

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Webinars May 27th and June 1st

ACCOMMODATION:

Is EDHEC able to assist us in finding an accommodation?

We have several partnership with students residences, rental agencies, private owners....
This information was included in the first email sent in May 11th with a link to access our accommodation platform.
If you didn't receive it please get back to us so we can send it to you.

Which websites do you recommend when searching for accommodations?

We partnered with the rental agency Giletta which also offers sharing flat options:

RENTAL AGENCY: <http://www.giletta-properties.com/>

You can also book a room through the platforms Studapart, immojeun, Airbnb, appartager, leboncoin, seloger

[Studapart](#) rentals and sharing flats partnered with EDHEC

[Appartager](#) offers of sharing flats - in English

[Le bon coin](#) private or professional ads for flat rental or flat sharing - in French

[Seloger](#) rentals and sharing flats - in French

[Airbnb](#) seasonal rental

Where is the student housing of EDHEC located, or, which is the most common among the exchange students?

It really depends on each of you. Some of you prefer to stay close to EDHEC and others prefer to be in the city center close to restaurants, pubs...
The tram in Nice is running around midnight on week-ends.
In Edhec Nice we offer only off-campus accommodation options.

Is there a possibility to book an accommodation with a parking?

We recommend not to use your car to go to school as there are no free parking, there are only paid spaces close to Campus and it's the same in the city center.

I was wondering which exact insurance is mandatory for our accommodation and if we need to take it out before our arrival (from our home country) or after we arrive in Nice. Also, do you have any company that you recommend?

WE recommend ADH and HEYME.

ADH: [Student Home Insurance | From 1,42€ /month ✓ | Best Price Online - ADH \(assurances-etudiants.com\)](#)

HEYME: [Foreign Student | HEYME](#)

More details regarding housing insurance will be provided in our next communication. It must include at least the damages below:

- FIRE
- WATER DAMAGE
- CIVIL LIABILITY
- LEGAL PROTECTION
- EMERGENCY REPAIR

We recommend you take the theft option.

Do I have to look for a guarantor if I rent an apartment privately? How does the French guarantor mechanism work? What should we do? Can the university support us?

Apart from the private flats on our website and the rental agency Giletta, in order to rent a flat in France you will need a French guarantor.

Edhec has partnered with garantme, which is a paid service, in order to allow you to rent a flat personally. You can benefit from a discount with the promotional code EDHECEDU.

Before getting this guarantee, you have to make sure that the owner or agency accept it.

[Garantme: French rent guarantor for your housing in France](#) PROMOTIONAL CODE: EDHECEDU

Is it possible to rent an Airbnb for accommodation for the duration of the exchange?

It is possible to rent an accommodation through Airbnb, however:

- For Non European citizens it may be a rejection reason for the visa application.
- You won't be eligible for the housing benefits (CAF)

Which are the safe and student-friendly area to reside?

Nice is quite safe, it's just like in every big city, you should take care of your belongings and avoid going out at night alone. We recommend you book a flat close to Edhec or in the city center. If you plan to go out by night often, you should book an accommodation in the city center.

It takes about 15-20 minutes by tramway from the city center to EDHEC.

We recommend you to avoid the East and North side of the city as it is not well served by the public transportation.

Also it is better to book a flat close to the tramway line.

Are there any websites that are not reputable? Is there anything that I have to pay attention to if I rent an apartment privately?

Be careful to the websites from individual to individual, there are many scams. Remember that if it's too beautiful and cheap it may be a scam.

Do not pay by cash transfer(western union...), the best is to pay by bank transfer which is a proof.

General recommendation about accommodation, how much is the local tax? And are there any other fees that are not included in the rent?

In most accommodation, you will have to pay the local tax but there are some exceptions. Please check this information with your owner or

with the student residence manager.

The amount of the local tax is about month rent to be paid if the contract covers the rental of the accommodation on January 1st 2022.

Charges are most of the time included in students residences. For private flats, take care of the other expenses called « charges locatives » (for the maintenance and cleaning of the building and the garden) and also your personal charges such as electricity, internet, water, housing insurance and so on.

When do you think is the best time to book accommodation now or closer to the intake?

The sooner the better. If you wait for too long you won't have so many opportunities left and not a large choice.

When do we have to make the payment for the accommodation? Is it possible to get an accommodation contract before the payment?

For the payment: once you have chosen your booking, to secure it you will have to pay.
For the contract: usually you get it at your arrival. If it is for visa purposes, we can draft an accommodation certificate.

In case of Travel Restrictions due to Pandemic, we are unable to travel, will the rent paid in advance for the accommodation be refunded?

You have booked an accommodation through Edhec, two solutions:

-You can't come at all and you want to cancel your booking: It depends on the date, if you cancel before July 15th you will be refunded, after that date if we can replace you, you will be refunded.

-You delay your arrival, we recommend you keep your booking in order to have a place to stay at your arrival and you will have to pay for the full rent.

In any case, booking fees are not refunded

If you have booked alone, make sure you discuss this with the owner or agency or residence.

Hi, I'm wondering could we have more accommodation choices in your accommodation platform in the future? If not, could we still be able to apply for CAF when we rent from other platform that you recommend earlier?

We will receive only a few more offers. If you rent from another platform you may still be able to apply for CAF.

However you can't apply if:

-you rent a flat through Airbnb


-you don't have any housing contract

-you had important income the previous years

-you hold a visa "temporaire" or "visiteur"

Do you know if the site Morning croissant is reputable?

A large number of platforms have been created in recent years. We do not know all of them. Fraudulent ads are circulating on all these platforms. So you have to be very careful. We advise you to make sure that the people who are renting are the owners and that they can justify their identity.



In any case, never transfers money via networks such as "Western Union" because in case of fraud, you will not be able to get your money back.

We advise you to use the EDHEC housing platform as well as our partners to find a flat.

Is etuloge.fr safe for booking a shared flat? The owner of one of the rooms at EDHEC housing website mailed me to book the room via etuloge.fr, that's why I am asking.

Yes I have checked with the owner, this website is safe.

When can I apply for the CAF benefits?

Is every student eligible for a CAF? And what is the average amount for a CAF?

You will have the chance to apply for CAF once arrived in Nice.

We will provide all the details needed for the application which has to be on line.

EXCEPTIONS:

You can't apply if:

- you rent a flat through Airbnb
- you don't have any housing contract
- you had important income the previous years
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The allowance depends on the type of housing you choose. The maximum amount for a student who lives alone is 170€ but it depends on many criteria. You can do a simulation online.

Simulation for CAF on the below:

website: <https://www.dcaf.fr/wps/portal/caffr/aidesetservices/lesservicesenligne/estimer vosdroits/lelogement#/stateaccueil>

Are Erasmus students that will stay for 6 months eligible to get CAF? Because it is stated that there is a minimum of 8 months.

Yes it's possible to apply for CAF if you stay for 6 months.

Can non EU-citizens apply for CAF?

Yes except if you hold a visa 'temporaire' or 'visiteur'.

Regarding the Home insurance. Do I need to pay for a whole year? Even though I'm staying for only 4-5 months?

Some insurer asks you to pay for the full year with no possibility of reimbursement. This is the case with the most economical student insurances, such as ADH.

With other insurers, you may only pay for the duration of your stay, but you will need to send a termination letter one month before you leave.

However, it is possible that the rate for 5 month home insurance coverage costs more than for an entire year. We therefore advise you to compare prices..

I have a house insurance contract in Germany that is valid in whole Europe, can I use it?

Yes but only if it's written on the contract that it is valid in whole Europe.

VISA:

Is it too early to start the Visa procedure, if we start the Program in September? It says on the Visa website that we should not apply before 3 months of the start of the program. Can you apply for your visa at the French Embassy in the country you live in?

There are 2 different visa applications, depending on the country you live in.

1. You must apply through Campus France if you live in one of those 46 countries :

Algeria, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, the Republic of the Congo, South Korea, Ivory Coast, Egypt, United States, Gabon, Guinea, Haïti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mauritius, Mauritania, Mexico, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Senegal, Democratic Republic of Congo, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Taiwan, Tchad, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey and Vietnam.

2. For students from the other countries, you must contact directly the French Consulate and follow its instructions; each French Consulate has its own rules regarding the visa issuance. We remind you that you need your letter of enrollment at EDHEC and your accommodation certificate to apply.

For non-EU students, can we apply the visa in the UK directly?

Usually it's possible to apply for the French visa in the country you live in, even if you are not a national from this country. In this situation you have to contact the French consulate in the UK directly and you have to provide all documents and especially the proof that you currently live in the UK.

I have my Italian passport currently out of date, but I have my Italian ID Card valid. As I'm also Brazilian, do I need to apply for a visa in my Brazilian Passport even with Italian ID Card valid? May this answer vary concerning Covid questions?

If you come from Italy your ID card is sufficient to travel in France.

If you come from Brazil you need a valid passport with a visa for France as long as you can't show an Italian passport.

For COVID the most important is not the nationality you are from but the country you travel from.

How likely is it to get the student visa rejected if I rent my booking through AIRBNB ?

Visa rejection for booking accommodation is relatively rare, but it does happen a few times. In the past, we have seen visa rejections due to AIRBNB and hotel reservations.

It is at the discretion of the person who will check your visa application at the French consulate.



What visa support can EDHEC provide?

We can explain you the visa application via Campus France and help you to validate your visa once in France.

OTHERS TOPICS:

Is it necessary to open a French bank account?

You may need to open a French bank account to get the housing benefit from CAF.

Some European IBAN are accepted but other are not.

In addition some student residences and agencies require to have a French bank account to pay the rent by automatic debit.

We take this opportunity to remind you that a practical fair will be held at the end of August with banks, CPAM, buses.

If we have a european bank account (spanish in my case), can we use this to make rent payments?

Yes it is possible but sometimes (and we don't know why) the IBAN is not accepted for CAF.

When will we need to be in France? What date is recommended to arrive?

We recommend you arrive a few days before the integration sessions so you have time to settle.

It's not necessary to arrive too early but you have

to anticipate and predict potential quarantines imposed by the French government.

About how many incoming exchange students will be at EDHEC Nice this fall?

This fall, we expect approximately 200 incoming exchange students on Nice campus.

There will be Half enrolled in the BBA programme and half in the Master programme.

Is public transport strike common in nice?

Yes it can happen sometimes but not so often.

I'm brazilian! Do you guys know how long Will I have to stay on quarantine?

From now it is 10 days but it may change.