

Finding Work in France

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For the most up-to-date information, consult the site of l'Administration française:

<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2728?lang=en>

How to get authorization to work in France (in steps)

Before submitting the application, the employer must have attempted to find a candidate already in the French labor market with the help of government agencies (e.g. Apec and Pôle Emploi) or private organizations.

Once this step has been taken, or if it is not necessary, the employer can submit the work permit application on the dedicated platform (<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>).

Citizens of the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland are not affected, they benefit from free movement within European territory and can settle and work in France.

Employees can only apply for a work visa **after their employer has been approved for a work permit**. They can start the application process online (<https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/web/france-visas/visa-application-guidelines>) and will need the following documents:

1. Valid passport or photo ID, along with two additional passport photos.
2. The work permit (this serves as confirmation the job offer is real and valid).
3. Bank statements or another form of proof that they can support themselves.
4. Proof of health insurance.
5. Information about their accommodations while they're working in France.

Work authorization and visa requirements

▪ **French Embassy in the US** <https://franceintheus.org/spip.php?rubrique102>

Information on how to get papers and procedures one must go through to work in France, as well as discussing the difficulties of finding a job in France and help getting visas.

RESOURCES

▪ **Embassy of France in Washington, DC** <https://franceintheus.org/>

Tel: (202) 944 6000

▪ **American Embassy of Paris** <https://fr.usembassy.gov/>

Sets up jobs within the embassy, discusses starting your own business in France and has a Consular Section.

2 Av. Gabriel, 75008 Paris, France

- When calling from France: 01.43.12.22.22
- When calling from U.S. (landline): 011.33.1.43.12.22.22
- When calling from U.S. (cell phone), hold down the 0 (zero) until + appears, then dial 11.33.1.43.12.22.22
 - a. Dial '1' then '0' when you hear the automated greeting.

▪ **Services for U.S. Citizens in France** <https://fr.usembassy.gov/services/>

▪ **Ministère du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités** <http://travail-emploi.gouv.fr/>

127, rue de Grenelle, 75007 Paris 07

Tél. : 01 44 38 38 38

▪ **American Chamber of Commerce in France** <http://www.amchamfrance.org>

Contains business links.

AmCham France

77 rue de Miromesnil, 75008 Paris

Tel: +33 (0) 1 56 43 45 63

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▪ **Centre d'Information et de Documentation Jeunesse** <http://www.cidj.com>

Offers jobs in a variety of different fields, ages 18+.

4, place du Louvre, 75001 Paris

Tel: (+33) 01 88 40 41 80

▪ **Agence nationale de l'emploi (ANPE)** <http://www.pole-emploi.fr/accueil>

INTERNET RESOURCES

▪ **Overseas Jobs** <http://www.overseasjobs.com>

Post your resume and receive help with your resume. Keyword search "France" for jobs in France.

▪ **Monster- Work Abroad** <http://www.monster.fr/>

▪ **Council on International Educational Exchange** <http://ciee.org/>

Gives you information on working and studying abroad.

▪ **The Balance** <https://www.thebalance.com/best-international-job-search-engine-sites-2061907> List many websites where you can search for international jobs.