

STUDENT VISA

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This visa allows you to travel to India to study at a university or technological institute, take part in an academic exchange programme, do an internship in a company, follow a course in a language school, dance school or music school.

Please note that to enrol in yoga, meditation or vedic culture courses, an Entry visa would be required. Similarly, an Employment visa would be required to do an internship in an NGO or in a company working in the following fields of activity: cinema, television, media, writing, publishing, press, photography, communication, advertising...

Generally, the Embassy of India issues a visa valid for the duration of the planned course, with multiple entries. This visa cannot be exchanged and cannot be extended in India. The Student Visa permits unlimited stay during the validity of the visa but any stay exceeding 6 months requires a registration at the FRO (Foreigner's Registration Office in Delhi) or the FRRO (Foreigner's Regional Registration Office) within the 14 days of your arrival in India.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR A STUDENT VISA

- 1 Original passport valid for a minimum of 6 months (or for the validity requested, if greater) and having at least 3 blank visa pages
- 2 A photocopy of the data page of the passport
- 3 Three photographs conforming to prescribed specifications
- 4 Two visa application forms duly filled in online, signed and dated by the applicant
- 5 **If going on an exchange programme (provide both the documents)**
 - An official document in the applicant's name from the French higher education establishment: copy of the exchange agreement and/or a letter confirming enrolment of the student in the French institution and their transfer to India for studies.
 - An official letter confirming the applicant's admission into an Indian university, school or higher education establishment to follow a full-time course, including a detailed description of the study programme and its duration. This document should be written in English.
- If studies are only taking place in India (provide both the documents)**
 - A motivation letter written in English explaining why the applicant wishes to study in India and providing full details of his previous educational (appropriate documentary evidence to be attached: diplomas, certificates...)
 - An official letter confirming the applicant's admission into an Indian university, school or higher education establishment to follow a full-time course, including a detailed description of the study programme and its duration. This document should be written in English.
- If going on an internship (provide both the documents)**
 - The exchange agreement (convention de stage) written in English and signed by both the French higher education establishment and the Indian company.
 - An invitation letter from the Indian company addressed to the applicant specifying the nature of the internship, the terms and its duration. This letter should be on company letterhead and written in English.
- 6 Proof of adequate funding (provide 1 document amongst the 3 options below)
 - If the studies are financed by the applicant: a bank guarantee letter issued by the bank, on bank letterhead paper, in the name of the applicant, testifying their ability to meet expenses of a minimum of 500 € per month to cover study fees, accommodation and living expenses in India for the duration of the stay.
 - If the studies are sponsored by a third person: a bank guarantee letter issued by the bank, on bank letterhead paper, in the name of the third party, testifying their ability to sponsor the applicant for a minimum of 500 € per month to cover study fees, accommodation and living expenses in India for the duration of the stay.
 - If the applicant is taken care of locally, is paid or benefits from a scholarship: the bank guarantee letter is still mandatory for a minimum of 500 € per month as per the conditions mentioned above.
- 7 The service fees, additional consular charges and the visa fees

LIST OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

If you are sending your visa application by post

- Checklist for postal applications

If you have a minor endorsed in your passport (1 photo required) or if the applicant is a minor

- Photocopy of the French livret de famille (pages: father, mother, relevant child) or birth certificate
- Photocopy of an ID proof of each parent
- Authorisation letter for a minor to travel signed by both parents

If you are holding a non-French passport or a French travel document

- Reference Form as per your current or previous nationality
- If resident in France: copy of your resident card or an EDF/France Télécom bill (optional but recommended)
- Additional documents as per your current or previous nationality, as applicable

If you are holding a French passport being of Pakistani, Chinese, Bangladeshi or Afghan origin

- Reference Form as per your origin
- Additional documents as per your origin, as applicable

I hereby certify that I have submitted a complete application and that I know and accept the minimum processing times required for my visa application.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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