European social security card or private health insurance
- funding certificate : grant, fellowship...
- health record for each family member especially job record
- last income tax declaration in the last country you lived in.

### For the children:

- school record indicating the level reached

You will be asked to give identity photos with [French norms](#). It is advised to wait until you are in France to have those photos taken in the recommended booths.

### Examples of apostille and legalisation

<b>RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE</b>
LEGALISATION (DECRET n° 2007-1205 du 10 aout 2007)
DESTINATION DE L'ACTE (PAYS OU AUTORITÉ) :
DATE:
NOM ET QUALITÉ DE L'AGENT :
SIGNATURE ET CACHET OBLIGATOIRE :

APOSTILLE	
(Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1961)	
1. Pays :....	
Le présent acte public	
2. a été signé par.....	
3. agissant en qualité de.....	
4. est revêtu du sceau/timbre de.....	
Attesté	
5. à.....	6.le .....
7.par .....	
8. sous N°.....	
9. Sceau/timbre:	10. Signature
.....	.....