

## APS « Autorisation Provisoire de Séjour /

## CSRECE - Carte de Séjour « Recherche d'Emploi – Création d'Entreprise »

### Who is eligible?

Students with a Master's degree (MiM, M2 Grande école, MBA).

### What is it for?

To be able to stay and look for a job or create a business **in France** after the studies.

**APS** (*Autorisation Provisoire de Séjour*)/ **CSRECE** (*Carte de Séjour Recherche d'Emploi – Création d'Entreprise*) makes easier the change of status from student to worker or from student to entrepreneur.



Application **ONLY** possible with a valid carte de séjour or valid visa (not with a *récépissé*).

Application possible with a diploma or provisional certificate of diploma given from the HUB.

### Differences between APS and CSRECE?

- **The APS** is issued the day of the appointment at the Prefecture. The period of validity depends on the applicant's nationality. Only one appointment at the prefecture is necessary. It is free of charge.
- **The CSRECE**, is a physical card, like the *carte de séjour étudiant*, it is issued one month after getting a *récépissé*. Two appointments at the Prefecture are necessary (1- collection of the *récépissé*; 2-collection of the card). It costs 75 Euros or 79€ if you apply from abroad.



**It is not possible to return to a student status after getting the APS / CSRECE.**

### Eligibility: APS or CSRECE?

It depends on the applicant's nationality

 **Algerian students cannot benefit from any of them**

#### **APS ONLY**

For nationals of the following countries:

- ✓ **Benin, Burkina Faso, Mauritius** = 6 months renewable once,
- ✓ **Tunisia** = 6 months renewable twice
- ✓ **Cap Verde, Congo** = 9 months non renewable
- ✓ **Gabon** = 9 months renewable once
- ✓ **Georgia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia** = 12 months non renewable
- ✓ **India** = 12 months renewable once

#### ***CSRECE - Carte de séjour recherche d'emploi- Création d'entreprise***

**For nationals of other countries**

## When to apply ?

- ✓ As soon as the student fulfilled all the conditions to be graduated.
- ✓ When applying in France, students **must apply before the expiry date of the student residence permit,**
- ✓ When applying from abroad: Within a maximum period of 4 years from obtaining the diploma in France

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## *Application Process*

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- You are in Lille  
You have to send your application to Lille Préfecture by registered mail (courrier recommandé avec accusé de réception).
- You are in another city in France, you must check the application on the website of the Préfecture on which depends your place of residence. Application process is different from a Préfecture to another.
- You are not in France, you can apply within 4 years after your studies in a French consulate (only for students who are eligible for CS RECE)

### List of required documents

#### **⚠ We remind you that you must have a valid proof of address in France when applying.**

- ✚ Copy of your passport (identity, customs stamp in France)
- ✚ Copy of your current French *titre de séjour*
- ✚ Visa validation (OFII) if applicable
- ✚ Birth certificate translated into French\*
- ✚ If you are married and/or have children, marriage certificate and/or birth certificate for the children translated into French\*
- ✚ Last three bank statements with a transfer of at least 615 Euros per month **OR** a recent bank statement in French and Euros stamped and signed from the bank stating a balance of at least 2000 Euros **AND/OR** work contract and last three pay slips (in Euros) \*
- ✚ Proof of address dated less than 6 months old (electricity bill **OR** gas bill **OR** telephone bill **OR** home insurance **OR** rent receipt only if from a student residence or an real estate agency otherwise accommodation certificate from landlord together with a copy of his ID and an electricity bill
- ✚ Proof of medical coverage\*
- ✚ 3 passport pictures (format 35 mm x 45 mm – norme ISO/IEC 19794 – 5 : 2005), no glasses, no white background
- ✚ If you plan to create your own company, a draft of your plan\*
- ✚ ORIGINAL & IN FRENCH “*attestation de réussite*” (provisional certificate of diploma) given by the HUB

\* For *carte recherche d'emploi* – Création d'entreprise only

### How to go to the Lille Préfecture?

The nearest metro station is “Rihour”.

The Prefecture is located **12, rue Jean Sans Peur in Lille.**

You need an appointment to get in.