RIVAGOUX

Moving to France checklist — short excerpt

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Steps, in order

1. **Choose your track.** Non-EU (Track A) or EU/EEA/Swiss (Track B). The official pages, and the rights, are not the same.
2. **If you are not an EU, EEA or Swiss national, choose a long-stay route** and apply from outside France through France-Visas (https://france-visas.gouv.fr/) and the consular channel. Core routes in the dossier: visitor, talent passport, employee, student. Other routes exist on Service-Public N110 (https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N110).
3. **Gather the visa file.** The document list is personalised. Do not invent extra documents. Plan sworn translation, and apostille or legalisation, where the official page requires them.
4. **Travel, then complete the arrival formality.** A VLS-TS is generally validated online within three months of arrival, via ANEF (https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/). Some long-stay visas are not VLS-TS and require a residence-card application, often within two months.
5. **First practical steps** (a list, not a full guide): housing, a bank account, health cover (PUMa / ameli), the first tax return, driving licence and, if relevant, car registration and school enrolment.

United States and United Kingdom

US and UK nationals are on the non-EU track. Use the France-Visas assistant for the official document list for your nationality and route. UK driving licences obtained before the end of 2020 can, under the conditions stated on Service-Public, follow the rules that apply to EU licences; licences obtained from 2021 are treated with the non-EU exchange rules. Read F1758 and F1460 before you assume an exchange is or is not required.

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