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Guide for U.S. Citizens Residing in France

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AMERICAN CITIZEN SERVICES

**LOCATION: Consular Section, American Citizen Services
United States Embassy
4, avenue Gabriel, 75008 Paris**

Website: <http://france.usembassy.gov/> — **Telephone:** 01 43 12 22 22 (switchboard)
E-mail: citizeninfo@state.gov

Mailing Address: Embassy of the United States of America, ACS, 4, avenue Gabriel, 75382 Paris, Cedex 08

Important Note: an online appointment system will be available in Paris for notarial and authentication services, certain passport applications and all consular reports of birth abroad. For information about scheduling an appointment please refer to the following webpage: <http://france.usembassy.gov/service.html>. You may refer to pages 4-15 of this guide to know if you need to schedule an appointment for passport and citizenship services.

Passport Services are currently open to the public, in Paris, weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., except on **French an American holidays**. Telephone: 01 43 12 29 42 / 01 43 12 28 54 / 01 43 12 22 53 / 01 43 12 23 47 (3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Notarial services are currently open, in Paris, Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon), except on **French an American holidays**. Please refer to the Embassy's website at: http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_notarial.html. Telephone: 01 43 12 20 93 (9:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m) alternate numbers: 01 43 12 29 93 and 01 43 12 20 21.

Consular Report of Birth Abroad: (by appointment only) tel: 01 43 12 26 71 (3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Nationality: tel: 01 43 12 23 63 (3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Death of American Citizen: tel: 01 43 12 29 93 / 01 43 12 20 21 (weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Judicial Information: tel: 01 43 12 24 76 (weekdays, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Voting Information: tel: 01 43 12 29 93/ 20 93 / 20 21 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

For EMERGENCIES after hours, during weekends and holidays, please call the embassy switchboard at telephone number **01 43 12 22 22**.

Automated information line: 01 43 12 22 22 / Information 24 hours a day on entries listed above

(The above numbers and addresses do not have any information regarding visas for the United States; please direct all visa inquiries to 08 92 23 84 72, toll call)

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF AMERICAN SERVICES

- Issuance and renewal of U.S. passports;
- U.S. Reports of Birth for children born in France to U.S. citizens, by appointment only; issuance of first passports
- Notary services (a) for documents to be used in the U.S. or (b) for documents to be used by U.S. citizens resident in France;
- Assistance to U.S. citizens who are in emergency situations, ill, incarcerated or who have relatives that die in the Paris Consular District;
- Lists of English-speaking doctors, dentists & attorneys;
- Information on Department of State Travel Warnings and country specific travel information;
- Information on absentee voting and selective service registration;
- Claims for veterans and social security benefits;
- Transfer of Social Security and other U.S. government benefits to beneficiaries residing abroad;
- Information on procedures required to obtain French public documents.

Consular Officers can provide some information on other matters that affect Americans overseas or they may be able to refer Americans to the appropriate source of assistance. This guide provides much of the information you may require during your stay in France.

For questions on the subjects not already addressed in this guide, visit our internet site: <http://france.usembassy.gov/> or see information on our other offices located throughout France at <http://france.usembassy.gov/consulara.html>.

REGISTRATION WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY OR NEAREST CONSULATE

In order to register with the U.S. Embassy in France please refer to the following website page: (<https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs>). If you do not have internet access, please call telephone 01 43 12 22 22 and ask for the American Citizen Services.

The cornerstone of our efforts to keep the American traveling public aware of problems threatening their safety and security is our Consular Information Program. Travel registration is a free service provided by the U.S. Government to U.S. citizens who are traveling to, or living in, a foreign country. Registration allows you to record information about your upcoming trip abroad that the Department of State can use to assist you in case of an emergency. Americans residing abroad can also get routine information from the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. You may register online at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs>.

What is Travel Registration?

Travel registration is a free service provided by the U.S. Government to U.S. citizens who are traveling to, or living in, a foreign country. Registration allows you to record information about your upcoming trip abroad that the Department of State can use to assist you in case of an emergency. Americans residing abroad can also get routine information from the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Why should I register?

Millions of Americans travel abroad every year and encounter no difficulties. However, U.S. embassies and consulates assist nearly 200,000 Americans each year who are victims of crime, accident, or illness, or whose family and friends need to contact them in an emergency. When an emergency happens, or if natural disaster, terrorism, or civil unrest strikes during your foreign travel, the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate can be your source of assistance and information. By registering your trip, you help the embassy or consulate locate you when you might need them the most. Registration is voluntary and costs nothing, but it should be a big part of your travel planning and security.

How can the embassy or consulate assist me while I am abroad?

U.S. consular officers assist Americans who encounter serious legal, medical, or financial difficulties. Although consular officers cannot act as your legal counsel or representative, they can provide the names of local attorneys and doctors, provide loans to destitute Americans, and provide information about dangerous conditions affecting your overseas travel or residence. Consular officers also perform non-emergency services, helping Americans with absentee voting, selective service registration, receiving federal benefits, and filing U.S. tax forms. Consular officers can notarize documents, issue passports, and register American children born abroad. Most embassies and consulates have web sites with more information.

Registration through this website is NOT considered proof of U.S. citizenship. If you apply for any American citizen services from the embassy or consulate while abroad, you will be asked by the consular staff to provide proof of U.S. citizenship, such as a U.S. passport or American birth certificate.

How will my information be used?

The Department of State and its overseas embassies and consulates request this information only to inform and assist Americans traveling or residing in foreign countries. All personal information you provide is secure and protected by the Privacy Act of 1974.

What if I am already living abroad?

Register as a Long-Term Traveler. You then have the opportunity to provide information about your foreign residence, and you can opt to receive information from the nearest embassy or consulate. If you create a password, you can update your personal information on this website at any time.

If you have a residence or contact address in the U.S., use that address as your Personal Information address, and your foreign residence as your Long-Term Trip address. If you do not have a U.S. residence or contact address, use your foreign residence as both your Personal Information address and your Long-Term Trip address.

I just want information about the country I'm visiting.

You don't have to register to get travel information from the Department of State. A current listing of all Travel Warnings, Public Announcements, and Consular Information Sheets can be found at <http://travel.state.gov>. If you would like to sign up to get updated information sent to you by email for any country, use the "Travel Info" link at the top of this page: <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/>. For more details about Travel Registration, use the "Help" link at the top of this page <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/>. Find more information at your local U.S. Embassy or Consulate website.

If you encounter any difficulties or have any questions about our travel registration website, please send an Email to caibrs@state.gov.

For specific information on France and Monaco, please refer to the Consular Information Sheet at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1116.html

Registration and Privacy

The Department of State is committed to ensuring that any personal information received by our overseas embassies and consulates pursuant to the registration process, whether in person or otherwise, is safeguarded against unauthorized disclosure. The data that you provide the Department of State is subject to the provisions of the [Privacy Act \(5 USC 552a\)](#). This means that the Department of State will not disclose the information you provide us in your registration application to any third parties unless you have first given us written authorization to do so, or unless the disclosure is otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act.

Authority: 22 U.S.C 2715, and 22 U.S.C 4802 (b).

Purpose: To notify U.S. citizens in the event of a disaster, emergency or other crisis, and for evacuation coordination.

The information solicited on this form may be made available as a routine use to appropriate agencies whether federal, state, local, or foreign, to assist the Department in the evacuation or provision of emergency service to U.S. citizens, or for law enforcement and administration purposes or pursuant to court order. The information is also made available to private U.S. citizens, known as wardens, designated by U.S. embassies to assist in communicating with the American community in an emergency. For a complete statement of the routine uses to which this information may be put, see the Prefatory Statement of Routine Uses and the listing of routine uses set forth in the systems description for Overseas Citizens Services Records (State-05), found at <http://foia.state.gov/issuances/priviss.asp>. Lastly, while this internet site uses secure encryption to safeguard your privacy and therefore any unauthorized interception by third parties of the information you send via the internet is unlikely, please keep in mind that the Department of State is not responsible for any such interception.

PASSPORT RENEWAL BY MAIL IN THE PARIS CONSULAR DISTRICT

Website: <http://france.usembassy.gov/passbymail.html>

Consular districts are comprised of several different geographic regions or departments in France. If you meet all of the requirements to renew your passport by mail, and you live in the **region of Paris, Bordeaux, Lyon, Rennes or Strasbourg**, please follow the instructions below. Please see pages 198-199 for a [list of Consular Districts](#).

If you reside in the region of **Marseille, Nice or Toulouse**, you **must** apply for a passport via the Consular Section of the Embassy in **Marseille**. Please refer to the following website: (<http://france.usembassy.gov/marseille.html>).

You must renew your passport by mail through the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Paris or Marseille if you are in possession of a full-validity (10-year) passport issued within the past 15 years and issued when you were at least 16 years old that is not mutilated in any way.

Important: If you do not meet this requirement you must apply in person. (See page 9)

For renewals by mail, please use **form DS-82**. Fill in form online or, type or print legibly in **black ink** when completing all sections of this application, and print out and submit only one-sided pages of the application. You may download this form from (http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds82/ds82_843.html) or call the passport office between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. at 01 43 12 29 42 / 01 43 12 28 54 / 01 43 12 22 53 / 01 43 12 23 47. You may also write to our email box: citizeninfo@state.gov.

Passport renewals by mail cost \$75. Fees may be paid by using the credit card authorization form on webpage (http://france.usembassy.gov/root/pdfs/ppt_renewal.pdf).

You may also purchase a money order called a *mandat-cash* from the French Post Office, which should be made out to the American Embassy for the exact amount. Please consult (http://france.usembassy.gov/ucs_exchangerate.html), or call us for the current consular exchange rate. The Embassy does not accept personal checks.

Please submit the following with your renewal application:

- Your signed and completed DS-82 application form;
- Your most recent passport;
- Two (2) identical, recent color photographs taken full face, with a white background, head size measuring 1 to 1³/₈ inch; entire photo size 5 cm by 5 cm (2 in x 2 in.), see last item on following page for exact size.) French photo booth photographs are not acceptable. Please ask a professional photographer for photos for a U.S. passport. Please refer to (<http://france.usembassy.gov/root/pdfs/paris-photo.pdf>) or call our offices from 3-5 p.m.
- Your signed and completed payment authorization form or mandat cash.
- All new passports will be returned, with the cancelled current passport, by mail using a Chronopost envelope tracking system.

When submitting your application with your current passport and color photos, please include a Chronopost envelope (one Chronopost envelope may contain several passports – maximum 8). Chronopost envelopes are available at all French post offices.

Once we have received the complete passport application, it takes approximately two weeks for you to receive your new passport.

Your current passport will be cancelled and returned to you with the new one.

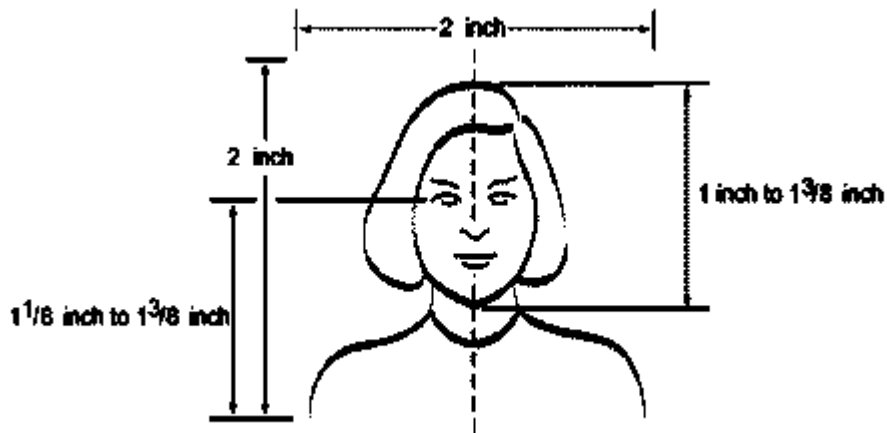
Please send your completed application form DS-82, current passport, photos, [payment](#), and return Chronopost envelope to the address below:

**American Embassy
American Citizen Services - Passport Unit
4, avenue Gabriel
75382 Paris Cedex 08**

When traveling, please remember to carry a photocopy of your passport separately from your passport. In the event of loss or theft, the copy will facilitate issuance of an emergency passport.

Security at the Consular Section

All official facilities are mandated to use access control procedures for all visitors and their handbags and packages. No luggage, electronic or photographic equipment is permitted in our waiting room or on other Embassy premises.



WHEN TO APPLY IN PERSON FOR A PASSPORT

Important Note: an online appointment system will be available in Paris for notarial and authentication services, certain passport applications and all consular reports of birth abroad. For information about scheduling an appointment please refer to the following webpage: <http://france.usembassy.gov/service.html>.

You must apply for a passport in person if:

1. You are applying for a U.S. passport for the first time.
2. Your previous passport was lost, stolen, or mutilated. (Please report this to us immediately.)
3. Your previous U.S. passport was issued more than 15 years ago.
4. Your previous passport was issued when you were under 16 or, you hold a 5-year validity passport. (Please refer to the following pages with section on Passports for Minors under the Age of 16.)
5. Your name has changed since your passport was issued and you do not have a legal document formally changing your name.

If you need a new passport for travel within the next two weeks, your application will require a personal appearance and you will need proof of an imminent departure.

If you meet the criteria for persons who must appear in person in order to make an application for passport renewal please submit the following documents:

- Application **form DS-11**. Fill in form online or, type or print legibly in **black ink** when completing all sections of this application, and print out and submit only one-sided pages of the application. You may download this form from (http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds11/ds11_842.html) You may also obtain this form from the Consular Section of the Embassy at the time of application or you may call our offices from 3-5 p.m. **Please do not sign this form until you are in the presence of a Consular Officer.**
- Your most recent passport;
- Two (2) identical, recent color photographs taken full face, with a white background, head size measuring 1 to 1³/₈ inch; entire photo size 5 cm by 5 cm (2 in x 2 in.), see example on bottom of page 8 for full requirements. French photo booth photographs are not acceptable. Please ask a professional photographer for photos for a U.S. passport. Please refer to (<http://france.usembassy.gov/root/pdfs/paris-photo.pdf>) or call our offices between 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- **Fees** (<http://france.usembassy.gov/passport-fees.html>) may be paid by using the major credit cards or cash in dollars or euros.
- All new full-validity passports will be returned by the Chronopost envelope tracking system.

When submitting your application with your current passport and color photos, please include a self-addressed Chronopost envelope (one Chronopost envelope may contain several passports – maximum 8). Chronopost envelopes are available at all French post offices.

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(Emergency limited validity passports which are issued to replace lost or stolen passports, **may** be processed the same day for immediate travel, see page 13 or (<http://france.usembassy.gov/pass-imminent.html>).

Once we have received the complete passport application, it takes approximately two weeks for you to receive your new passport depending on the type of mail service you choose.

- Please do not forget to enter your social security number in the box provided on the application form.

You must also present proof of U.S. citizenship (generally a U.S. passport, an original birth certificate or a certified birth certificate issued by the city, county or state (see <http://www.vitalchek.com>) a Consular Report of Birth Abroad, or a Naturalization Certificate) and proof of identity (generally a passport or current, valid driver's license). Note: Your Social Security card does not prove your citizenship, or your identity.

For further information concerning this application process please refer to (http://travel.state.gov/passport_obtain.html) or (<http://france.usembassy.gov/passports.html>) or Email the U.S. Embassy at citizeninfo@state.gov .

You may also call the passport office from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at: 01 43 12 29 42 / 01 43 12 28 54 / 01 43 12 22 53 / 01 43 12 23 47, or send a fax to 01 42 96 28 39.

If you are traveling in southern France, please consult the website of the U.S. Consulate General in Marseille (<http://france.usembassy.gov/marseille.html>).

When traveling, please remember to carry a photocopy of your passport separately from your passport. In the event of loss or theft, the copy will facilitate issuance of an emergency passport.

Security at the Consular Section

All official facilities are mandated to use access control procedures for all visitors and their handbags and packages. No luggage, electronic or photographic equipment is permitted in our waiting room or on other Embassy premises.

PASSPORTS FOR MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 16*

***As of Feb. 1, 2008, the two-parent signature requirement is extended from minors under 14 to minors under 16**

Important Note: an online appointment system will be available in Paris for notarial and authentication services, certain passport applications and all consular reports of birth abroad. For information about scheduling an appointment please refer to the following webpage:
<http://france.usembassy.gov/service.html>.

There are special requirements for minors under age 16 in order to renew a passport. Please refer to (<http://france.usembassy.gov/pass-under16.html>) for complete instructions since specific documentation is necessary. If you do not live near Paris please write to our email box: Citizeninfo@state.gov in order to obtain information on appointments at one of our other offices.

- In order to renew a child's passport, **both parents and the minor child must appear in person** at the Consular Section of the Embassy. If one parent cannot appear, a **notarized** "Statement of Consent: Issuance of a Passport to a Minor Under Age 16" available at (http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds3053/ds3053_846.html), authorizing passport issuance for the child must be presented with the non-appearing parents signed, photo identification. For information concerning notarial services for this document, please see page 22. No fee will be charged if the statement of consent is notarized at a U.S. Consulate or American Presence Post in France. French *notaires* may certify this document or notarize a letter of authorization in English.
- Two (2) identical, recent color photographs taken full face, with a white background, head size measuring 1 to 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch; entire photo size 5 cm by 5 cm (2 in x 2 in.), see last item on page 8 for exact size. Please ask a professional photographer for photos for a U.S. passport, see (<http://france.usembassy.gov/root/pdfs/paris-photo.pdf>) since most French photo booths do not produce correct photographs.
- **the child's original birth certificate, or a certified birth certificate issued by the city, county or state** (see <http://www.vitalchek.com>) or a Consular Report of Birth Abroad, or Naturalization Certificate) **and both parents' signed photo identification such as a passport.**
- All new passports will be returned by mail using a Chronopost envelope tracking system.

When submitting your application with your current passport and color photos, please include a self-addressed Chronopost envelope (one Chronopost envelope may contain several passports – maximum 8). Chronopost envelopes are available at all French post offices.

Once we have received the complete passport application, it takes approximately two weeks for you to receive your new passport depending on the type of mail service you choose..

Passport Fees for Minors: Eighty-two dollars (\$85.00) or the Euro equivalent in cash or by major credit cards (Visa, American Express, Mastercard, Discovery). **Personal checks are not accepted.**

For more information on renewing passports for minors, please refer to the following Department of State website pages: (http://travel.state.gov/passport/ppi/news/news_857.html) and (http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/minors/minors_834.html.)

REPLACEMENTS FOR LOST, STOLEN OR MUTILATED PASSPORTS REQUIRE A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND MAY BE OBTAINED IN PARIS OR MARSEILLE ONLY

Important Note: an online appointment system will be available in Paris for certain passport applications and all consular reports of birth abroad. For information about scheduling an appointment please refer to the following webpage: <http://france.usembassy.gov/service.html>.

In order to obtain a replacement passport for imminent departure, **all applicants (including children) must appear in person** at the Passport Office located at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Paris, or the Consulate General in Marseille (<http://france.usembassy.gov/mars-amcit.html>) with certain mandatory documents. For minor children, please follow instructions on page 11 for two-parent consent and signatures.

The American Citizen Services can replace lost, stolen or mutilated passports upon verification of your identity, and your citizenship, with an emergency limited-validity passport valid for immediate travel. You may download and complete the application **forms DS-11 and DS-0064** from the following website pages (http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds11/ds11_842.html) and (<http://travel.state.gov/pdf/DS-0064.pdf>); or you may obtain the forms at the Consulate at the time of application. Please do not sign these forms until asked to do so in the presence of a Consul at the passport office of the Consular Section of the Embassy. In general a police report is requested at the time of application.

Please submit two (2) identical, recent color photographs taken full face, with a white background, head size measuring 1 to 1³/₈ inch; entire photo size 5 cm by 5 cm (2 in x 2 in.), see last item on page 8 for exact size. Please ask a professional photographer for photos for a U.S. passport, see (<http://france.usembassy.gov/root/pdfs/paris-photo.pdf>), since most French photo booths do not produce correct photos.

Fees (<http://france.usembassy.gov/passport-fees.html>) may be paid by using the major credit cards or cash in dollars or euros. For children under 16 the fee is \$85; for all others the fee for a replacement passport is \$100.

All new passports will be returned by mail using a Chronopost envelope tracking system unless you are departing within a week from the time of application. If you are not traveling, please submit a Chronopost envelope.

When submitting your application with your current passport and color photos, please include a self-addressed Chronopost envelope (one Chronopost envelope may contain several passports – maximum 8). Chronopost envelopes are available at all French post offices.

If you have an imminent departure, please bring proof of travel and a limited validity passport will be issued within 3 hours if your application is accepted. Please see the following webpage: (<http://france.usembassy.gov/pass-imminent.html>) for further information.

Please see the following website page for further information on lost and stolen passports: (<http://france.usembassy.gov/pass-lost.html>).

If you do not have internet access in order to obtain complementary information, you may call our offices in Paris between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except on French and American holidays at: 01 43 12 29 42 / 01 43 12 28 54 / 01 43 12 22 53 / 01 43 12 23 47.

Additional Visa Pages and Name Changes in Passports

In order to add visa pages to your passport or in case you would like to change your legal name, you must do so by mail. *

Please be advised that passport services will no longer amend valid passports. Instead, customers requesting name changes will apply for replacement passports. In order to establish a new passport in your new name, you must submit an **original or certified marriage certificate or divorce decree and new passport photos as well as your current passport.**

*If you need to add visa pages for immediate travel you must make this request in person and provide proof of imminent travel such as an airline ticket. Persons needing to add visa pages in order to affix French administrative documents such as a *carte de séjour*, or foreign visas may do so in person only if it is urgent.

Important Note: an online appointment system will be available in Paris for certain passport applications and all consular reports of birth abroad. For information about scheduling an appointment please refer to the following webpage: <http://france.usembassy.gov/service.html>.

For complete information on this service refer to our website:

(<http://france.usembassy.gov/pass-name.html>) for a change of legal name and

(<http://france.usembassy.gov/passadd.html>) to add visa pages, or contact our offices between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. at 01 43 12 29 42 / 01 43 12 28 54 / 01 43 12 22 53 / 01 43 12 23 47.

Please see fee schedule for all passport services on on next page.

Complete information on passport services is available on our website at:

<http://france.usembassy.gov/passports.html>

Information on Consular Reports of Birth Abroad is available on page 19 and on our website at:

http://france.usembassy.gov/birth_abroad.html

Have a question about American Citizen Services?

Send us an email by referring to:

http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_contact.html

Fees and Payment Methods

For payment for the services rendered by the American Services Unit, we only accept payment in US dollars and Euros. Payment at the American Services Unit using our walk-in service may be made by using cash, or credit cards issued by American Express, Visa, Mastercard, or Discover. For passport renewals by mail, please see section and requirements for this service.

We do not accept any personal checks. Fees in euros subject to change:

<http://france.usembassy.gov/passport-fees.html>

Fee schedule updated February 2008.

Fee Schedule	
Passports for minors under the age of 16	\$85 or euro equivalent*
Passports renewed by mail	\$75 or euro equivalent
All other passport applications except change of name and added pages	\$100 or euro equivalent
Change of name requested within one year after issuance of passport	NO FEE
Change of name requested more than one year after issuance of passport	\$75 or euro equivalent
Additional visa pages	NO FEE
Consular Reports of Birth Abroad	\$65 or euro equivalent

***For the current consular exchange rate for payment for passport applications please refer to the following website page: (http://france.usembassy.gov/ucs_exchangerate.html)**

or, call our office between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. at: 01 43 12 29 42 / 01 43 12 28 54 / 01 43 12 22 53 / 01 43 12 23 47.

Appendix A

Procedure for Issuance of U.S. Passports Overseas

American citizens residing or traveling abroad who require issuance of a U.S. passport will be issued the latest, state-of-the-art passport incorporating a photo-digitized image and other enhanced security features. These passports will be issued at the National Passport Center (NPC) in Portsmouth, N.H. and returned to the Embassy/Consulate abroad by express mail. U.S. Embassies and Consulates will continue to issue passports for emergencies requiring immediate travel.

For passport renewals:

U.S. Embassies and Consulates will forward the approved passport applications to the National Passport Center by express mail and the new passports will be returned in the same way. Processing time from application to delivery for the new passports should be no more than two weeks depending on the type of return mail service you choose.

While the added document security will benefit all Americans, especially those overseas residents who are frequent travelers, we recognize that this procedure will take more time than our previous same day service. As this new security initiative is introduced, let's work together to make the transition smooth and effective. We ask that you take the time to please check your passports to see when they expire and be sure that you apply for replacements well in advance. You must renew your passport by mail if you meet the requirements. You may refer to the Embassy website page: (<http://france.usembassy.gov/passbymail.html>) for further instructions on how to renew your passport by mail. For all other types of passport applications please refer to (<http://france.usembassy.gov/passports.html>) or call our offices.

For emergency passport issuance:

Emergency passports will be limited in validity, and cannot be extended. Passport holders will be required to exchange their limited validity passports for a full-validity photo-digitized passport upon completion of their emergency travel, either through passport facilities in the U.S. or U.S. Embassies and Consulates abroad.

The State Department remains committed to ensuring that American citizens receive the most secure documents in a timely manner.

QUESTIONS ABOUT CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORTS

Q. (1) I was born in the United States while my parents were there temporarily for studies. Do I have a claim to American citizenship? .

Yes, almost anybody born in the United States is an American citizen regardless of the nationality or status of the parents. One major exception includes children of foreign diplomats who have full diplomatic immunity. Anyone else can apply for an American passport by presenting an original birth certificate showing birth in the United States and adequate identity documents.

Q. (2) I am an American citizen and I recently had a child born in France. Is she American?

Probably; whether an American citizen can transmit citizenship to a child born overseas depends on whether both parents are American, whether the child was born in wedlock, and when the child was born. The most common case is a child born in wedlock to one American parent and one non-American parent. The American parent must have been physically present in the United States for five years prior to the birth of the child. In addition, two of those five years must be after the parent reached the age of fourteen.

For children born **before** November 14, 1986, the parent must have spent ten years in the United States with five years after the age of fourteen. The five years is cumulative, so a few months here and a few years there can be used to add up to the five years.

For children born **after** November 14, 1986 the parent must have spent five years in the United States with two years after the age of fourteen. The five years is cumulative, so a few months here and a few years there can be used to add up to the five years.

When both parents are American, they need only show that one of them has ever resided in the United States. An American mother of a child born out wedlock needs to show that she spent one continuous year in the United States prior to the birth of her child. An American father of a child born out of wedlock must have the five years and must have recognized the child and agreed to support the child financially.

Q. (3) My daughter has lived all her life in France and cannot give American citizenship to her children since she does not have enough physical presence. Is there any way they can become American through their grandparents?

Yes, there are two options: in both cases, the process to acquire citizenship must be completed before the child is eighteen.

When American citizens cannot transmit citizenship to their children born overseas because they do not have the required physical presence time in the United States, they have two options:

- a) They can apply for the **expeditious naturalization** of their children, if an American citizen grandparent has enough physical presence time in the United States. This procedure must be done through the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service. The process takes longer (up to 3 years) and the child must go to the United States to be naturalized, but the end result is that the child receives a Certificate of U.S. Citizenship and is an American citizen.
- b) The U.S. citizen parent may file for an immigrant visa for the child. Under the **Child Citizenship Act of 2000** (http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1312.html) once the child enters the U.S. on an immigrant visa, the child automatically becomes a U.S. citizen. The child must be under 18 and in the legal and physical custody of the U.S. citizen parent at

the time of entry. The U.S. parent must enter the U.S. with his/her child on the same date that the child enters the U.S. under his/her **Legal Permanent Resident** status. Furthermore, the parent must keep proof of entry to the U.S. on that date and submit it at the time of application for citizenship status and first passport application for the child.

Immigrant visas may be obtained through the Immigrant Visa Unit of the U.S. Embassy in Paris and the visa process usually takes no more than a few months.

Q. (4) We are Americans living in France. We just adopted a Vietnamese girl and she is living with us here. How do we get her an American passport?

The same process mentioned in section 3 b can be used for children adopted overseas by American citizens. While adoption by a U.S. citizen parent does not automatically confer citizenship, it does qualify a child for expeditious naturalization or citizenship upon entry to the U.S. with an immigrant visa.

Q. (5) My son has both French and American citizenship. At what age must he choose which citizenship he wants to keep?

American citizenship is for life. The laws covering the retention of citizenship have been greatly liberalized - thanks in large part to the lobbying of American community groups based here in Paris. No child has to do anything at any age to retain, choose, affirm, or confirm American citizenship. In the 1980's, the Supreme Court ruled that citizenship is a Constitutional right that cannot be taken away from a citizen who does not intend to relinquish it. Therefore, such actions as naturalization or voting in a foreign election do not automatically jeopardize American citizenship.

Q. (6) If I acquire French citizenship, can I still be an American?

Yes. In the 1980's, the Supreme Court ruled that citizenship is a constitutional right that cannot be taken away from a citizen who does not intend to relinquish it. Therefore, such actions as naturalization in a foreign country, employment with a foreign government, voting in a foreign election, do not automatically jeopardize American citizenship.

Q. (7) I lost my citizenship long ago because I got a job with the French government. I have heard that things have changed. Can I become American again?

Probably. The same Supreme Court decisions mentioned above have opened the way for review of some loss of citizenship cases. Although each case is different, many do not stand up to the revised level of scrutiny and can be vacated with the consequent restoration of citizenship.

Q. (8) If we don't plan to travel back to the United States any time soon, why should we renew our passports now?

1. The passport is proof of American citizenship. Every American abroad should have valid proof of her or his citizenship at all times.
2. Life is unpredictable. You will never know when you may need to travel suddenly to the United States. The last thing you need to do in an emergency is worry about getting downtown to get your or your child's passport renewed. It is much better to do it when it is convenient for you.
3. A passport is required for countless French administrative purposes and you do not want to get caught with an expired passport when your *carte de séjour* comes up for renewal.

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4. If you wait too long, you cannot renew an expired passport by mail and you will have to apply for your passport in person. You will also have to pay an additional fee of \$30 for a consular interview to be paid at the time of your application.

Q. (9) I travel frequently and my passport is always at some embassy to obtain a visa. Can I get a second passport?

Generally, citizens are allowed to carry only one valid passport at a time. In some cases, the issuance of a second passport is possible: frequent travel and the delays due to visa applications; the presence of a stamp from one country that causes problems in another country. We will ask for justification from an employer or proof of compelling reasons for personal travel.

Q. (10) I let my passport expire. What can I do now?

You should renew it as soon as possible. Please see the sections in this guide on How to Apply for a Passport Renewal or on our website at <http://france.usembassy.gov/passports.html>.

We suggest that you always check your passport's expiration date well before you plan to travel in order to prevent delaying your travel plans. If your 10-year passport was issued less than 15 years ago, you must renew it by mail. Please check our procedure on the following website link:

<http://france.usembassy.gov/passbymail.html>.

Passport Information: 01 43 12 29 42 / 01 43 12 28 54 / 01 43 12 22 53 / 01 43 12 23 47

(Please contact us by phone weekdays between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.)

Birth Registrations: 01 43 12 26 71 (between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.)

Citizenship Claims: 01 43 12 23 63 / 01 43 12 23 47 (between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.)

Webpage: <http://france.usembassy.gov>

Email: If you have looked at our website but still need further information you may send us an email by referring to:

http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_contact.html

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., weekdays, except on [French and American holidays](#).

Security at the Consular Section

All official facilities are mandated to use access control procedures for all visitors and their handbags and packages. No luggage, electronic or photographic equipment is permitted in our waiting room or on other Embassy premises. This includes: electronic devices, computers, cell phones, cameras, weapons, or unnecessary bags and briefcases.

Documentation of United States Citizens Born Abroad Who Acquire Citizenship At Birth

(<http://france.usembassy.gov/>) — Email: citizeninfo@state.gov

Office Hours for reports of birth: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. by appointment only, Tuesday through Friday, except on [French and American holidays](#).

A Consular Report of Birth Abroad may be issued for any U.S. citizen child under the age of 18 who was born abroad and who acquired U.S. citizenship at birth. To register an overseas birth and to obtain a first passport, please call the American Citizen Services at **01 43 12 26 71** between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on business days to schedule an appointment. Due to the large number of Americans living in France, please allow two weeks for an appointment. In addition to the documentation listed below, the child must be present at the time of registration. All forms and instructions may be downloaded directly from our internet site (http://france.usembassy.gov/birth_abroad.html) or you may call 01 43 12 26 71 to receive them by mail.

Important Note: an online appointment system will be available in Paris for certain passport applications and all consular reports of birth abroad. For information about scheduling an appointment please refer to the following webpage: <http://france.usembassy.gov/service.html>.

REGISTRATION OF U.S. CITIZENS BORN ABROAD

U.S. citizens with children who were born outside the United States must register them at the nearest U.S. embassy or Consulate in order to document them as U.S. citizens. American citizens can register the birth of their children born abroad with the American Citizen Services unit as well as obtain a first passport and social security number for newborn children. In the registration process, a Consul determines the eligibility of U.S. citizen parents to “transmit” citizenship to the child.

Upon registration, the child will be issued a **CONSULAR REPORT OF BIRTH ABROAD OF A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (FORM FS-240)**.

This document is a basic citizenship document. In the United States, it may be easier to present this document as a birth certificate in place of a foreign birth certificate. The Consular Report of Birth Abroad is usually ready in about an hour. The child's passport application will be sent to the National Passport Center and the passport will be returned to you by mail within two weeks using a French chronopost envelope.

U.S. citizen parents should register their children as soon as possible, but it is imperative that registrations be processed before the children reach eighteen years of age. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad cannot be prepared if the child is 18 years old or more at the time the birth is reported. Persons born abroad who are more than 18 years of age and who believe they have a claim to U.S. citizenship, but who have never been documented as a U.S. citizen, should apply to the nearest American Embassy or Consulate for information and assistance in investigating their claim to U.S. nationality. Only the child's U.S. parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may apply for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad on a child's behalf. Both parents must sign the application for the child's first passport.

Please remember that the child must be present at the appointment.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST:

The American parent(s) should submit the following documents to the American Citizen Services unit, either in the original form or a certified copy:

- ❑ The child's birth certificate issued by the local authorities at the place of birth. For births in France, request the *extrait de l'acte de naissance integral* from the town hall (*Mairie*). Neither the *livret de famille*, nor an *extrait de l'acte*, nor a *fiche individuelle d'etat civil* will be accepted as a birth certificate.
- ❑ Evidence of the U.S. citizenship of the child's parent(s) (e.g., passport or naturalization certificate).
- ❑ The marriage certificate of the child's parents if they are married. If the marriage occurred in France you may use the *livret de famille*.
- ❑ If either of the child's parents has been married before, evidence of the termination of that marriage, such as a divorce decree or death certificate.
- ❑ A statement by the U.S. citizen parent(s) listing the precise periods of actual physical presence in the United States.
- ❑ Evidence of physical presence in the U.S. (School records, passport stamps, doctor or immunization records are acceptable; Social Security and tax records generally are not admissible.)
- ❑ Completed Consular Report of Birth Abroad application worksheet (DS-2029).
- ❑ Consular Reports of Birth Abroad for your other children, if applicable.
- ❑ The fee for the report of birth is \$65.00. Fees may be paid with major credit cards or in cash (euros or dollars only). **Personal checks are not accepted.**
- ❑ If applying for a U.S. passport for the child, please remember that the fee for a minor under 16 years old is \$85.00. If you are applying for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad as well as a first passport, the total fees are \$150.00. For children 16 or 17 years old, the passport fee is \$100.00; total fees are \$165.00.
- ❑ See information provided below concerning applications for a first U.S. passport for your child.

If you are applying for a first U.S. passport for your child please bring, two (2) identical, recent color photographs taken full face with a white background, measuring 5 cm x 5 cm (2 inches x 2 inches.) Please see the following website page for a list of photographers:

<http://france.usembassy.gov/root/pdfs/paris-photo.pdf>.

Important: All new passports will be returned by mail using either a registered letter or Chronopost tracking system unless you are departing within a week from the time of application.

When submitting your child's application with color photos, please include either a self-addressed Chronopost envelope (One Chronopost envelope may contain several passports – maximum 8)

If you do not meet the necessary requirements to transmit your U.S. citizenship to your child, please see the "Child Citizenship Act of 2000" at the following webpage.

http://travel.state.gov/family/adoption/info/info_457.html), or call our offices.

The American Citizen Services unit is located at the Consular Section of the Embassy at 4, avenue Gabriel, Paris, 75008 – Métro Concorde

NOTARIAL AND AUTHENTICATION SERVICES

Important Note: an online appointment system will be available in Paris for notarial and authentication services. For information about scheduling an appointment please refer to the following webpage: <http://france.usembassy.gov/service.html>.

Current office hours for this service in Paris are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, **except on [French and American holidays](#)**. Notarial services are provided for documentation for marriage in France, powers of attorney, affidavits of support, sworn statements and other documents. Office hours are subject to change.

For U.S. notarial services outside of Paris please refer to the following website page: http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_notarial.html.

On the day of your visit, you should queue outside the consular section. The Embassy guards and local police will guide you through a series of security checks. When you arrive in the consular waiting room, you will have to take a number for notaries at a kiosk (the ticket will show the letter D followed by a number). You should then sit in the waiting room until the number is called. You should plan to spend about an hour at the Embassy once you are admitted.

For further information, please call: 01 43 12 20 93 from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. or 01 43 12 20 21 / 01 43 12 29 93. You may write to us by email by referring to http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_contact.html or refer to the Embassy's website <http://france.usembassy.gov>.

Notarial and authentication services are available to all U.S. passport holders. They are also available to foreign nationals with documents destined for use in the United States. They are executed by Consular Officers and may include documents to be signed before them such as statements made under oath, affidavits and acknowledgments.

To notarize a document, you must come in person to the office with the following documents:

- A valid passport or identity issued by a Government agency; drivers' licenses are acceptable, student ID's are not.
- The document to be notarized
- The fee is \$30.00, or the euro equivalent per initial signature/seal; each additional signature/seal provided at the same time in connection with the same transaction will cost \$20 or the euro equivalent.
- If your document must also be witnessed, please bring your witnesses with you. Consular officers and staff may **not** be witnesses for notarization purposes.
- Payments must be made by credit card or cash in U.S. dollars or euros. We do not accept personal checks.

Marriage celebrations in France:

American diplomatic officers have no legal authority to perform marriages. United States citizens contemplating marriage in France should contact the *mairie* or city hall in their place of residence to learn of local requirements. The Embassy has some forms which may be used in place of French administrative documents required for marriage in France. Please see page 85 for further information. U.S. military personnel should contact the Legal Officer of the Defense Attache's Office at the Embassy, Tel: switchboard 01 43 12 22 22.

U.S. Police Records:

An *extrait de casier judiciaire*, required sometimes by French authorities, is generally known as a police record in the U.S. At their discretion, French officials may accept your own sworn statement or affidavit as an equivalent of a U.S. police record. If you require an original police record from a police department in the U.S. or the FBI, please call the notarial section or write to us by referring to the following webpage http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_contact.html.

You may also refer to the FBI's website (<http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cjisd/fprequest.htm>) in order to obtain a "FBI Identification Record Request". A FBI Identification Record, often referred to as a Criminal History Record or Rap Sheet, is a listing of certain information taken from fingerprint submissions retained by the FBI in connection with arrests and, in some instances, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. All arrest data included in an Identification Record is obtained from fingerprint submissions, disposition reports and other reports submitted by agencies having criminal justice responsibilities.

Voting Information for the 2008 General Elections

August 2008

Want to vote in the upcoming General Election? To vote absentee as an overseas citizen, NOW is the time to register and request an absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election. Overseas registrations are accepted by most state officials up to 30-45 days prior to the general election.

Information and Forms

In order to obtain information and assistance concerning absentee voting from overseas, you may refer to the official U.S. Government website of the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) <http://fvap.gov>. This website has a wealth of information about absentee voting, including state specific instructions for completing the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) which you will need to submit to register to vote by absentee ballot from France.

To register to vote and/or apply for an absentee ballot, you may use the FPCA in its standard, printed form available at <http://fvap.gov/resources/media/fpca.pdf> or, the online form available at <https://www.fvap.com/Pages/welcome.aspx>.

After completing, signing and dating your Voter Registration/Absentee Ballot Request, it **must** be mailed directly to your local election official. These officials will handle the processing and distribution of your absentee ballots and may need to contact you for further information or clarification. To facilitate this process, please provide a current email address, phone and fax number on your application.

As a general rule, you should try to send in the Federal Post Card Application so that it reaches your local election officials at least forty-five days before the election on November 4, 2008 – ample time for them to process the request and send you a blank ballot. Under normal circumstances, most states and territories begin sending ballots to overseas citizens 30-45 days before an election. If you haven't received your ballot within three weeks of your state's ballot receipt deadline, however, and you are required to return your voted ballot by mail, you should download, complete, sign, date, and send in a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB), available at <http://fvap.gov/shortcuts/get-backup-fed-write-in-ballot/index.html>. **Make sure it is witnessed if required by your state.**

Some states may require that your signature on the FPCA be notarized by a notary public; for this information, you must refer to the state-specific-instructions at <http://fvap.gov>. If this is a requirement in your state, please see information concerning notarial services provided by the Consular Section in Paris. No fee will be charged for notarial services required by the Federal Government for voting purposes.

If you subsequently receive your regular absentee ballot, execute it and return it regardless of when you receive it. Court decisions sometimes require late counting of ballots voted by Election Day, but received by local election officials for a specified period of time following Election Day.

The website of the Federal Voting Assistance Program also provides information on state and local officials, and a downloadable emergency ballot for use by those who register in time but fail to receive an official ballot. You may also consult the FVAP resources including Frequently Asked Questions and contacts available overseas, as well as their Reference Center.

Eligibility

All American citizens age 18 years or older, may continue to register to vote by absentee ballot for the U.S. presidential election held on November 4, 2008.

Generally, U.S. citizens who are or will be residing outside the United States during an election period are eligible to vote by absentee ballot in any election for Federal office. This includes primary, run-off, and special elections that occur throughout the year, as well as the general election in November 2008. When applicable, you may also register to vote in the primaries scheduled through early October since some states allow overseas voters to vote in elections for state and local offices, and for state and local referenda.

Voting eligibility and residency requirements are determined by the various U.S. states. Your "legal state of residence" for voting purposes is the state where you last resided immediately prior to departure from the United States. Voting rights extend to overseas citizens even though they may no longer own property or have other ties to their last state of residence, and even if their intent to return to that state may be uncertain. For those who have never resided in the U.S., please refer to the following website page for instructions <http://fvap.gov/reference/nev-res/index.html>.

For more information on eligibility to vote from overseas, please refer to the following website page <http://fvap.gov/reference/laws/vote-reg-guide/index.html>.

The Consular Section of the Embassy Can Help

The Voting Assistance Officers at the U.S. Embassy/Consulates, American Presence Posts and Agencies in France are available to answer questions about absentee voting. To contact the Voting Assistance Officers and/or request a Federal Post Card Application, send an e-mail to VoteParis@state.gov or citizeninfo@state.gov, or call the numbers provided below.

When requesting the FPCA, please indicate your name, current address in France and your last "state of legal residence" in the United States.

The voting assistants of the U.S. Embassy in Paris may be contacted by telephone at: 01 43 12 29 93 - 01 43 12 20 93 - 01 43 12 20 21, or by calling the operator at 01 43 12 22 22 and asking for American Citizen Services. To request the FPCA you may also make a written request by mail to: U.S. Embassy, American Citizen Services / Voting, 4, avenue Gabriel, 75382 Paris CEDEX 08.

If you do not live in the region of Paris and you would like voting assistance, you may also contact the [Mission's Consular Offices located in other areas of France](#).

Federal Benefits Unit

Although it has been a part of the Embassy in Paris for more than 30 years, it comes as a surprise to many that we have our own Social Security office. The Federal Benefits Unit (FBU) does not immediately suggest retirement pensions. But retirement pensions are what the FBU handles, among many other duties, from dealing with first-time Social Security number applications for newborn infants, to claims for retirement, survivor, and disability benefits: the FBU is, in effect, a Social Security office. .

The FBU can advise you on the intricacies of the U.S. Social Security agreement with France. This agreement helps individuals who have worked for brief periods in the U.S. or in France when they would not normally be entitled to benefits. For those already receiving pensions, the FBU can arrange for payments to be made directly into a bank account in France in Euros, thus avoiding hefty conversion charges. If you have worked in the U.S., even for a brief period of time, and you are nearing retirement age (for Social Security purposes this could be as early as age 62), it would be worth your while to contact the FBU.

You may also want to consult the Social Security Internet site at: www.ssa.gov.

How to contact us:

Office hours:

Federal Benefits Unit public hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. **except on [French and American holidays](#).**

To contact your social security case worker, please dial phone numbers that correspond to the first letter your last name. Calls will be taken weekdays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., **except on [French and American holidays](#).**

If your last name begins with:

B, C or D: please dial 01-43-12-24-42

E to K: please dial 01-43-12-27-39

L to Q: please dial 01-43-12-23-73

R to Z and A: please dial 01-43-12-27-92

Important note:

If you reside in the South East of France including Monaco and "les départements": Alpes-Maritimes, Alpes de Haute Provence, Aude, Bouches du Rhône, Corse, Gard, Hautes-Alpes, Hérault, Pyrénées-orientales, Tarn, Varet Vaucluse, you should contact the **American Consulate in Nice** directly which serves the area: **Tel: 04-93-88-89-55.**

For further information, please contact the Federal Benefits Unit at **01 43 12 27 05** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Our office also deals with the other federal agencies (e.g. [Department of Veterans Affairs](#), [Office of Personnel Management](#) or [Railroad Retirement Board](#)).

Please Note: Department of Defense retirees must deal directly with their Defense Finance and Accounting Service Center office in the United States.

For information in French on **French Social Security Benefits**, please address your inquiry to:

Les Renseignements de la Sécurité Sociale

69, bis rue de Dunkerque

75453 Paris Cedex 09

Tel: 0810.75.33.75

Please refer to following webpage for **General Information on Issuance of U.S. Social Security Numbers**: http://france.usembassy.gov/federal_benefits.html

The Internal Revenue Service

U.S. TAXES

Every year, U.S. citizens must report their worldwide income on their U.S. Federal income tax returns. Living or earning income outside the United States does not relieve a U.S. citizen of the responsibility of filing a tax return or reporting all revenue. However, U.S. citizens living and/or working abroad may be entitled to various deductions, exclusions, and credits.

For tax information and to download forms, visit the IRS internet homepage at <http://www.irs.gov>. The IRS also has information on the Paris Embassy webpage at <http://france.usembassy.gov/irs.html>

and an email information service at irs.paris@irs.gov .

Tax assistance (U.S.) is also available in Paris by telephone Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., at 01- 43-12-25-55, or by fax at 01-43-12-23-03. Walk-in service is available for individual tax assistance; however, most all of your questions can be answered fully by telephone, fax or online. If, after first speaking to an IRS representative, you find that you still need walk-in service, an IRS Taxpayer Specialist is available Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and noon at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy at 4, avenue Gabriel, 75008 Paris (metro Concorde). Assistance is provided on a first come, first served basis. The IRS office in Paris is closed on [French and American holidays](#).

Please note that the primary source for overseas tax assistance is the Philadelphia office of the Internal Revenue Service which can be reached by calling 1-215-516-2000, 6:00 a.m. to 11 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday or fax 1-215-516-2555.



France and Monaco Country Specific Information

May 05, 2008

COUNTRY DESCRIPTION: France is a developed and stable democracy with a modern economy. Monaco is a developed constitutional monarchy. Tourist facilities are widely available. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on France and on [Background Notes](#) on Monaco for additional information.

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ENTRY/EXIT REQUIREMENTS: A passport is required to enter France and Monaco. A visa is not required for tourist/business stays up to 90 days in France and Monaco. Anyone intending to stay more than 90 days must obtain the appropriate visa issued by one of the French Consulates in the U.S., prior to departure for France. This also applies to anyone considering marriage in France. The 90-day period begins when you enter any of the Schengen group of countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden.

For further information concerning entry requirements for France, travelers may contact the Embassy of France at 4101 Reservoir Road NW, Washington, DC 20007, tel. (202) 944-6000, email: info@ambafrance-us.org, or the French Consulates General in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, or San Francisco. For further information on entry requirements to Monaco, travelers may contact the Embassy of the Principality of Monaco, 2314 Wyoming Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008, tel.: 202-234-1530, email: embassy@monaco-usa.org, or the Consulate General of Monaco, 565 Fifth Avenue – 23rd floor, New York, NY 10017, tel.: 212-286-0500, email: info@monaco-consulate.com.

For more information visit the Embassy of France web site at www.consulfrance-washington.org or the Embassy of the Principality of Monaco web site at <http://www.monaco-usa.org> for the most current visa information.

Note: Although European Union regulations require that non-EU visitors obtain a stamp in their passport upon initial entry to a Schengen country; many borders are not staffed with officers carrying out this function. If an American citizen wishes to ensure that his or her entry is properly documented, it may be necessary to request a stamp at an official point of entry. Under local law, travelers without a stamp in their passport may be questioned and asked to document the length of their stay in Schengen countries at the time of departure or at any other point during their visit, and could face possible fines or other repercussions if unable to do so.

Information about [dual nationality](#) or the prevention of [international child abduction](#) can be found on our web site. For further information about customs regulations, please read our [Customs Information](#) sheet.

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SAFETY AND SECURITY: The Government of France maintains a threat rating system known locally as “Vigipirate” it is similar to the U.S. Homeland Security Advisory System. Under this plan, in times of heightened security concerns, the government augments police with armed forces and increases visibility at airports, train and metro stations, and other high-profile locations such as schools, major tourist attractions, and government installations. Over the last year, there have been numerous arrests of suspected Islamic militants involved in various terrorist plots. As with other countries in the Schengen area, France maintains open borders with its European neighbors, allowing the possibility of terrorist groups entering/exiting the country with anonymity.

In the past, political assassinations and bombings have occurred in France. The National Front for the Liberation of Corsica (FLNC), as part of its decades-long bombing campaign on the island of Corsica, continues to conduct limited operations in the south of France and on Corsica. In the 1990s there was a wave of bombings and attacks in Paris carried out by Algerian terrorists. Today, numerous radical Islamic groups claim sympathizers within France’s large immigrant community, as evidenced by arrests over the last few years.

Although Americans have not been specifically targeted in terrorist attacks in France within the past few years, travelers should maintain vigilance. Immediately report unattended packages observed in public places or any other suspicious activities. French law enforcement authorities are proactive and will respond immediately. If there is a security incident or suspicious package, do not linger in the area to observe.

Although violent civil disorder is rare in France, in the past, student demonstrations, labor protests, and other demonstrations have developed into violent confrontations between demonstrators and police. This was the case in March/April 2006, when a series of large demonstrations took place in central Paris. Several weeks of unrest occurred in the suburbs of Paris, as well as in other French cities and towns, in November 2005. Neither of these periods of disorder exhibited any anti-U.S. sentiment, but

it is important to remember that passersby can always suffer collateral damage should demonstrations devolve into violence. Americans are advised to avoid street demonstrations, particularly if riot police are on the scene.

For the latest security information, Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs' web site at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current [Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts](#), including the [Worldwide Caution](#), can be found.

Up-to-date information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S., or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The Department of State urges American citizens to take responsibility for their own personal security while traveling overseas. For general information about appropriate measures travelers can take to protect themselves in an overseas environment, see the Department of State's pamphlet [A Safe Trip Abroad](#).

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CRIME: While both France and Monaco have relatively low rates of violent crime, a limited number of neighborhoods in the larger French cities merit extra caution. Additionally, although the overall crime rate has fallen slightly in recent years, the violent crime rate has increased. Thieves commonly target vehicles with non-local license plates, and work in or near tourist attractions such as museums, monuments, restaurants, hotels, beaches, trains, train stations, airports, and subways.

Americans in France and Monaco should be particularly alert to pickpockets in train stations and subways. Photocopies of travel documents and credit cards should be kept separate from the originals, and key telephone numbers maintained to contact banks if credit cards are stolen or lost.

Although thieves may operate anywhere, the U.S. Embassy in Paris receives frequent reports of theft from several areas in particular:

Paris: The Paris Police Prefecture has published a pamphlet entitled "Paris In Complete Safety", which provides practical advice and useful telephone numbers for visitors and can be accessed at http://www.prefecture-police-paris.interieur.gouv.fr/prevention/article/paris_securite_anglais.htm. Thieves operate on the rail link (RER) from Charles de Gaulle Airport to downtown Paris, where they prey on jet-lagged, luggage-burdened tourists. In one common ruse, a thief distracts a tourist with a question about directions, while an accomplice steals a momentarily unguarded backpack, briefcase, or purse. Thieves also time their thefts to coincide with train stops so they may quickly exit the car just before the automatic doors close. Travelers may wish to consider taking an airport shuttle bus or taxi from the airport into the city. Reports of stolen purses, briefcases, and carry-on bags at Charles de Gaulle Airport have been on the rise. Travelers should monitor their bags at all times and never leave them unattended. As thieves commonly target laptop bags, travelers should avoid carrying passports and other valuables in computer bags. One common method involves timing the theft so that while the traveler is busy at the ticket counter, the traveler's shoulder bag is picked up after being placed on the floor. Also be aware that unattended bags are subject to destruction by airport security.

There have been reports of robberies in which thieves on motorcycles reach into a moving car by opening the car door or accessing an open window or even breaking the window to steal purses and other bags visible inside. The same technique is used against pedestrians walking with purses/bags/cameras slung over their street-side shoulder. Those traveling by car should remember to keep the windows up and the doors locked and items that may be attractive to thieves out of sight. Pedestrians are encouraged to walk as far from the street side as possible, and to keep bags slung across the body, with the bag hanging away from the street.

Many thefts occur on the Number One Subway Line, which runs through the center of Paris by many major tourist attractions (including the Grand Arch at La Défense, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées, Place de la Concorde, the Louvre, and the Bastille). Pickpockets are especially active on this metro line during the summer months and use a number of techniques. The most common, and unfortunately the most successful, is the simple "bump and snatch," where an individual bumps into the tourist while at the same time reaching into the pockets/purse/bag. Visitors should be particularly careful when metro doors are closing, as this is a favored moment for the less-sophisticated pickpockets to simply grab valuables and jump through the closing doors, leaving the victim helplessly watching as the thief flees. Visitors are encouraged NOT to confront thieves aggressively; they often operate in groups and may become violent if cornered. Simply drawing attention to an attempted theft will most likely stop the operation and cause a tactical withdrawal by the thief.

Gare du Nord train station, where the express trains from the airport arrive in Paris, is also a high-risk area for pocket-picking and theft. Travelers should also beware of thefts that occur on both overnight and day trains, especially on trains originating in Spain, Italy, and Belgium. These involve the theft of valuables while passengers are sleeping, or when the bags are left unattended.

In hotels, thieves target lobbies and breakfast rooms, and take advantage of a minute of inattention to snatch jackets, purses, and backpacks. While many hotels do have safety latches that allow guests to secure their rooms from inside, this feature is not as universal as it is in the United States. If no chain or latch is present, a chair placed up against the door and wedged under the handle is usually an effective obstacle to surreptitious entry during the night. There are, however, reports of thieves breaking

into hotel rooms on lower floors through open windows while the occupants are sleeping. To guard against this, hotel room windows should be kept locked at all times. Whenever possible, valuables should be kept in the hotel safe.

Many Americans have reported thefts occurring in restaurants and nightclubs/bars, where purses are stolen from the back of a chair or from under the table. Again, keep valuables on your person and do not leave them unattended or out of sight. Theft also occurs at the major department stores such as Galeries Lafayette and Printemps where tourists often place wallets, passports, and credit cards on cashier counters during transactions.

Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are very common in France and provide ready access to cash, allowing travelers to carry as much money as they need for each day. The rates are competitive with local exchange bureaus, and an ATM transaction is easier than the cashing of travelers' checks. However, crime involving ATMs is increasing. Travelers should not use ATMs in isolated, unlit areas or where loiterers are present. Travelers should be especially aware of persons standing close enough to see the Personal Identification Number (PIN) being entered into the machine. Thieves often conduct successful scams by simply observing the PIN as it is entered and then stealing the card from the user in some other location. If the card becomes stuck, travelers should immediately report it to the bank where the machine is located.

Large criminal operations in Paris involving the use of ATMs that "eat" the user's ATM card have been reported. This most often happens during a weekend or at night when the bank is closed. The frustrated traveler often walks away after unsuccessfully trying to retrieve the card, with plans to return the first day the bank is open. In such cases, a criminal gang has modified the machine using an add-on device equipped with a microchip that records the user's PIN when it is typed in, and also prevents the card from being ejected. The criminal retrieves the card from the device once the visitor departs, downloads the recorded PIN and then goes to other ATMs and withdraws as much cash as possible. ATM users are strongly encouraged to carry a 24-hour emergency number for their ATM card and bank account that will enable the immediate prevention of withdrawals from the account if difficulties occur.

Pigalle is the "adult entertainment district" of Paris. Many entertainment establishments in this area engage in aggressive marketing and charge well beyond the normal rate for drinks. There have been reports of threats of violence to coerce patrons into paying exorbitant beverage tabs. There have also been several violent confrontations between rival gangs in the district, including one in August 2007 one block from the famous Moulin Rouge cabaret. Visitors are encouraged to avoid this area unless touring with a well-organized and reputable tour company.

Normandy: There has been an increase in break-ins and thefts from vehicles in the parking lots at the Normandy beaches and American cemeteries. Valuables should not be left unattended in a car, and locking valuables in the trunk should not be considered a safeguard. Thieves often pry open car trunks to steal bags inside.

Southern France: Theft from cars with unlocked doors or open windows stopped at red lights or caught in slow traffic are very common, particularly along the Riviera of the Nice-Antibes-Cannes area, and in Marseille. Car doors should be kept locked and windows raised at all times to prevent incidents of "snatch-and-grab" thefts. In this type of scenario, the thief is usually a passenger on a motorcycle. Break-ins of parked cars are also fairly common. Valuables should not be left in the car, not even in the trunk, when the vehicle is unattended.

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INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME: The loss or theft abroad of a U.S. passport should be reported immediately to the local police and the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. If you are the victim of a crime while overseas, in addition to reporting to local police, please contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate for assistance. The Embassy/Consulate staff can, for example, assist you to find appropriate medical care, to contact family members or friends, and explain how funds could be transferred. Although the investigation and prosecution of the crime is solely the responsibility of local authorities, consular officers can help you to understand the local criminal justice process and to find an attorney if needed. Under French law, compensation is available to victims of crime committed on French soil under certain circumstances.

See our information on [Victims of Crime](#).

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MEDICAL FACILITIES AND HEALTH INFORMATION: Medical care comparable to that found in the United States is widely available. Information on vaccinations and other health precautions, such as safe food and water precautions and insect bite protection, may be obtained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) hotline for international travelers at 1-877-FYI-TRIP (1-877-394-8747) or via the CDC's web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx>. For information about outbreaks of infectious diseases abroad consult the World Health Organization's (WHO) web site at <http://www.who.int/en>. Further health information for travelers is available at <http://www.who.int/ith/en>.

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MEDICAL INSURANCE: The Department of State strongly urges Americans to consult with their medical insurance company prior to traveling abroad to confirm whether their policy applies overseas and whether it will cover emergency expenses such as a medical evacuation. Please see our information on [medical insurance overseas](#).

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TRAFFIC SAFETY AND ROAD CONDITIONS: While in a foreign country, U.S. citizens may encounter road conditions that differ significantly from those in the United States. The information below concerning France and Monaco is provided for general reference only, and it may not be totally accurate in a particular location or circumstance.

Roads in France are generally comparable to those in the United States, but traffic engineering and driving habits pose special dangers. Usually, lane markings and sign placements are not as clear as in the United States. Drivers should be prepared to make last-minute maneuvers, as most French drivers do. The French typically drive more aggressively and faster than Americans, and tend to exceed posted speed limits. Right-of-way rules in France may differ from those in the United States. Drivers entering intersections from the right have priority over those on the left (unless specifically indicated otherwise), even when entering relatively large boulevards from small side streets. Many intersections in France are being replaced by traffic circles, where the right-of-way belongs to drivers in the circle.

On major highways, service stations are situated at least every 25 miles. Service stations are not as plentiful on secondary roads in France as they are in the United States. Paris, the capital and largest city in France, has an extensive and efficient public transportation system. The interconnecting system of buses, subways, and commuter rails serves more than 4 million people a day with a safety record comparable to or better than the systems of major American cities. Similar transportation systems are found in all major French cities. Between cities, France is served by an equally extensive rail service, which is reliable. High-speed rail links connect the major cities in France. Many cities are also served by frequent air service. Please refer to our [Road Safety](#) page for more information. Visit the web site of the French and Monegasque National Tourist Office at <http://franceguide.com/>. The website contains specific information concerning French and Monegasque driver's permits, vehicle inspection, road tax, and mandatory insurance.

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AVIATION SAFETY OVERSIGHT: The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has assessed the Government of France's Civil Aviation Authority as being in compliance with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) aviation safety standards for oversight of France's air carrier operations. For more information, travelers may visit the FAA's web site at http://www.faa.gov/safety/programs_initiatives/oversight/iasa.

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SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES: French and Monegasque customs authorities enforce strict regulations concerning temporary importation into or export from France of items such as firearms, antiquities, medications, business equipment, sales samples, and other items. It is advisable to contact the Embassy of France in Washington, D.C., one of France's consulates in the United States, or the Consulate General of Monaco in New York for specific information regarding customs requirements. Please see our customs regulations.

The emergency numbers in France for police, fire, and medical assistance are as follows: 17 (police emergency), 18 (fire department) and 15 (emergency medical/paramedic team/ambulance). In Monaco, the numbers are 17 (police emergency), 18 (fire department) and 9375-2525 (medical/paramedic team/ambulance).

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CRIMINAL PENALTIES: While in a foreign country, a U.S. citizen is subject to that country's laws and regulations, which sometimes differ significantly from those in the United States and may not afford the protections available to the individual under U.S. law. Penalties for breaking the law can be more severe than in the United States for similar offenses. Persons violating French or Monegasque laws, even unknowingly, may be expelled, arrested, or imprisoned. Penalties for possession, use, or trafficking in illegal drugs in France or Monaco are severe, and convicted offenders can expect long jail sentences and heavy fines. Engaging in sexual conduct with children or using or disseminating child pornography in a foreign country is a crime, prosecutable in the United States. Please see our information on [Criminal Penalties](#).

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CHILDREN'S ISSUES: For information see our Office of Children's Issues web pages on [intercountry adoption](#) and [international parental child abduction](#).

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REGISTRATION/EMBASSY AND CONSULATE LOCATIONS: Americans living or traveling in France or Monaco are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the [State Department's travel registration web site](#) and to obtain updated information on travel and security within France and Monaco. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in cases of emergency.

The U.S. Embassy / Consular Section in Paris is located at 4 avenue Gabriel, 75008 Paris (Place de La Concorde, métro stop Concorde), telephone: in country 01-43-12-22-22; from the U.S. 011-33-1-43-12-22-22 (24 hours); fax for Passport Services in country 01-42-96-28-39; from the U.S. 011-33-1-42-96-28-39; for Special Consular Services (emergencies) fax: in country 01-42-61-61-40; from the U.S. 011-33-1-42-61-61-40. Further information can be obtained at the U.S. Embassy's web site at <http://france.usembassy.gov/>.

The Consulate General in Strasbourg does not produce passports on the premises. American citizens in this area whose passports are lost or stolen and have urgent travel needs should contact the [U.S. Embassy in Paris](#)

The Consulate General in Strasbourg is located at 15 Avenue d'Alsace, 67082 Strasbourg, telephone: in country 03-88-35-31-04; from the U.S. 011-33-3-88-35-31-04; fax: in country 03-88-24-06-95; from the U.S. 011-33-3-88-24-06-95. Web site: <http://france.usembassy.gov/strasbourg.html>

The U.S. Government also has consular representation in Bordeaux, Lyon, Rennes, Nice and Toulouse that provide limited services to Americans, by appointment only.

The American Presence Posts in Bordeaux, Lyon and Rennes do not produce passports on the premises. American citizens in this area whose passports are lost or stolen and have urgent travel needs should contact the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Paris .

The American Presence Post in Bordeaux is located at 10 place de la Bourse, 33076 Bordeaux (entry on 1 rue Fernand Philippart); telephone: in country 05-56-48-63-80; from the U.S. 011-33-5-56-48-63-80; fax: in country 05-56-51-61-97; from the U.S. 011-33-5-56-51-61-97. Web site: <http://france.usembassy.gov/bordeaux.html>

The American Presence Post in Lyon is located at 1, quai Jules Courmont, 69002 Lyon; telephone: in country 04-78-38-33-03; from the U.S. 011-33-4-78-38-33-03; fax: in country 04-72-41-71-81; from the U.S. 011-33-4-72-41-71-81. Web site <http://france.usembassy.gov/lyon.html>

The American Presence Post in Rennes is located at 30, quai Duguay Trouin, 35000 Rennes; telephone: in country 02-23-44-09-60; from the U.S. 011-33-2-23-44-09-60; fax: in country 02-99-35-00-92; from the U.S. 011-33-2-99-35-00-92. Web site: <http://france.usembassy.gov/rennes.html>

The Consulate General in Marseille is located at Place Varian Fry, 13006 Marseille, telephone: in country 04-91-54-92-00; from the U.S. 011-33-4-91-54-92-00 (24 hours); Consular Section fax: in country 04-91-55-56-95 and main fax 04-91-55-09-47; Consular Section fax from the U.S. 011-33-4-91-55-56-95, and main fax from the U.S. 011-33-4-91-55-09-47. Web site: <http://france.usembassy.gov/marseille.html>

The American Presence Post in Toulouse and the Consular Agency in Nice do not produce passports on the premises. American citizens in this area whose passports are lost or stolen and have urgent travel needs should contact the [U.S. Consulate General in Marseille](#)

The American Presence Post in Toulouse is located at 25, Allée Jean Jaures, 31000 Toulouse; telephone: in country 05-34-41-36-50; from the U.S. 011-33-5-34-41-36-50; fax: in country 05-34-41-16-19; from the U.S. 011-33-5-34-41-16-19. <http://france.usembassy.gov/toulouse.html>

The Consular Agency in Nice is located at 7, Avenue Gustave V, 3rd floor, 06000 Nice, telephone: in country 04-93-88-89-55; from the U.S. 011-33-4-93-88-89-55; fax: in country 04-93-87-07-38; from the U.S. 011-33-4-93-87-07-38. <http://france.usembassy.gov/nice.html>

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This replaces the Country Specific Information for France and Monaco dated October 11, 2007 to update the sections on Entry/Exit Requirements, Crime, Safety & Security, Children's Issues and Registration/Embassy Location.

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1116.html#

Background Note: France



PROFILE

OFFICIAL NAME:

[French Republic](#)

Geography

Area: 551,670 sq. km. (220,668 sq. mi.); largest west European country, about four-fifths the size of Texas.

Cities: *Capital*--Paris. *Major cities*--Marseille, Lyon, Toulouse, Strasbourg, Nice, Rennes, Lille, Bordeaux.

Terrain: Varied.

Climate: Temperate.

People

Nationality: *Adjective*--French.

Population (January 1, 2008 est.): 63,753,000 (including overseas territories), 61,875,000 (metropolitan).

Annual growth rate (2007 est.): 1.9%.

Ethnic groups: Celtic and Latin with Teutonic, Slavic, North African, Sub-Saharan African, Indochinese, and Basque minorities.

Religion: Roman Catholic 85% (est.), Muslim 10% (est.), Protestant 2%, Jewish 1%.

Language: French.

Education: *Years compulsory*--10. *Literacy*--99%.

Health: *Infant mortality rate* (2007)--4/1,000.

Work force (2007, third quarter): 27.929 million: *Services*--74.7%; *industry and commerce*--22.0%; *agriculture*--3.2%.

Government

Type: Republic.

Constitution: September 28, 1958.

Branches: *Executive*--president (chief of state); prime minister (head of government). *Legislative*--bicameral Parliament (577-member National Assembly, 319-member Senate). *Judicial*--Court of Cassation (civil and criminal law), Council of State (administrative court), Constitutional Council (constitutional law).

Subdivisions: 22 administrative regions containing 96 departments (metropolitan France). Four overseas departments (Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guiana, and Reunion); five overseas territories (New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Wallis and Futuna Islands, and French Southern and Antarctic Territories); and two special status territories (Mayotte and St. Pierre and Miquelon). The government is considering measures to abolish the departmental system.

Political parties: Union for a Popular Majority (UMP--a synthesis of center-right Gaullist/nationalist and free-market parties); Socialist Party; New Center (former UDF centrists now affiliated with the UMP; Modern Democracy (former UDF centrists loyal to new MoDem President Francois Bayrou); Communist Party; extreme right National Front; Greens; various minor parties.

Suffrage: Universal at 18.

Economy

GDP (2006): \$2.252 trillion.

Avg. annual growth rate (2007): 1.8%, compared with 2.25% in 2006.

Per capita GDP at PPP (2006): \$33,800.

Agriculture: *Products*--grains (wheat, barley, corn); wines and spirits; dairy products; sugar beets; oilseeds; meat and poultry; fruits and vegetables.

Industry: *Types*--aircraft, electronics, transportation, textiles, clothing, food processing, chemicals, machinery, steel.

Trade (est.): *Exports* (first 11 months of 2007)--\$503.3 billion (f.o.b.): automobiles, aircraft and aircraft components, pharmaceuticals, automobile equipment, pharmaceuticals, automobile equipment, iron and steel products, refined petroleum products, cosmetics, organic chemicals, electronic components, wine and champagne. *Imports* (first 11 months of 2007)--\$551.2 billion (f.o.b.): oil and natural gas, automobiles, aircraft and aircraft components, refined petroleum products, automobile equipment, pharmaceuticals, iron and steel products, and computers/computer-related products. *Major trading partners*--EU and U.S.

Exchange rate: U.S. \$1=0.7964 in 2006, and 0.7297 in 2007.

PEOPLE

Since prehistoric times, France has been a crossroads of trade, travel, and invasion. Three basic European ethnic stocks--Celtic, Latin, and Teutonic (Frankish)--have blended over the centuries to make up its present population. France's birth rate

was among the highest in Europe from 1945 until the late 1960s. Since then, its birth rate has fallen but remains higher than that of most other west European countries. Traditionally, France has had a high level of immigration. More than 1 million Muslims immigrated in the 1960s and early 1970s from North Africa, especially Algeria. About 85% of the population is Roman Catholic, 10% Muslim, less than 2% Protestant, and about 1% Jewish. However, the government does not keep statistics on religious affiliation, and according to a January 2007 poll, 51% of respondents describe themselves as Catholic, and another 31% describe themselves as having no religious affiliation. In 2004, there were over 6 million Muslims, largely of North African descent, living in France. France is home to both the largest Muslim and Jewish populations in Europe.

Education is free, beginning at age 2, and mandatory between ages 6 and 16. The public education system is highly centralized. Private education is primarily Roman Catholic. Higher education in France began with the founding of the University of Paris in 1150. It now consists of 91 public universities and 175 professional schools, including the post-graduate Grandes Ecoles. Private, college-level institutions focusing on business and management with curriculums structured on the American system of credits and semesters have been growing in recent years.

The French language derives from the vernacular Latin spoken by the Romans in Gaul, although it includes many Celtic and Germanic words. Historically, French has been used as the international language of diplomacy and commerce. Today it remains one of six official languages at the United Nations and has been a unifying factor in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, and the Caribbean.

HISTORY

France was one of the earliest countries to progress from feudalism to the nation-state. Its monarchs surrounded themselves with capable ministers, and French armies were among the most innovative, disciplined, and professional of their day. During the reign of Louis XIV (1643-1715), France was the dominant power in Europe. But overly ambitious projects and military campaigns of Louis and his successors led to chronic financial problems in the 18th Century. Deteriorating economic conditions and popular resentment against the complicated system of privileges granted the nobility and clerics were among the principal causes of the French Revolution (1789-94). Although the revolutionaries advocated republican and egalitarian principles of government, France reverted to forms of absolute rule or constitutional monarchy four times--the Empire of Napoleon, the Restoration of Louis XVIII, the reign of Louis-Philippe, and the Second Empire of Napoleon III. After the Franco-Prussian War (1870), the Third Republic was established and lasted until the military defeat of 1940.

World War I (1914-18) brought great losses of troops and materiel. In the 1920s, France established an elaborate system of border defenses (the Maginot Line) and alliances to offset resurgent German strength. France was defeated early in World War II, however, and was occupied in June 1940. That July, the country was divided into two: one section being ruled directly by the Germans, and a second controlled by the French ("Vichy" France) and which the Germans did not occupy. German and Italian forces occupied all of France, including the "Vichy" zone, following the Allied invasion of North Africa in November 1942. The "Vichy" government largely acquiesced to German plans, namely in the plunder of French resources and the forceful deportations of tens of thousands of French Jews living in France to concentration camps across Europe, and was even more completely under German control following the German military occupation of November 1942. Economically, a full one-half of France's public sector revenue was appropriated by Germany. After 4 years of occupation and strife in France, Allied forces liberated the country in 1944.

France emerged from World War II to face a series of new problems. After a short period of provisional government initially led by Gen. Charles de Gaulle, the Fourth Republic was set up by a new constitution and established as a parliamentary form of government controlled by a series of coalitions. French military involvement in both Indochina and Algeria combined with the mixed nature of the coalitions and a consequent lack of agreement caused successive cabinet crises and changes of government.

Finally, on May 13, 1958, the government structure collapsed as a result of the tremendous opposing pressures generated by four years of war with Algeria. A threatened coup led the Parliament to call on General de Gaulle to head the government and prevent civil war. Marking the beginning of the Fifth Republic, he became prime minister in June 1958 and was elected president in December of that year. The Algerian conflict also spurred decades of increased immigration from the Maghreb states, changing the composition of French society.

Seven years later, for the first time in the 20th Century, the people of France went to the polls to elect a president by direct ballot. De Gaulle won re-election with a 55% share of the vote, defeating Francois Mitterrand. In April 1969, President de Gaulle's government conducted a national referendum on the creation of 21 regions with limited political powers. The government's proposals were defeated, and de Gaulle subsequently resigned. Succeeding him as president of France have been Gaullist Georges Pompidou (1969-74), Independent Republican Valery Giscard d'Estaing (1974-81), Socialist Francois Mitterrand (1981-95), neo-Gaullist Jacques Chirac (1995-2007), and center-right Nicolas Sarkozy (2007-present).

While France continues to revere its rich history and independence, French leaders are increasingly tying the future of France to the continued development of the European Union (EU). France was integral in establishing the European Coal and Steel Community in 1951 and was among the EU's six founding states. During his tenure, President Mitterrand stressed the importance of European integration and advocated the ratification of the Maastricht Treaty on European economic and political union, which France's electorate narrowly approved in September 1992. The center of domestic attention soon shifted, however, to the economic reform and belt-tightening measures required for France to meet the criteria for Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) laid out by the Maastricht Treaty.

Since the September 11, 2001 attacks in the U.S., France has played a central role in the war on terrorism. French forces participate in Operation Enduring Freedom and in the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) for Afghanistan. France

did not, however, join the coalition that liberated Iraq in 2003. In October and November 2005, three weeks of violent unrest in the largely immigrant suburbs focused French attention further on their minority communities. Also in 2005 French voters disapproved the EU constitution in a national referendum. In the spring of 2006, students protested widely over restrictive employment legislation.

In May 2007, Nicolas Sarkozy was elected as France's sixth president under the Fifth Republic, signaling French approval of widespread economic and social reforms, as well as closer cooperation with the United States.

GOVERNMENT

The constitution of the Fifth Republic was approved by public referendum on September 28, 1958. It greatly strengthened the powers of the executive in relation to those of Parliament. Under this constitution, presidents were elected directly for a 7-year term since 1958. Beginning in 2002, the presidential term of office was reduced to 5 years. The president names the prime minister, presides over the cabinet, commands the armed forces, and concludes treaties. Traditionally, presidents under the Fifth Republic have tended to leave day-to-day policy-making to the Prime Minister and government; the five-year term of office is expected to make presidents more accountable for the results of domestic policies. Sarkozy, however, has been a hands-on manager and policymaker.

The president can submit questions to a national referendum and can dissolve the National Assembly. In certain emergency situations, with the approval of parliament, the president may assume dictatorial powers and rule by decree. The main components of France's executive branch are the president, the prime minister and government, and the permanent bureaucracies of the many ministries. Led by a prime minister, who is the head of government, the cabinet is composed of a varying number of ministers, ministers-delegate, and secretaries of state. Parliament meets for one 9-month session each year. Under special circumstances the president can call an additional session.

Under the Constitution, the legislative branch has few checks on executive power; nevertheless, the National Assembly can still cause a government to fall if an absolute majority of the total Assembly membership votes to censure. The Parliament is bicameral with a National Assembly and a Senate. The National Assembly is the principal legislative body. Its deputies are directly elected to 5-year terms, and all seats are voted on in each election. Senators are chosen by an electoral college and, under new rules passed in 2003 to shorten the term, serve for six years, with one-half of the Senate being renewed every three years. (As a transitional measure in 2004, 62 Senators were elected to 9-year terms, while 61 were elected to 6-year terms; subsequently, all terms will be six years.) The Senate's legislative powers are limited; the National Assembly has the last word in the event of a disagreement between the two houses. The government has a strong influence in shaping the agenda of Parliament. The government also can declare a bill to be a question of confidence, thereby linking its continued existence to the passage of the legislative text; unless a motion of censure is introduced and voted, the text is considered adopted without a vote.

A distinctive feature of the French judicial system is that the Constitutional Council protects basic rights when they might be potentially violated by new laws and the Council of State protects basic rights when they might be violated by actions of the state. The Constitutional Council examines legislation and decides whether it conforms to the constitution. Unlike the U.S. Supreme Court, it considers only legislation that is referred to it by Parliament, the prime minister, or the president. Moreover, it considers legislation before it is promulgated. The Council of State has a separate function from the Constitutional Council and provides recourse to individual citizens who have claims against the administration. The Ordinary Courts--including specialized bodies such as the police court, the criminal court, the correctional tribunal, the commercial court, and the industrial court--settle disputes that arise between citizens, as well as disputes that arise between citizens and corporations. The Court of Appeals reviews cases judged by the Ordinary Courts.

Traditionally, decision-making in France has been highly centralized, with each of France's departments headed by a prefect appointed by the central government. In 1982, the national government passed legislation to decentralize authority by giving a wide range of administrative and fiscal powers to local elected officials. In March 1986, regional councils were directly elected for the first time, and the process of decentralization continues, albeit at a slow pace.

Principal Government Officials

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Prime Minister--Francois Fillon

Foreign Minister--Bernard Kouchner

Ambassador to the United States--Pierre Vimont

Ambassador to the United Nations--Jean-Marc Rochereau de la Sabliere

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POLITICAL CONDITIONS

Since his inauguration in May 2007 as France's sixth president under the Fifth Republic, Nicolas Sarkozy focused his first months in office on improving the performance of France's economy through liberalization of labor markets, higher education and taxes. In the April 22, 2007 first round of presidential elections, Sarkozy, the leader of the center-right, union for a popular Movement (UMP) party, placed first; Socialist candidate Segolene Royal placed second; centrist Francois Bayrou placed third; and extremist Jean-Marie Le Pen placed fourth out of a field of 12 candidates. Sarkozy prevailed in the May 6, 2007 second round, defeating Royal by a 53.06% to 46.94% margin. Royal's loss marked the third straight defeat for the Socialist candidate in presidential elections.

President Sarkozy assumed office on May 16, 2007, the last day of Jacques Chirac's official term. Sarkozy named Francois Fillon Prime Minister. Jean-Louis Borloo, the second-highest ranking figure in the government, presides over an expanded

Ministry of Environment, now called the Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Planning. Legislative elections held on June 10 and 17, 2007 gave the UMP a large parliamentary majority. Other key ministers include: Michele Alliot-Marie, Interior; Bernard Kouchner, Foreign Affairs; Christine Lagarde, Economy; Brice Hortefeux, Immigration; Rachida Dati, Justice; and Herve Morin, Defense.

In electing Nicolas Sarkozy, French voters endorsed the wide-ranging program of reforms--including market-oriented social and economic reforms--that were the focal point of Sarkozy's campaign, implicitly giving him the green light to try and implement these reforms quickly, and allowing a way forward for overcoming France's 2005 rejection of the EU constitutional treaty. By embracing a figure long tagged as "pro-American," French voters also expressed their desire to renew trust in the U.S.-France relationship. During the campaign Sarkozy often ended his stump speeches--evoking Martin Luther King--by calling for a "French dream" of social equality, social mobility, and equal opportunity; and his first speech as President-elect assured his "American friends" that they could rely on France's friendship.

Since taking office, President Sarkozy has worked on a series of reforms to address mounting pressure for short- and long-term restructuring, including reduced government spending, flexibility in the implementation of the 35-hour work week, more labor-market flexibility, less taxation, and further privatization and liberalization of the business sector. French and EU analysts stress that longer-term measures must focus on reducing the future burden of ballooning public pension and health care budgets, as well as reducing labor-related taxes.

ECONOMY

With a GDP of approximately \$2 trillion, France is the sixth-largest economy. It has substantial agricultural resources, a large industrial base, and a highly skilled work force. A dynamic services sector accounts for an increasingly large share of economic activity and is responsible for nearly all job creation in recent years. Real GDP increased 2.2% in 2006. According to initial projections, 2007 GDP growth will hit 1.9%.

Government economic policy aims to promote investment and domestic growth in a stable fiscal and monetary environment. Creating jobs and reducing the high unemployment rate through recovery-supportive policy has been a top priority. The unemployment rate in metropolitan France slipped to 7.9% in the third quarter of 2007 from 8.1% in the second quarter of 2007 when the government took office, and from 8.9% in the third quarter of 2006. France joined 10 other European Union countries in adopting the euro as its currency in January 1999. Since then, monetary policy has been set by the European Central Bank in Frankfurt. On January 1, 2002, France, along with the other countries of the euro zone, dropped its national currency in favor of euro bills and coins.

Despite significant reform and privatization over the past 15 years, the government continues to control a large share of economic activity: Government spending, at 53.5% of GDP in 2006, is among the highest in the G-7. Regulation of labor and product markets is pervasive. The government continues to own shares in corporations in a range of sectors, including banking, energy production and distribution, automobiles, transportation, and telecommunications.

Legislation passed in 1998 shortened the legal work week from 39 to 35 hours for most employees effective January 1, 2000. Recent assessments of the impact of work week reduction on growth and jobs have generally concluded that the goal of job creation was not met. The former administration introduced increasing flexibility into the law. Under President Nicolas Sarkozy's impetus, overtime work is exempted from income taxes and payroll taxes as of October 1, 2007, a move to encourage work and to increase work time. The business community welcomed government efforts to change the 35-hour work week, but has complained that measures are difficult to implement.

Membership in France's labor unions accounts for approximately 5% of the private sector work force and is concentrated in the manufacturing, transportation, and heavy industry sectors. Most unions are affiliated with one of the competing national federations, the largest and most powerful of which are the communist-dominated General Labor Confederation (CGT), the Workers' Force (FO), and the French Democratic Confederation of Labor (CFDT).

France has been very successful in developing dynamic telecommunications, aerospace, and weapons sectors. With virtually no domestic oil production, France has relied heavily on the development of nuclear power, which now accounts for about 80% of the country's electricity production.

Trade

France is the second-largest trading nation in Western Europe (after Germany). France ran a record-setting \$48 billion deficit for the 12 months ending in November 2007. Total trade for 2006 amounted to \$1,010.7 billion, over 45% of GDP, 75.0% of which was with EU-24 countries. In 2006, U.S.-France trade in goods and services totaled \$91.6 billion. U.S. industrial chemicals, aircraft and engines, electronic components, telecommunications, computer software, computers and peripherals, analytical and scientific instrumentation, medical instruments and supplies, broadcasting equipment, and programming and franchising are particularly attractive to French importers. Total French trade of goods and services was \$1,118 billion in 2006.

Principal French exports to the United States are aircraft and engines, beverages, electrical equipment, chemicals, cosmetics, and luxury products. France is the eighth-largest trading partner of the United States.

Agriculture

France is the European Union's leading agricultural producer, accounting for about one-third of all agricultural land within the EU. Northern France is characterized by large wheat farms. Dairy products, pork, poultry, and apple production are concentrated in the western region. Beef production is located in central France, while the production of fruits, vegetables, and wine ranges from central to southern France. France is a large producer of many agricultural products and is expanding its

forestry and fishery industries. The implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the Uruguay Round of the GATT Agreement resulted in reforms in the agricultural sector of the economy. Continued revision of the CAP and reforms agreed under the Doha round of World Trade Organization (WTO) will further change French agriculture. France remains Europe's strongest opponent of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and often assumes an agricultural position at the EU Council to promote this policy.

France is the world's second-largest agricultural producer, after the United States. However, the destination of 70% of its exports is other EU member states. Wheat, beef, pork, poultry, and dairy products are the principal exports. The United States, although the second-largest exporter to France, faces stiff competition from domestic production, other EU member states, and third countries. U.S. agricultural exports to France, totaling \$464 million in 2003, consist primarily of soybeans and products, feeds and fodders, seafood, and consumer oriented products, especially snack foods and nuts. French agricultural exports to the United States are mainly cheese, processed products, and wine. They amount to about \$3.327 billion (2006) annually.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

France plays an influential global role as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, NATO, the G-8, the EU, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the WTO, la Francophonie and other multilateral institutions. Among NATO members, France is second only to the United States in terms of troops deployed abroad. The French will take over the rotating EU presidency from July-December 2008 and plan to focus on immigration, energy, the environment, and European defense during their term.

A charter member of the United Nations, France is a member of most of its specialized and related agencies. France is also America's oldest ally; French military intervention was instrumental in helping Britain's American colonies establish independence. Because many battles in which the United States was involved during World War I and World War II took place in France, more American soldiers have been killed on French soil than on that of any other foreign country.

France is a leader in Western Europe because of its size, location, and large economy, membership in European organizations, strong military posture, and energetic diplomacy. France generally has worked to strengthen the global economic and political influence of the EU and its role in common European defense. It views Franco-German cooperation and the development of a European Security and Defense Policy (ESDP) with other EU members, as the foundation of efforts to enhance European security.

France supports Quartet (U.S.-EU-Russia-UN) efforts to implement the Middle East roadmap, which envisions establishment of a Palestinian state, living side-by-side in peace and security with Israel. Recognizing the need for a comprehensive peace agreement, France supports the involvement of all Arab parties and Israel in a multilateral peace process.

Since 2003, France has supported four UN Security Council (UNSC) resolutions on Iraq, including UNSCR 1546, which laid out a timetable for Iraq's political transition and reaffirmed UNSC authorization for a Multinational Force in Iraq, at the invitation of the Iraqi government, to stabilize the country. France contributed to the 230 million euro EU contribution to Iraq reconstruction in 2003. After the Iraqi Interim Government took power, France agreed to substantial debt relief and offered police training to Iraqi security forces. In 2006, France and the U.S. collaborated closely to create a consensus in the UN to adopt UNSCR 1696 demanding action from Iran to end its enrichment-related and preprocessing activities. France has actively and repeatedly publicly stressed the danger of a nuclear-armed Iran.

France continues to play an important role in Africa, especially in its former colonies, through aid programs, commercial activities, military agreements, and cultural impact. In those former colonies where the French presence remains important, France has supported political, military, and social stability. France maintains permanent military bases in Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Gabon, and Senegal, and has maintained a long-term military presence in Chad. An attack on French forces in Cote d'Ivoire in 2004 led to the departure of thousands of French nationals from that country. France responded to the crisis in Cote d'Ivoire by dispatching Operation Unicorn, which has worked with UN forces to help stabilize Cote d'Ivoire. France has also deployed forces to Togo (in support of Operation Unicorn in Cote d'Ivoire) and to the Central African Republic, where French forces have assisted government forces in deterring rebel elements. France participated with EU partners in an international military operation (EUFOR) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2006, which played an important presence during in elections that year in the D.R.C. France was instrumental in organizing the June 2007 ministerial conference on Darfur and has taken the lead on the UN peacekeeping mission for Chad and the C.A.R.

France has extensive political and commercial relations with Asian countries, including China, Japan, and Southeast Asia as well as an increasing presence in regional fora. France is seeking to broaden its commercial presence in China and will pose a competitive challenge to U.S. business, particularly in aerospace, high-tech, and luxury markets. In Southeast Asia, France was an architect of the 1991 Paris Accords, which ended the conflict in Cambodia.

Security Issues

French military doctrine is based on the concepts of national independence, nuclear deterrence, and military sufficiency. France is a founding member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and has worked actively with Allies to adapt NATO, internally and externally, to the post-Cold War environment. However, in 1966, the French withdrew from NATO's military bodies while remaining full participants in the alliance's political councils. In December 1995, France announced that it would increase its participation in NATO's military wing, including the Military Committee. President Sarkozy has publicly expressed support for the principle of French reintegration into NATO. France is currently preparing a defense white paper that will review France's security requirements. France remains a firm supporter of the OSCE and other efforts at cooperation.

Outside of NATO, France has actively and heavily participated in a variety of peacekeeping/coalition efforts in Africa, the Middle East, and the Balkans, often taking the lead in these operations. France has undertaken a major restructuring to develop a professional military that will be smaller, more rapidly deployable and better tailored for operations outside of mainland France. Key elements of the restructuring include reducing personnel, bases, and headquarters and rationalizing equipment and the armament industry. French active-duty military in June 2007 numbered about 350,000 (including Gendarmes), of which nearly 39,900 were deployed outside of French territory. France completed the move to all-professional armed forces when conscription ended on December 31, 2002.

France places a high priority on arms control and non-proliferation. After conducting a final series of six nuclear tests, the French signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in 1996. France has implemented a moratorium on the production, export, and use of anti-personnel landmines and supports negotiations leading toward a universal ban. France is an active participant in the major supplier regimes designed to restrict transfer of technologies that could lead to proliferation of weapons of mass destruction: the Nuclear Suppliers Group, the Australia Group (for chemical and biological weapons), the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and the Missile Technology Control Regime. France participates actively in the Proliferation Security Initiative, and is engaged with the U.S., both bilaterally and at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), to curb nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) proliferation from the D.P.R.K., Iran, Libya, and elsewhere. France has joined with the U.S., Germany, and the other three permanent members of the UN Security Council to offer a package of incentives and disincentives to Iran to halt its uranium enrichment activities. France has also signed and ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention. France maintains a color-coded security system, similar to that of the U.S., consisting of yellow, orange, red and scarlet threat levels.

U.S.-FRENCH RELATIONS

Relations between the United States and France are active and friendly. Mutual visits by high-level officials are conducted frequently. Bilateral contact at the cabinet level has traditionally been active. France and the United States share common values and have parallel policies on most political, economic, and security issues. Differences are discussed frankly and have not generally been allowed to impair the pattern of close cooperation that characterizes relations between the two countries.

France is one of NATO's top five troop contributors. The French support NATO modernization efforts and are leading contributors to the NATO Response Force (NRF). France is keen to build European defense capabilities, including through the development of EU battle-group sized force packages and joint European military production initiatives. President Sarkozy supports development of a European defense that would complement, not compete with, NATO, which remains at the core of transatlantic security. During his December 2007 visit to Kabul, the President underscored French commitment to complete NATO's mission in Afghanistan, where some 1,900 French troops serve.

France is a close partner with the U.S. in the war on terror. It cooperates with the U.S. to monitor and disrupt terrorist groups and has processed numerous U.S. requests for information under the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty. French security and intelligence services have rounded up hundreds of extremists in the past year. The French judiciary in December 2007 tried and convicted five French former Guantanamo detainees on terrorism charges. France is a strong partner in multiple non-proliferation fora and is a key participant in the Proliferation Security Initiative. Through the "EU3" (France, the U.K., and Germany), France is working to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

France opposed the use of force in Iraq in March 2003 and did not join the U.S.-led coalition that liberated the country from the dictatorial rule of Saddam Hussein. Despite differences over Iraq, the U.S. and France continue to cooperate closely on many issues, most notably the global war on terrorism, efforts to stem the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), and on regional problems, including in Africa, Lebanon, and Kosovo. On Iraq, the French agreed to generous debt relief for Iraq in Paris Club negotiations and have accepted the establishment of a NATO training mission there.

In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, France seeks robust U.S. engagement in the peace process. France is working to contain the Hamas-led challenge to the Palestinian Authority. President Sarkozy, like his predecessor, President Chirac, is committed to keeping France in supportive relations with Israel. France hosted a donors conference for Palestinians in December 2007.

The U.S. and France have worked closely to support a sovereign and independent Lebanon, free of Syrian domination. The U.S. and France co-sponsored in September 2004 UNSCR 1559, which called for full withdrawal of Syrian forces, a free and fair electoral process, and disbanding and disarmament of all Lebanese and non-Lebanese militias. In the wake of the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri in February 2005, the U.S. and France reiterated calls for a full, immediate withdrawal of all Syrian troops and security services from Lebanon. France also co-sponsored UNSCR 1701 and was one of the leading countries in Europe working to end hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah in 2006 by committing 2,000 troops to UNIFIL-plus. Strong French backing led to adoption of UNSCR 1757 establishing a Special Tribunal for Lebanon to prosecute the perpetrators of the Hariri assassination and other killings of critics of Syria's interference in Lebanon. Foreign Minister Kouchner is working hard to help competing Lebanese political factions agree to a framework for governing the country in accordance with the country's constitution and free from external interference. France also participates in the U.S. Broader Middle East and North Africa initiative.

Trade and investment between the U.S. and France are strong. On average, over 1 billion dollars in commercial transactions take place between France and the U.S. every day, with the U.S. being France's sixth-ranked supplier and its sixth-largest customer. France ranks as the United States' eighth trading partner for total goods (imports and exports). There are approximately 2,300 French subsidiaries in the U.S. that provide more than 485,200 jobs and that generate an estimated \$196 billion in turnover. The U.S. is the top destination for French investments worldwide. Concurrently, the U.S. is the largest foreign investor in France, employing over 619,000 French citizens with aggregate investment estimated at \$65.9 billion in 2006.

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TRAVEL AND BUSINESS INFORMATION

The U.S. Department of State's Consular Information Program advises Americans traveling and residing abroad through Country Specific Information, Travel Alerts, and Travel Warnings. **Country Specific Information** exists for all countries and includes information on entry and exit requirements, currency regulations, health conditions, safety and security, crime, political disturbances, and the addresses of the U.S. embassies and consulates abroad. **Travel Alerts** are issued to disseminate information quickly about terrorist threats and other relatively short-term conditions overseas that pose significant risks to the security of American travelers. **Travel Warnings** are issued when the State Department recommends that Americans avoid travel to a certain country because the situation is dangerous or unstable.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet web site at <http://www.travel.state.gov>, where the current [Worldwide Caution](#), [Travel Alerts](#), and [Travel Warnings](#) can be found. [Consular Affairs Publications](#), which contain information on obtaining passports and planning a safe trip abroad, are also available at <http://www.travel.state.gov>. For additional information on international travel, see <http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Travel/International.shtml>.

The Department of State encourages all U.S. citizens traveling or residing abroad to register via the [State Department's travel registration](#) website or at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate abroad. Registration will make your presence and whereabouts known in case it is necessary to contact you in an emergency and will enable you to receive up-to-date information on security conditions.

Emergency information concerning Americans traveling abroad may be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S. and Canada or the regular toll line 1-202-501-4444 for callers outside the U.S. and Canada.

The National Passport Information Center (NPIC) is the U.S. Department of State's single, centralized public contact center for U.S. passport information. Telephone: 1-877-4USA-PPT (1-877-487-2778). Customer service representatives and operators for TDD/TTY are available Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, Eastern Time, excluding federal holidays.

Travelers can check the latest health information with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. A hotline at 877-FYI-TRIP (877-394-8747) and a web site at <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx> give the most recent health advisories, immunization recommendations or requirements, and advice on food and drinking water safety for regions and countries. A booklet entitled "Health Information for International Travel" (HHS publication number CDC-95-8280) is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, tel. (202) 512-1800.

Further Electronic Information

Department of State Web Site. Available on the Internet at <http://www.state.gov>, the Department of State web site provides timely, global access to official U.S. foreign policy information, including [Background Notes](#) and [daily press briefings](#) along with the directory of [key officers](#) of Foreign Service posts and more. The Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) provides security information and regional news that impact U.S. companies working abroad through its website <http://www.osac.gov> [Export.gov](#) provides a portal to all export-related assistance and market information offered by the federal government and provides trade leads, free export counseling, help with the export process, and more.

[STAT-USA/Internet](#), a service of the U.S. Department of Commerce, provides authoritative economic, business, and international trade information from the Federal government. The site includes current and historical trade-related releases, international market research, trade opportunities, and country analysis and provides access to the [National Trade Data Bank](#).

Website address: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3842.htm>

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International Travel Information

What Are Travel Warnings, Consular Information Sheets & Public Announcements?

[Travel Warnings](#)

Travel Warnings are issued when the State Department decides, based on all relevant information, to recommend that Americans avoid travel to a certain country. Countries where avoidance of travel is recommended will have Travel Warnings as well as Consular Information Sheets. You may also want to review specific country [Background Notes](#).

[Public Announcements](#)

Public Announcements are a means to disseminate information about terrorist threats and other relatively short-term and/or trans-national conditions posing significant risks to the security of American travelers. They (PAs) are made when there is a specific threat that cannot be countered. In the past, Public Announcements have been issued to deal with short-term coups, violence by terrorists and anniversary dates of specific terrorist events. Information Program provides Consular Information Sheets, Travel Warnings, and Public Announcements.

[Country Specific Information](#)

Country Specific Information is available for every country of the world. They include such information as location of the U.S. embassy or consulate in the subject country, unusual immigration practices, health conditions, minor political disturbances, unusual currency and entry regulations, crime and security information, and drug penalties. If an unstable condition exists in a country that is not severe enough to warrant a Travel Warning, a description of the condition(s) may be included under an optional section entitled "Safety/Security." On limited occasions, we also restate in this section any U.S. embassy advice given to official employees. Consular Information Sheets generally do not include advice, but present information in a factual manner so the traveler can make his or her own decisions concerning travel to a particular country.

[Country Background Notes](#)

If you are looking for information on any of the U.S. territories and possessions, such as the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam or American Samoa, you can go to the [CIA Factbook](#).

In addition, please see the section "[Tips for Traveling Abroad](#)" for other important health and safety information. Also, stay current with current information by visiting our "[News](#)" section.

If you are an American Citizen residing in France, you may subscribe to the Consular Section's email information system Citizeninfo. Once you subscribe, you will receive the State Department's bulletins, warnings and public announcements, as well as general information from the Consular Section of the Embassy in Paris via email.

If you have any questions concerning your stay in France please write to the Embassy's email box by referring to:

http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_contact.html

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DISCLAIMER: The information below relating to French legal requirements is provided for general information only and may not be totally accurate in a particular case. Questions involving interpretations of specific provisions or application to a specific case should be addressed to French government officials. The Embassy is not in a position to intercede with French authorities on behalf of Americans seeking visas, visa exemptions and work permits.

U.S. citizens planning to enter and visit France as **tourists** do not require a visa and are permitted to remain in the country a maximum of 3 months (90 days.) (See page 48 for Schengen Treaty Member Country requirements.)

Americans planning to stay in France for **more than 3 months**, or for purposes other than tourism, **must have a long-stay visa** (*visa de long séjour*) in their passports on arrival in France. **They must apply for the appropriate long-stay visa issued in the U.S., at the French Consulate having jurisdiction where they reside in the U.S.** (See list of French Consulates in the U.S. on pages 49-50.)

Note: It is not possible for an American to come to France as a tourist and then change his/her status to that of a worker, a student or a resident. The French authorities will require such individuals to return to the U.S. to apply for the appropriate visa. **Bearer of long-stay visas must apply for a Carte de séjour within a week of their arrival** (See page 51 on residence permits. For students see page 57.)

EMPLOYMENT IN FRANCE

Americans hoping to enter the French labor market are cautioned that it is very difficult to find employment. To be able to work in France, Americans, except for those in special categories (see below,) must have arranged employment approved in advance by the French Ministry of Labor and they must have obtained a long-stay work visa before entering France (see "Visa Requirements for France" on page 46.) The Embassy will not intervene with French Authorities on behalf of American citizens seeking a visa, visa exemption or work permit.

Americans who disregard the visa requirement and apply in France for a work permit are required to leave the country to obtain the appropriate visa at a French consular office in the U.S. Americans should not come to France expecting to find a job and to regularize their status after arrival. Such expectations are unlikely to be fulfilled and personal hardship may result. Most foreigners are not eligible for French Social Security or unemployment benefits. In some cases, individuals may have difficulties with French authorities and may face expulsion from France.

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION:

Since July 1974 there has been a virtual freeze on the employment of nationals of all countries other than nationals of member countries of the European Union. Unemployment in France is currently at about 7.9 %, and French laws and regulations governing immigration and employment in France are enforced with increasing rigor.

A few categories of Americans in France are in a special position with regard to employment. These are:

- 1) bearers of a *carte de résident* who have resided in France in that category for ten years;
- 2) spouses of French citizens.

Most Americans, however, do not fall into any of these special categories. The only other Americans who have any chance for full-time employment in France are highly skilled technicians and qualified managerial (*cadre*) personnel. Some students can qualify for part-time *au-pair* employment, and other students can qualify for part-time or summer employment. There are also some voluntary collective work programs. Visas for any of these jobs must be obtained before entering France. The Embassy cannot assist Americans to find employment in France, but this information sheet as well as the related ones herein offer some guidance.

TEACHING POSITIONS:

The teaching field in France is largely closed to Americans. Teachers in French public secondary schools and public universities must be French citizens. At the secondary level, the only exceptions are teaching assistants. Public universities can hire foreigners as visiting professors (*Professeurs Associés*) or as *Maîtres de Conférences Associés*, Assistants and *Lecteurs*. The Franco-American Commission for Educational Exchange in Paris (Fulbright Commission) can provide information on openings for visiting lecturers in France and has a general information sheet on "Teaching Positions in France" with useful addresses in both France and the United States. Interested persons may write to:

Franco-American Commission for Education Exchange

9 rue Chardin

75016 Paris

Educational Advising Center tel: 0 892 68 07 47

Website: (<http://www.fulbright-france.org>)

Email: cfa@fulbright-france.org

OBTAINING THE MINISTRY OF LABOR'S AUTHORIZATION TO WORK:

An American who finds a prospective employer in France depends on the employer for the initial and essential step of obtaining the authorization of the French Ministry of Labor to hire him/her. This authorization is a prerequisite document for the issuance of a long-stay visa by a French Consul in the U.S.

In Paris, the employer must contact the following office:

Ministry of Labor, Service de la Main d'Oeuvre Etrangère

127 boulevard de la Villette, 75010 Paris / Tel: 01 44 84 42 86

Métro: Jaurès or Stalingrad

Hours: 9 a.m – 11:30 a.m. / 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

U.S. citizens must inform their prospective employers as to which French Consulate in the U.S. they will apply for a visa so the authorization from the Ministry of Labor can be sent to that office. After the visa has been issued and the American enters France, he/she must apply at the Préfecture de Police, in Paris or at the local Préfecture elsewhere, for a *carte de séjour*, (see info on "Residence Permits" (*Cartes de séjour*.)

Franco-American agreement on training (*convention de stages*):

There is a reciprocal agreement between France and the United States on exchange training programs for young workers with a minimum of one-year experience and a written job offer. The contracts are only for durations of three to eighteen months. For more information on this program, please contact directly the *Espace Employé international* at the ANPE in France (French National Unemployment Agency) at Tel: 01-53-02-25-50, Email: stageseei.omi@anpe.fr

Employment with American firms in France:

The Embassy has no information on employment opportunities with private firms in France. A detailed list, "American Firms in France", is available at the:

American Chamber of Commerce in France

156 Boulevard Haussmann

75008 Paris

Phone: +33 (0) 1 56 43 45 67

Fax: +33 (0) 1 56 43 45 60

Website: <http://www.amchamfrance.org>

Email: amchamfrance@amchamfrance.org

The Chamber of Commerce itself does not handle inquiries on employment opportunities.

Establishing a business in France:

Americans considering establishing a business in France can begin by contacting the Commercial Counselor at the nearest French Consulate in the United States for information and guidance. Interested Americans may also write to: American Embassy, Commercial Affairs Section, 2 Av. Gabriel, 75382 Paris Cedex 08

EMPLOYMENT AT THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY:

Under certain conditions, the Embassy recruits American citizens locally. For further information, please contact the Office of Human Resources directly, Tel: 01 43 12 25 74.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINS TO EMPLOYMENT OF U.S. CITIZENS WITHIN THE EMBASSY AND THE CONSULATES, UNESCO and OECD. PLEASE NOTE THAT, DUE TO THE CURRENT FISCAL CLIMATE, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE LIMITED.

The Human Resources Office accepts and considers only applications that are associated with a specific vacancy announcement.

With the exception of certain Eligible Family Members of Mission employees, all other categories of candidates must have the required work and residency permits at the time that they apply for local positions in France. **Please note that the U.S. Embassy is not able to sponsor candidates for a work entry visa to France.**

Local position vacancies are generally advertised internally and externally, concurrently, or at times internally only. The recruitment process is competitive and it is essential that candidates address the selection criteria (required qualifications) for the vacancy with specific and comprehensive information. When equally qualified, candidates will be given preference in the following order: Appointment Eligible Family Members, U.S. veterans claiming preference, and all others.

The application language is English unless a position requires only a limited knowledge of English.

A complete application package must include:

- A cover letter indicating the job title/number and highlighting the particular qualifications for the position as advertised.
- A current detailed resume which provides the following additional information as appropriate:
- For all - Indication of nationality (also dual nationalities) and address of residence.

To apply for Embassy employment please send the following documents to Office of Human Resources, American Embassy, 2 avenue Gabriel 75382 Paris Cédex 08: a letter describing your area of interest, a current CV, a copy of **both sides** of a **valid French Carte de Séjour and Work Permit or French Identity Card**, a copy of your U.S. passport and, if applicable, a copy of your current security clearance. Due to limited staffing, we are unable to give descriptions of jobs over the telephone and we cannot acknowledge receipt of applications. Applicants who wish to receive an acknowledgment of receipt should either send their application by registered mail with return receipt or enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Successful applicants will be notified when employment in their area of interest is available. Applications will be kept on file for one year.

Employment as a Foreign Service Officer:

Those interested in becoming Foreign Service Officers may consult the following website: (<http://www.careers.state.gov>), or should write to the Board of Examiners for the Foreign Service, Box 9317, Roslyn Station, Arlington, VA 22209. The Foreign Service examination brochures and application forms are available at U.S. Embassies and consular offices each year and may be obtained from this Embassy by writing to: American Embassy, Office of Human Resources, 2, avenue Gabriel, 75382 Paris Cédex 08. Those interested in employment with other U.S. Government agencies should write to the employment division of the appropriate agency in Washington, DC. There are no U.S. military installations in France.

For more further information on French Employment Laws please refer to the following website: <http://www.avrio.net/533.0.html> .

FRENCH VISA REQUIREMENTS

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U.S. citizens planning to enter and visit France as tourists are not required to have a visa, or a *carte de séjour*, and are permitted to remain in the country a maximum of 3 months (90 days.) For more information see: (<http://www.consulfrance-washington.org>) or (<http://www.ambafrance-us.org>).

A U.S. citizen intending to stay in France for more than 3 months (90 days,) to study, to work or to reside, must have the appropriate long-stay visa (*visa de long séjour*) in his/her passport on arrival in France in order to be able to apply for a *carte de séjour*.

The visa must be obtained from the French Consulate in the United States that has jurisdiction over the applicant's place of residence in the U.S. Applications for long-stay French visas cannot be made by Americans in third countries, e.g., England or Belgium, unless the American is a local resident of that country for one or more years.

It is not possible for an American to come to France without a long-term visa and then apply within the country for a residence permit. The French authorities will require such persons to return to the United States to apply for the appropriate visa.

Specific information and application forms are available from the French Consulates in the U.S. (See pages 49-50 for a list of French Consulates.) A visa applicant will be required to submit an application form accompanied by supporting documents: a valid passport, several passport-type photographs and proof that the applicant can financially support himself and any dependents who may accompany him during his stay in France. Proof of medical insurance with coverage in France is often a prerequisite for issuance of a visa. In some cases, a police clearance record is required. Any applicant less than 18 years old will have to present a written authorization from his parents or guardian. Fees are charged for the issuance of all French visas.

Proof of Financial Resources:

Proof of financial resources or support can take the form of: bank statements; formal letters of reference from the applicant's bank showing account numbers and balances or recent bank, savings or brokerage account statements; a notarized letter from the sponsor stating that he/she will be responsible for all expenses and proof of his/her financial means; letters from family or friends guaranteeing regular support or a *certificat d'hébergement* from a French family or friends with whom the applicant will be staying in France. For persons wishing to retire in France, please provide proof of sufficient income: pensions, dividends, savings, bank and brokerage account statements. Such letters and documents should be notarized. Students may submit a letter from a study abroad program guaranteeing board and lodging, evidence of a fellowship or scholarship or, if a veteran, a Certificate of Eligibility from the Veterans Administration.

Franco-American agreement: (convention de stages)

There is a reciprocal agreement between France and the United States on exchange programs for young workers with a minimum of one-year experience and a written job offer. For more information on this program, please contact directly *the Espace Employé international* at the ANPE in France (French National Unemployment Agency) at Tel: 01 53 02 25 50, Email: stageseei.omi@anpe.fr

Au-pairs:

In order to obtain a visa, the au-pair will be required to present a copy of a work contract signed by the applicant and the French family. The work contract will also have to be approved and signed by the French Ministry of Labor and the Service de la Main d'Oeuvre Etrangère (123 Boulevard de la Villette, 75010 Paris.) If a contract is not immediately available, provide a letter describing the job offer signed by the family who will employ you. The au-pair must have a medical examination in order to obtain a visa.

Marriage:

Americans intending to come to France to marry, and to take up residence in France for a period exceeding three months, must apply for a long-stay visa for marriage (*visa de long séjour pour marriage*) at the French consulate near their residence in the United States prior to departure. (See information on marriage formalities for France on pages 85.) ***For more information, please contact the French authorities directly.***

Students:

In addition to the basic requirements cited above, a student is required to obtain a letter of admission from the French university or school (*attestation de pré-inscription,*) if registering for the first time, or other evidence of registration (*certificat d'inscription or autorisation d'inscription,*) depending on the level and type of studies. The letter of admission or registration is normally reviewed by the French cultural affairs officer in the French Embassy, who may also examine the applicant's academic credentials before the student visa can be issued. The applicant will also need a medical examination.

Persons seeking Employment:

In addition to the basic requirements, an American who wishes to work in France needs a work contract approved by the French Ministry of Labor. This means that the French employer is required to present the signed contract to the Ministry with a request for its approval. If and when the Ministry has approved the contract, it is forwarded to the Organization for International Migrations (O.M.I.), 44, rue Bague, 75015 Paris, tel: 01.53.69.53.70, for transmission to the appropriate French Consulate in the U.S. The O.M.I. charges the employer a fee for this service. The French Consulate will notify the American who can then proceed with visa formalities. A medical examination is required (within the last three months and usually by a doctor on a list prepared by the French Consulate); the visa applicant is expected to pay the doctor's fee.

For complete information on obtaining French visas, please consult the French Embassy's website: (<http://www.consulfrance-washington.org>) or (<http://www.ambafrance-us.org>)

Schengen Treaty Member Countries and Entry Requirements

American tourists do not need visas to stay in France or any other Schengen Treaty country for a maximum of 90 days during a 6 month period; that means you can spend 90 days in France, (or, for instance, 10 days in Italy + 20 days in Spain + 60 days in Germany.) After 90 days, you **must** leave Schengen territory and remain away for at least **90 days**. You may only travel back to France, or another Schengen country, and stay for another 90 days if you have spent at least 90 days out of Schengen Territory. For example, you cannot stay in France for 90 days then go to Spain (or another Schengen country) and then come directly back to France.

The Embassy is not in a position to intercede with French authorities on behalf of Americans seeking visas, visa exemptions and work permits.

Schengen Treaty Member Countries:

Austria
Belgium
Denmark
France
Finland
Germany
Greece
Iceland
Italy
Luxembourg
Netherlands
Norway
Portugal
Spain
Sweden

FRENCH CONSULATES IN THE U.S.

Website: <http://www.ambafrance-us.org/intheus/consulates.asp>

WASHINGTON, D.C.

French Embassy, Consular Services

4101 Reservoir Road NW - Washington DC 20007

Tel: (202) 944 6195

Fax: (202) 944 6148

Website for the Embassy: <http://www.ambafrance-us.org/>

Website for the Consular Section: <http://www.consulfrance-washington.org>

District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia & West Virginia

ATLANTA French Consulate General

Prominence in Buckhead - Suite 1840 - 3475 Piedmont Road, NE – Atlanta, GA 30305

Tel: (404) 495 1660

Fax: (404) 495 1661

Website: <http://www.consulfrance-atlanta.org>

E-mail: consulat@consulfrance-atlanta.org

Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia & Tennessee

BOSTON French Consulate General

Park Square Building, Suite 750, 31 Saint James Avenue, Boston, MA 02116

Tel: (617) 832 4400

Fax: (617) 542 8054

Website: <http://www.consulfrance-boston.org>

Email: consulat@consulfrance-boston.org

Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island & Vermont

CHICAGO French Consulate General

205 North Michigan Avenue - Suite 3700 – Chicago, IL 60601

Tel: (312) 327 5200

Fax: (312) 327 5201

Website: <http://www.consulfrance-chicago.org>

E-mail: contact@consulfrance-chicago.org

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Nebraska & Wisconsin

HOUSTON French Consulate General

777 Post Oak Boulevard - Suite 600 – Houston, TX 77056

Tel: (713) 572 2799

Fax: (713) 572 2911

Website: <http://www.consulfrance-houston.org>

Arkansas, Oklahoma & Texas

LOS ANGELES French Consulate General

10390 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 410, Los Angeles, CA 90025

Tel: (310) 235 3200

Fax: (310) 479 4813

Website: <http://www.consulfrance-losangeles.org>

Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico. California counties of Imperial/Inyo/Kern/Kings/Los Angeles/Mono/Orange/Riverside/San Bernardino/San Diego/San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara & Ventura. Nevada counties of Clark/Esmeralda/Lincoln/Mineral/ Nye

MIAMI French Consulate General

Espirito Santo Plaza, 1395 Brickell Avenue, Suite 1050, Miami FL 33131

Tel: (305) 403 4150

Fax: (305) 403 4151

Website: <http://www.consulfrance-miami.org>

Email: consulat@consulfrance-miami.org

Florida, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands

NEW ORLEANS French Consulate General

1340 Poydras Street - Suite 1710 - New Orleans, LA 70112

Tel: (504) 569 2870

Fax: (504) 569 2871

Website: <http://www.consulfrance-nouvelleorleans.org>

Louisiana

NEW-YORK French Consulate General

934 Fifth Avenue – New York, NY 10021

Tel: (212) 606 3600

Fax: (212) 606 3620

Website: <http://www.consulfrance-newyork.org>

Email: chancellerie@consulfrance-newyork.org

Connecticut, New Jersey & New York

SAN FRANCISCO French Consulate General

540 Bush Street - San Francisco CA 94108

Tel: (415) 397 4330

Fax: (415) 397 0826

Website: <http://www.consulfrance-sanfrancisco.org>

Alaska, California & Nevada (except LA consular district), Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington & Wyoming, Hawaii & the Pacific Islands under the jurisdiction of the United States

OTHER FRENCH CONSULAR OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES:

France also maintains a consular agent or an honorary consul in many cities in the United States. Their addresses can be obtained from the appropriate French Consulate. They can perform some consular services but do not issue visas. Complete information on the French Consulates in the U.S. may be found on the following website page: <http://ambafrance-us.org>

RESIDENCE PERMITS (*Cartes de séjour*)

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For complete information please consult the prefecture de police website:

<http://www.prefecture-police-paris.interieur.gouv.fr/demarches/etrangers/etrangers.htm>

Students please refer to: http://www.prefecture-police-paris.interieur.gouv.fr/module_rdv/etudiants/

U.S. citizens planning to enter and visit France as tourists are not required to have a visa, or a *carte de séjour*, and are permitted to remain in the country a maximum of 3 months (90 days.)

A U.S. citizen who intends to stay in France for more than 3 months (90 days,) to study, to work or to reside, must have the appropriate long-stay visa (*visa de long séjour*) in his/her passport on arrival in France in order to be able to apply for a *carte de séjour*.

The visa must be obtained from the French Consulate in the United States that has jurisdiction over the applicant's place of residence in the U.S. (See information on French Visa Requirements on page 46 of this guide.) Applications for long-term-validity French visas cannot be made by Americans in third countries, e.g., England or Belgium, unless the American is a local resident of that country for one or more years.

It is not possible for an American to come to France without a long-term visa and then apply within the country for a residence permit. The French authorities will require such persons to return to their country of residence to apply for the appropriate visa.

Types of “*Cartes de Séjour*” (residence permits):

Students: please see section on residence permits for students on 57.

The French authorities issue three main types of residence permits to foreigners, depending on their status. A U.S. citizen who wants to reside and work in France receives one of the following documents:

- *carte de séjour temporaire* or *carte de séjour temporaire salarié*
- *carte de résident*
- *carte de séjour mention visiteur* (for retired persons.)

Cartes de séjour are issued to individuals 18 years of age and older. Parents of children below the age of 18 should obtain a *visa de long séjour* for their children before coming to France.

Most Americans coming to France for stays of more than three months are issued a *carte de séjour temporaire*. This card is valid for up to one year, and may be renewed. There is no fee for the initial *carte de séjour*. If the French authorities decline to renew a *carte de séjour temporaire*, the bearer must leave France before his initial residence permit expires.

A *carte de séjour temporaire salarié*: is valid for 1 year maximum, with the annotation *salarié* or showing the specific professional activity under which the contract was approved, as well as the French department(s) in which the bearer can be employed. This type of card can be renewed two months before the expiration date and upon presentation of a new work contract. After five years of continuous residence in France, the bearer may request a *carte de résident*, which is valid 10 years. Please remember that issuance of the 10-year *carte de résident* is not automatic. The authorities at the *préfecture* will review the application to determine whether or not the applicant may receive this special residence permit.

The *carte de résident* is issued to foreigners who have the intention of becoming French residents. It is valid for ten years and renewable, if the holder can prove that he/she either is exercising a profession in France or has sufficient means to support himself/herself financially without being employed in France. Applicants may obtain this card only under certain conditions. A medical examination is usually required and specific questions concerning French language skills and general knowledge of French culture may be asked. In order to qualify for a 10 year-card, the foreigner must show proof that he has lived in France for at least five consecutive years.

The *carte de séjour mention visiteur*, issued for retired persons. It allows you to remain in France, but not to work.

Retiring in France:

In order to stay in France after you retire, you must prove three things:

- 1) You must prove that you have the financial means to live in France without working; i.e., your pension must be sufficient;
- 2) You must demonstrate that you have comprehensive health insurance coverage that is valid in France. (You may be able to continue your current health insurance or you may need to buy a new health insurance policy either in France or from the U.S.);
- 3) You must demonstrate that you have a place to live in France.

When you make your application to reside in France, you should explain your reasons for wanting to stay in France. If your application is approved, you will be granted a *carte de séjour mention visiteur*, which allows you to remain in France but not to work. The *carte de séjour* can be renewed indefinitely, on an annual basis, as long as you present proof that you have adhered to the requirements

Getting permission to work is more difficult. It depends on the type of work you want to do. The Government of France may not approve any request for a job paying less than 3,700 euro a month (gross) unless your specialty is in great demand in France. If your request is granted, you should get a *carte de séjour mention salarié*.

How to apply for a *Carte de Séjour* in Paris:

Americans arriving in France with the appropriate long-stay visa and planning to live in Paris, should, within eight days of arrival, go to the appropriate Centre de Réception des Etrangers (see page 54) with their passport and visa to apply for a *carte de séjour*. **Exception: all American STUDENTS have a maximum of 30 days and must follow a separate procedure explained on page 57 of this guide.**

Each applicant will proceed to the *Centre des Etrangers* that corresponds to his/her local address of residence. The applicant will be asked to fill out a questionnaire and provide a local address. The applicant will immediately be given an appointment notice (*convocation*) with the Préfecture de Police, stating the date, time and location of the office at which the applicant should appear. This date is usually fixed 2 to 12 weeks later, depending on the number of pending applications. Do not forget to bring the appointment notice to this meeting.

Documents required by the Prefecture for the *carte de séjour*:

To apply for a *carte de séjour*, the following basic documents must be submitted (others may be required in individual cases). Please see the following website for more information:

(http://www.prefecture-police-paris.interieur.gouv.fr/demarches/etrangers/paris/sejour/autre_categorie/pieces.htm)

- Valid passport including long-stay visa (with a photocopy of the title page-photo, name, date and place of birth, validity and French visa page);
- Birth certificate;
- Three (3) identity photographs (3.5 cm x 4.5 cm);
- Proof of financial resources (applicable in all cases);
- A medical certificate issued by the O.M.I. (*Office des Migrations Internationales*);
- Proof of residence in Paris.

Note: For first time applicants for residence permits for Americans, employed in France, and their spouse, whose original files were provided by the O.M.I. (*Office des Migrations Internationales*) these applications may also be filed by mail. Please see page 55 for information on renewing residence permits (students, see page 60).

For an *au-pair*: contract approved by French Ministry of Labor, and pre-registration form or letter of admission into school.

For holders of a work permit and work visa the applicant must submit: the employment contract approved by the Services de la main d'Oeuvre Etrangère, 127 boulevard de la Villette, Paris 75010 – Tel: 01 44 84 42 86 – Métro: Jaurès or Stalingrad open 9:00 a.m – 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*If it is not possible to issue the carte de séjour immediately, the applicant will be given a temporary authorization récipissé de demande de carte de séjour which is valid for up to 3 months, and may be used as evidence that an application has been made for a residence permit. The applicant should carry it until he/she received his/her permanent *carte de séjour*.*

For students, please see page 57 of this guide.

Reception Centers for Foreigners – First Applications for Residence Cards in Paris (*Centres de Réception des Etrangers*)

These reception centers located at the **Hôtel de Police** at each location below are part of the Préfecture de Police of Paris and are open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday; they are not open on French holidays. **Students** see entry 3 below.

1) If you live in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th *arrondissements*:

Centre de Réception des Etrangers

Hôtel de Police

19/21, rue Truffaut

75017 Paris

Métro: Place Clichy or La Fourche

Tel: 08 91 01 22 22

2) If you live in the the 11th, 12st, 13th, 14th, 19th and 20th *arrondissements*:

Centre de Réception des Etrangers du 14e

Hotel de Police

114/116 avenue du Maine

75014 Paris

Métro: Gaité or Montparnasse or buses 28, 58 or 91

Tel: 08 91 01 22 22

For Students only: Please call tel. 08 21 00 19 75 (toll call) for information in English and French and see following:

- From **September 5, 2008 to December 18, 2008**, all **first-time student applicants** must go to the following address; (**appointments are not necessary for first-time applicants**):

Cité Universitaire International de Paris, Maison internationale

17, boulevard Jourdan,

75014 Paris

Métro Cité Université; RER line B

- As of **December 19, 2008**, **first-time student applicants** must go to the following address: (**appointments are not necessary for first-time applicants**)

Centre de Réception des Etudiants Etrangers, 13 rue Miollis, 75015 Paris – Métro Cambronne or Ségur.

- As of **September 5, 2008** students **renewing their residence permits** must do so **by appointment only** (see page 60).

Please see section on residence permits for students on page 57 of this guide.

How to apply for a Carte de Séjour outside of Paris:

Americans who live outside of Paris should inquire at their local police station or at the Mairie (town hall) about procedures for obtaining a *carte de séjour*. In some departments, the préfetures have delegated the authority to process such applications to local officials. In others, the American may have to apply at the Direction de la Réglementation of the Préfecture or the nearest Sous-Préfecture.

Change of address:

If the holder of a residence permit moves within Paris, he/she must inform the police at the “*commissariat de quartier*” having jurisdiction over his/her new place of residence.

He/she must present: a photocopy of the passport; a copy of current residence card; three recent photos; an electricity bill or *quittance de loyer* (rental receipt). This is especially important if the resident is in the process of renewing his/her *carte de séjour* as the Préfecture de Police will not approve the application unless the change of address has been recorded by the local police in the appropriate space on the card. If one is moving from another area of France to Paris please call 01 53 21 25 50 to make an appointment to register a change of address.

Renewal of Residence Permits and Obtaining Copies:

To renew a *carte de séjour* or obtain a copy of a current card, the holder should call 01 53 21 25 50 to schedule an appointment or refer to the following website page: (http://www.prefecture-police-paris.interieur.gouv.fr/demarches/etrangers/paris/sejour/autre_categorie/pieces.htm)

Renewal of certain categories of Residence Permits for residents of Paris only, may now also be done by mail:

- one-year residence permits for those who are visiting or working in France (*cartes de séjour temporaire* or *cartes de séjour temporaire salarié*);
- for renewal of a 10 year residence permit (*cartes de résident*);
- for renewal of first *carte de séjour* if one is employed in France and introduced by the Office des Migrations Internationales;

In order to obtain your renewal application request by email, write to:
prefpol.dpg-7eb-cellule-postale@interieur.gouv.fr

or send a letter to:

Le Préfecture de Police - Police Générale
7ème bureau - Cellule postale 9
Boulevard du Palais
75195 Paris Cedex 04

Please indicate your name, your address, date of birth and your current residence permit number (you may also provide a photocopy of your permit.)

Upon receipt of your request, the Préfecture will send you the following:

1. an application form with a list of documents that you will need to provide
2. an appointment slip needed to pick up your resident permit once it is ready

Before sending in your application form, please verify that it is signed and that you have included all the photocopies of the required documents. **Note: you will have to provide the original documents when you pick up your new residence permit.**

For further information on the renewal by mail process you may call tel. 01 53 71 51 68 (Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Some information about required documents:

The most acceptable proof of financial resources is a statement from the applicant's French bank showing account number and amount or a letter from the French bank certifying that the applicant's account is regularly credited with a specified amount from a U.S. or other external source.

For proof of financial resources, students or others who will not be employed can present a notarized letter from his/her parents (it must be accompanied by a French translation,) stating that the parents guarantee to support their son or daughter at a specified rate per month. Distant relatives and friends can also make such statements, but the basis of the relationship and the support must be explained.

For more information on residence permits (in French) contact:

The Central Office of the Préfecture de Police in Paris:

**Préfecture de Police,
Service des Etrangers,
1 rue de Lutèce
(Place Louis Lépine),
75195 Paris RP (4ème)
Métro: Cité**

Tel: 01-53 71 53 71 or 01 53 73 53 73

Information line: 01 53 71 51 68 (Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm)

Website: (<http://www.prefecture-police-Paris.interieur.gouv.fr>)

Website for students: (http://www.prefecture-police-paris.interieur.gouv.fr/module_rdv/etudiants/)

CARTE DE SÉJOUR (RESIDENCE PERMITS) FOR STUDENTS

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For complete information please refer to the following website since certain academic establishments have concluded agreements with the French authorities concerning French residence cards:

http://www.prefecture-police-paris.interieur.gouv.fr/module_rdv/etudiants/

To obtain your first residence permit as a student, the Préfecture de Police - Direction of the General Police, has set up reception centers in Paris as follows.

Some students and au-pairs who have acquired a long-stay visa for under one year are exempted from obtaining a carte de séjour as long as their visas are currently valid. This exemption will be written directly on the visa.

First Application for Student Residence Permits in Paris

In order to facilitate administrative procedures for foreign students in Paris who are applying for their **first** residence permit, *titre de séjour*, the Préfecture de Police of Paris advises that the two reception centers for those concerned are located at the addresses below. Students applying for their **first** residence card may start the application procedure Monday through Thursday from 8:35 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:35 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the following address:

- From **September 5, 2008 to December 18, 2008**, all **first-time student applicants** must go to the following address; (**appointments are not necessary for first-time applicants**):

Cité Universitaire International de Paris, Maison internationale

17, boulevard Jourdan,

75014 Paris

Métro Cité Université; RER line B

- As of **December 19, 2008**, **first-time student applicants** must go to the following address: (**appointments are not necessary for first-time applicants**)

Centre de Réception des Etudiants Etrangers, 13 rue Miollis, 75015 Paris – Métro Cambronne or Ségur.

- As of **September 5, 2008** students **renewing their residence permits** must do so by **appointment only** (see page 60).

To obtain your first residence permit, you must present and file your application including all the supporting documents concerning your present situation. You do not need an appointment:

Documents required for a student's first request for a *carte de séjour*, residence permit:
All photocopies of documents submitted must be in A4 format.

1. Proof of identity:

- Your valid passport with one photocopy of the passport identification page (photo, date and place of birth and validity); and photocopy of ALL pages with entry and exit visa stamps
- A copy of your French visa page;
- Birth certificate translated into French by a translator licensed by French courts (original plus one photocopy, please refer to 165 for a list of translators);
- In the case of marriage or divorce, where your name does not appear on your passport, provide a photocopy of the marriage or divorce certificate or an identity certificate issued by the consulate.

2. Visa to enter France (original and one photocopy):

- A long-stay visa, over 3 months, with the mention “**student**”;
- Or a short-term visa that mentions *étudiant-concours* (student exam) and an examination certificate as proof of passing the exam for which the visa has been issued.

3. Proof of residence in Paris:

- If you rent or own an apartment or house: the last electric or gas bill; the last rent receipt, *quittance*; an insurance contract or the rental agreement, if it is less than 3-months old (original and one photocopy);
- If you live in a private person's residence: your host should provide an affidavit *certificat d'hébergement* stating that you live at the address that he/she provides. The host must also provide a copy of his/her identity card or residence permit, the last electric bill, or last rent receipt, *quittance* or house insurance contract;
- If you live in a *foyer* (hostel): please provide a recent affidavit issued by the director of the *foyer*. (This document must be less than three months old).

4. Proof of resources (original and photocopies):

- Proof of finances: you must provide documents indicating that you have financing at a minimum level of 450 euros per month, if you do not have dependents. Exceptions if you have a scholarship or have been admitted to one of the European Union Special Programs: Leonardo, Erasmus, Jeunesse et Service Volontaire Européen. Present the scholarship documents (financial proof) stamped by the French Consulate for issuance of the visa. **(This is requested for applicants of a first residence card only.)**

If you cannot provide financial proof, you must present documents as follows:

If you cannot provide financial proof, or if you are renewing your residence card, or requesting a change in status present all documents pertaining to the current school year as follows:

- If you have a scholarship: An affidavit indicating the amount, the duration and the nature of your studies on the letterhead of the organization that attributes or manages the scholarships;
- If your resources are provided by a guarantor in France: proof of financial sources requires an affidavit of commitment signed by the guarantor, including his name, address, the amount of the monthly allowance and the duration of his commitment, a photocopy of his ID card or residence permit, proof of his/her income (pay sheets, tax returns, etc);
- If your resources are granted by funds coming from abroad, the most acceptable proof of financial resources is a statement from the applicant's bank, travelers checks, exchange forms or any document proving that you regularly receive funds from abroad and indicating their monthly amount;
- If you contemplate working part time, provide a copy of the job offer stating the nature of the job, the number of hours to be worked and the gross salary;
- If you are an *au-pair*: The *au-pair* contract signed by the service de la Main d'Oeuvre Etrangère, 127, boulevard de la Villette, 75010 Paris. If this document is not immediately available, a letter stating the job offering signed by the family who will employ you.

5. Documents justifying your studies (original and a photocopy);

Certificate of pre-inscription or inscription in a private or public institution, university, high school, institution for technical or vocational studies, etc or;

- a certificate stating that you have been admitted on a program of the European Union (Leonardo, Erasmus, Jeunesse et Service Volontaire Européen);
- or an internship contract (*convention de stage, tripartite: étudiant, employeur, organisme de formation*);
- or a professional internship contract signed by the intern host establishment.

6. Three recent ID pictures, format (3.5cm x 4.5cm) taken full face, no head apparel and not scanned

For items A, B and C below, please refer to the following:

For complete information please refer to the following website since certain academic establishments have concluded agreements with the French authorities concerning French residence cards:

http://www.prefecture-police-paris.interieur.gouv.fr/module_rdv/etudiants/

A. To obtain the renewal of your student residence permit:

Two months prior to the expiration of your residence permit (*carte de séjour*), you must make an appointment on the website of the Préfecture de Police: (<http://www.prefecture-police-paris.interieur.gouv.fr>) under *prise de rendez-vous option étudiants étrangers*. You should complete the webform in order to make an appointment. You will be given a date and place for an appointment. You may also call tel. 08 21 00 19 75 (toll call) general information in English and French and information on scheduling and appointment.

B. To obtain a copy of your student residence permit or advise of a change of address, change of civil status *état-civil* (marriage, divorce, etc):

You must make an appointment on the website of the Préfecture de Police: (<http://www.prefecture-police-paris.interieur.gouv.fr>) under *prise de rendez-vous option étudiants étrangers*. You should complete the webform in order to make an appointment. You will be given a date and place for an appointment. You may also call 08 21 00 19 75 (toll call). If you are requesting a **copy of your residence permit** you must submit documents listed in items 1, 2, 3 and 6 on the list on pages 58-59. In case of loss of your residence permit you must submit a certificate provided by the U.S. consulate with your photograph. If your passport, with the residence card was stolen, you must obtain a police report from the nearest police station and a new U.S. passport.

C. Change of Student Status

In certain circumstances, a student may change his/her residence status in France. You may refer to the following websites for further information: http://www.prefecture-police-paris.interieur.gouv.fr/module_rdv/etudiants/ or http://www.prefecture-police-paris.interieur.gouv.fr/demarches/etrangers/paris/sejour/etudiant_nonce.htm.

If a student is in possession of a **signed conditional letter of employment** from a French company, or a **signed contract** to work in France he/she may apply for a change in of resident status. You must present your current residence card and go to student centers (on page 57 of this guide) **without an appointment** for further information.

If you are a student requesting a **change of status** you must submit documents listed in items 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 on the list on pages 58-59.

If you live just outside of Paris please see following addresses, phone numbers and websites where you may obtain information for student resident cards.

Préfecture de la Seine et Marne (Melun 77)	01.64.71.77.77.	
Préfecture des Yvelines (Versailles 78)	01.39.49.78.00.	http://www.yvelines.pref.gouv.fr
Préfecture de l'Essonne (Evry 91)	01.69.91.91.91.	http://www.essonne.pref.gouv.fr
Préfecture des Hauts-de-Seine (Nanterre 92)	01.40.97.20.00.	http://www.hauts-de-seine.pref.gouv.fr
Préfecture de la Seine-Saint-Denis (Bobigny 93)	01.41.60.60.60.	http://www.seine-saint-denis.pref.gouv.fr/
Préfecture du Val de Marne (Créteil 94)	01.49.56.60.00.	http://www.val-de-marne.pref.gouv.fr
Préfecture du Val-d'Oise (Cergy-Pontoise 95)	01.34.25.25.25.	http://www.val-doise.pref.gouv.fr

STUDENT PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

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American students in France can, under certain conditions, obtain a temporary work permit for part-time work during the summer vacation months or during the academic year. Students who register to study in French schools which do not provide French Social Security medical insurance coverage are not eligible for temporary work permits. If you would like to participate in a study/work program, please check directly with the academic institutions for specific eligibility requirements for part-time work in France.

Students, over the age of 18, who are enrolled in courses at the University level in France, may work a **total of 964** hours during a one-year period on the basis of a 35 hour work week, but may not work more than 20 hours per week.

Temporary work permits are usually given to students who do not have sufficient private resources to pursue their studies. Thus, recipients of student grants or scholarships and those who have sufficient financial means are not authorized to have temporary work permits.

Where to apply for a temporary work permit:

In Paris, students must make an application in order to work on a part-time basis at the : **Service de la Main d'Oeuvre Etrangère**, 127 Boulevard de la Villette, 75010 Paris - Métro: Jaurès or Stalingrad / Tel: 01 44 84 42 86 / 16

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

American students attending French universities outside of Paris should apply for their *autorisation provisoire de travail* at the Direction Départementale du Travail, Service de la Main d'Oeuvre Etrangère, of the area (*département*) in which they are a student.

In order for students to work part-time, all employers must submit documents to the préfecture that issued the student's French residence card in France. Please refer to information on:

http://www.prefecture-police-paris.interieur.gouv.fr/demarches/etrangers/paris/sejour/etudiant_nonce.htm#premiere

The employer must submit the following to the prefecture:

- name of company, or last and first name of employer, address, “numéro de système d’identification du répertoire des entreprises (SIRET)” or « numéro sous lequel les cotisations de sécurité sociale sont versées (URSSAF) ”;
- exact date of first day of employment
- student’s residence card number;
- type of employment, length of contract and annual number of working hours

The Student must submit:

- a legible copy of his/her residence card

NB. Certain types of students must follow rules of normal employment authorization procedures. Please consult the office of the Ministry of Labor, Service de la Main d’Oeuvre Etrangère if you are:

- are working on a Ph.d;
- carrying out research;
- a teaching or research assistant;
- are an doing an internship

Employers may send an email to the following email address for complete details.

PREFPOL.DPG-SDAE-6B-DECLAR-PREALABLE-ETUDIANT@interieur.gouv.fr

How to find part-time employment:

For those students who receive authorization to work part-time, it is up to the student to find his/her employment. Those attending a French university can consult the Centre Régional des Oeuvres Universitaires et Scolaires (CROUS) which will have job opportunities on file. Students can also consult the classified sections of local newspapers.

A good source of information about temporary employment in France is the **Centre d’Information et de Documentation Jeunesse** 101 Quai Branly, 75740 Paris Cédex 15, Tel: 0825 09 06 30. The CIDJ offers a useful information sheet: *Règlementation et Recherche d’Emploi pour les Edudiants Etrangers pendant les Vacances Universitaires* (No. 5.543.) There are several CIDJ in France.

The annual grape and other agricultural harvests in France offer opportunities for students for temporary jobs. Also, some summer camps (*colonies de vacances*) need foreign students because of their language qualifications. Such employment would not come under the 35 hours per week limitation; ask the CIDJ for their information sheet on *Travaux Saisonniers Agricoles*.

The **Council on International Educational Exchange (see Parenthèse on following page)** provides assistance for students seeking employment in accordance with the French Ministry of Labor’s requirements. This program allows international higher education students to obtain the necessary documents to work legally in France. Students on the Work in France program need to have an intermediate, or advanced level of French. Students will be asked to find employment and are free to choose almost any position offered. Program participants typically work as waiters/bartenders, salespersons, teachers, amusement park and hotel staff.

If you would like to know more about this C.I.E.E. program, or find out how to apply, contact:

Parenthèse

(official partner of the CIEE
(Council on International Educational Exchange) in France
39, rue de l'Arbalète
75005 Paris

Tel: 01 43 36 37 07

Fax: 01 43 36 54 48

Work Abroad

Council on International Exchange
<http://www.ciee.org/>

OTHER INFORMATION SOURCES:

**Association Inter-Etudiants en Sciences
Economiques et Commerciales (AIESEC)**

14 rue Rouen
75019 Paris

Tel: 01 40 36 22 33

Fax: 01 42 05 94 77

**Services des Echanges et des Stages Agricoles dans le Monde
(SESAME)**

9 square Fabriel Fauré
75015 Paris

Tel: 01 40 54 07 08

Fax: 01 40 54 06 39

Centre d'Information et de Documentation Jeunesse (CIDJ)

101 Quai Branly
75740 Paris Cédex 15

Tel: 0825 09 06 30

Fax: 01 40 65 02 61

Club des Quatre Vents

1 rue Gozlin
75006 Paris

Tel: 01 43 29 60 20

Fax: 01 43 29 06 21

Inter Echanges

2 avenue Général Leclerc
75014 Paris

Tel: 01 40 47 54 54

Fax: 01 40 47 54 55

Maison Internationale de la Jeunesse et des Etudiants

11 rue Fauconnier
75004 Paris

Tel: 01 42 74 23 45

AU-PAIR EMPLOYMENT

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Some students and au-pairs who have acquired a long-stay visa for under one year are exempted from obtaining a carte de séjour as long as their visas are currently valid. This exemption will be written directly on the visa.

Au-pair programs are available to foreign students studying in France, male as well as female. An *au-pair* receives room, board and spending money in return for light housework, baby-sitting, and help at mealtimes. These programs are monitored by the French Ministry of Labor which has established the rules and requirements for *au-pair* work. For administrative purposes, an *au-pair* is designated as a *stagiaire aide familiale*.

Basic requirements:

An *au-pair* must be at least 18 years of age and no more than 30. The student is expected to have a fair knowledge of, and to be studying, the French language. During the school year, a minimum stay of three months is required. The regular program length is normally one year, but may be extended to a maximum of 18 months. A student may stay with more than one family during the *au-pair* period, but the total stay cannot exceed 18 months. There are also summer *au-pair* programs of one to three months. In these cases, the requirement that the *au-pair* should be taking French courses is waived if the student has completed at least one year of college-level studies in French.

The Au-Pair's family (*famille d'accueil*):

The objective of the *au-pair* program is to give the foreign student the opportunity to practice and perfect their French and to benefit materially and psychologically from their studies and their temporary stay in France by sharing in a French family's life. Consequently, foreign families in France and unmarried persons without children are usually not authorized to hire an *au-pair*. The family must provide room and board. The *au-pair* will normally share meals with the family members and, insofar as possible, be lodged in a private bedroom.

The Au-Pair's schedule:

The daily work schedule should be arranged in advance between the family and the *au-pair* allowing the student enough time for his/her studies. Normally, the *au-pair* is not expected to work more than five hours a day. The family should give the *au-pair* one day off each week, one of which should be a Sunday. The *au-pair* should always have the opportunity to go to church even if Sunday is a working day.

Au-Pair visa requirements:

American citizens coming to France to work as an *au-pair* must obtain the appropriate *au pair* visa in the U.S. from the French Consulate having jurisdiction over their place of residence. This requirement is mandatory: it is not possible to enter France as a 'tourist' and then change status to that of *au-pair*.

The classic *au-pair* (one who will be taking some French language and civilization courses while working for a French family) should arrange a work agreement or contract directly with a family, or through an *au-pair* organization (see list below,) and then apply to the nearest French Consulate for a *visa de long séjour* as a *stagiaire aide familiale*. A work contract approved by the French Ministry of Labor is a prerequisite for a visa. See the Embassy's information sheet on "Visa Requirements for France" for a list of the addresses of French consular offices in the United States. Americans who have come to France with a student visa and have obtained a residence permit and registered at a French university or school can obtain *au-pair* status after arrival in France. As in the case of the classic *au-pair*, the student *au-pair* will need to find a family and obtain the French Ministry of Labor's approval of the work contract.

Pocket Money:

The *au-pair* should receive approximately 270 euros per month in pocket money (as opposed to wages as such.) Some families provide their *au-pair* with a *carte orange* (a monthly pass valid for the Métro, buses, and suburban trains,) but they are not required to do so by Ministry of Labor regulations.

Social Security Coverage:

The family must declare the *au-pair* as a *stagiaire aide familiale* to the French Social Security Administration (U.R.S.S.A.F.) and make the monthly contribution (*côtisation*) in order for the *au-pair* to receive social security benefits in the event of illness or accidents. The monthly contribution, paid by the host family, is approximately 144 euros.

Approval of work contract:

The French family or *au-pair* organization can obtain contract forms in triplicate from the Foreign Labor Branch of the Ministry of Labor office (Direction Départementale du Travail et de la Main d'Oeuvre) at the Préfecture in each of the 95 French departments. In Paris, this address is: Service de la Main d'Oeuvre Etrangère, 127 Boulevard de la Villette, 75010 Paris / Tel: 01 44 84 42 86/41-00 Métro: Jaurès or Stalingrad

The completed contract forms, signed by both parties, must be returned to the Service de la Main d'Oeuvre Etrangère accompanied by:

- 1) A medical certificate from a doctor who has examined the *au-pair* within the last three months, along with a French translation and;
- 2) The student card (if applying as a student already resident in France) or transcript or other evidence of student status in the United States (if applying for the visa in the United States as a regular *au-pair*.) The Service de la Main d'Oeuvre Etrangère will approve and stamp the contract form, returning two copies to the family or organization, which must provide one copy to the *au-pair* for use in applying for the visa and for residence and work permits.

Residence and work permits:

After arrival in France with a visa, the classic *au-pair* must apply within eight days for a residence permit. (See the pages on "Residence Permits (*Cartes de séjour*) for France.")

Some students and au-pairs who have acquired a long-stay visa for under one year are exempted from obtaining a carte de séjour as long as their visas are currently valid. This exemption will be written on the visa.

Along with the work contract, the classic *au-pair* must present evidence of registration in a French language school (Alliance Française, the Sorbonne, etc.). Evening classes are not acceptable. After obtaining a *carte de séjour*, the *au-pair* returns to the Service de la Main d'Oeuvre Etrangère to receive a temporary work permit (*autorisation provisoire de travail*.) The permit is normally valid for six months, and is renewable.

Au-Pair organizations:

The organizations listed below assist students in finding *au-pair* employment. While the Embassy cannot assume any responsibility for the competence and integrity of these organizations, it has verified that all of those on this list are prepared to assist Americans. They usually charge a registration fee for their services.

- Accueil Familial des Jeunes, 23 rue du Cherche-Midi, 75006 Paris; Tel: 01 42 22 50 34
- L'Alliance Française, 101 Boulevard Raspail, 75006 Paris; Tel: 01 42 84 90 00
- Institut Catholique, 21 rue d'Assas, 75006 Paris; Tel: 01 45 48 31 70

Further information may be found at: <http://www.cidj.com/contents/309092003165550.pdf>

NON REMUNERATED EMPLOYMENT

Semi-skilled or unskilled work on collective work projects:

Young men and women, including Americans and other foreigners, have the opportunity in France during the summer vacation months to obtain room and board in exchange for unskilled and semi-skilled labor on collective work projects. These projects include agriculture, environment, handicrafts, social welfare, restoration of buildings and monuments, archeology and others -- all in an international educational and cultural context aimed at the development of youth. Project sites are located in various regions of France.

Conditions of programs:

Participants do not have to be students, but most programs have a minimum age requirement (see list below.) Some require the participant to be less than 30 years old; others have no age limit. Most expect the participant to work from five to eight hours daily, five days a week. The programs vary in length from a few weeks to several months; some are available the year around. The foreign participant must pay his own transportation costs to and from France, as well as the costs of travel to and from the program site in France. The sponsoring organization usually charges registration and participation fees, including liability and health insurance.

Program Organizations:

At present there are ten associations in France sponsoring voluntary work programs (*chantiers de jeunes volontaires bénévoles*) under the overall administration of **Cotravaux** 11 rue de Clichy – 75009 Paris, Tel: 01 48 74 79 20. The ten associations are listed below. Interested persons should write directly to a specific association for detailed information about its program.

SPONSORING ASSOCIATIONS FOR NON-REMUNERATED EMPLOYMENT:

- **Compagnons Batisseurs** Tel: 01 43 73 70 63
5 rue des Immeubles Industriels
75011 Paris
Minimum age: 16
- **Concordia U.N.A.R.E.C** Tel: 01 45 23 00 23
1 rue de Metz
75010 Paris
Minimum age: 15
- **Etudes et Chantiers** Tel: 01 45 38 96 26
33 rue Campagne-Première
75014 Paris
Minimum age: 13
- **Jeunesse & Reconstruction** Tel: 01 47 70 15 88
10 rue de Trévis
75009 Paris
Minimum age: 15

- **Neige & Merveilles** Tel: 04 93 04 62 40
La Minière de Vallauria
06430 Saint-Dalmas de Tende
Minimum age: 18
- **Solidarites Jeunesses** Tel: 01 48 00 09 05
38 rue du Faubourg Saint-Denis
75010 Paris
Minimum age: 15
- **Union R.E.M.P.A.R.T.** Tel: 01 42 71 96 55
1 rue des Guillemites
75004 Paris
Minimum age: 14
- **Solidarites Jeunesses** Tel: 01 48 00 09 05
38 rue du Faubourg Saint-Denis
75010 Paris
Minimum age: 17
- **Service Civil International** Tel: 01 42 54 62 43
8 rue Camille
75018 Paris
- **Federation Auberges de Jeunesse** Tel: 01 44 89 87 27
27 rue Pajol
75018 Paris

CAVEAT

The United States requires French citizens coming to the United States to enter the U.S. with the appropriate visa if they are coming to work either in the short or long term. French immigrants wishing to work in the United States must be certified by the U.S. Department of Labor. There is no provision in our own law for intercession by foreign embassies on behalf of their citizens who wish to circumvent established procedures. For this reason, the Embassy is not in a position to intercede with French authorities on behalf of Americans seeking visas, visa exemptions and work permits. Most foreigners are not eligible for French Social Security and unemployment

HOUSING / REAL ESTATE AGENCIES

It should be noted that this information sheet in no way constitutes any sort of recommendation by the U.S. Embassy. Housing in France, particularly in the Paris area, is difficult to find and is expensive by American standards. As in the United States, houses, apartments and rooms can be found by consulting the classified advertisements (Locations Offres Vides) or by placing advertisements in local newspapers such as: Le Figaro or the International Herald Tribune, the France-USA Contacts magazine (FUSAC) every 2 weeks, or in any other magazines specializing in real estate (De Particulier à particulier...) addresses are listed below. The internet has recently become another excellent daily source to use in finding an apartment. Several sites are available in Paris. You could also consult the bulletin board located at the American Church of Paris, 65, Quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris. Real estates agencies who wish to be included in this list are cordially invited to make their interests known to the Embassy. The information provided in the Blue Book is updated biannually. All corrections and modifications should be sent to: American Embassy, American Citizen Services, 4, avenue Gabriel, 75382 Paris Cedex 08, or send an Email to us by referring to http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_contact.html.

If you rent an apartment:

The landlord will normally ask to be paid a rental guarantee or deposit (*caution*) equivalent to one or two months rent, but possibly more, plus a month's rent in advance. This will be specified in the lease or contract (*bail*) which is often standard and which should be carefully read to ascertain the responsibilities of the parties. In most cases the deposit is refunded two months after you have vacated the apartment. It is also possible that the landlord may ask for the lease either to be taken out, or guaranteed, directly by the employer. In addition to the rent, each tenant has to pay utilities (*charges*) which usually cover miscellaneous expenses for the building.

Taxes payable by the tenant:

If you have resided in the apartment or house since the 1st of January of a given year, you will have to pay local taxes, *Taxe d'habitation*. This tax varies from one city to another. It depends on several criteria (square meters, number of inhabitants) and the amount is fixed by the city hall. This tax is payable every year. For more information on this subject, you may contact a real estate agency, or a lawyer.

Local Newspapers with classified announcements:

- International Herald Tribune, 6 bis rue des Graviers, 92521 Neuilly Sur Seine Cedex; Tel: 01 41 43 93 85 — Website: (<http://www.iht.com>) Email: iht@iht.com
- Le Figaro, 9, rue Pillet Will, 75009 Paris; Tel: 01.56.52.80.00 Website: (<http://www.explorimmo.com>) or (<http://www.lefigaro.fr>)
- France-Soir, 4 rue Léon Jost, 75017 Paris ; Tel: 01 56 21 00 00
- France U.S.A. Contacts (FUSAC) 26 rue Bénard, 75014 Paris, Tel: 01-56-53-54-54; Fax: 01.56.53.54.53/55; Website: (<http://www.fusac.org>) or (<http://www.fusac.fr>) / Email: fusac@fusac.fr
- In the U.S.: France U.S.A. Contacts (FUSAC), P.O. Box 115, Cooper Station, New York, NY 10276, Tel: (212) 777 55 53; Fax: (212) 777 55 54, Website: (<http://www.fusac.com>); Email: franceusa@fusac.com
- De Particulier à Particulier, 40 rue Docteur Roux 75015 Paris Tel: 01 40 56 35 35 fax: 01.40.56.39.60; Website: <http://www.pap.fr>

REAL ESTATE AGENCIES

The following information is made available as a guide for American citizens looking for housing in France. For more information on this subject, you may wish to contact a real estate agency, an attorney or a *notaire* who can render legal advice on estate and property laws.

Real estate agencies are known as *Agences de Location*. They appear in the yellow pages (Professions) under *Agences de Location d'appartements et de propriétés* and *Location d'appartements*. Listed below are several agencies with English-speaking staff: (It should be noted that this list in no way constitutes any sort of recommendation by the U.S. Embassy.)

Agence Varenne

42 rue Barbet de Jouy

75007 Paris

Tel : 01 45 55 79 00

Email: <mailto:abostrom@agencevarenne.fr>

Website: <http://www.agencevarenne.fr/>

Allô Logement Temporaire

64, rue du Temple, 75003 Paris

Tel: 01 42 72 00 06

Fax: 01 42 72 0311

Email: alt@claranet.fr

BAI (Brunet Accueil International)

7 bis rue Decrès, 75014 Paris

Tel: 01 45 45 10 10

Fax: 01 45 45 10 11

Email: cbrunet3@libertysurf.fr

Cabinet George-V

26, avenue Georges V, 75008 – Paris

Tel: 01 47 23 30 00

Fax: 01 47 20 22 45

Email: agencegv@aol.com

Cattalan-Johnson Immobilier(C.J.I.)

26 rue Brunel, 75017 Paris

Tel: 01 45 74 87 77

Fax: 01 45 74 87 80

Email: cattalanjohnson@wanadoo.fr

Website: <http://www.cattalanjohnson.com>

Century 21, France S.A., (Headquarters) Bat D

3 rue des Cévennes, Petite Montagne Sud,

CE 1701

91017 Evry Cedex Lisses

Tel: 01 69 11 12 21

Website: <http://www.century21france.fr>

Demeure Prestige

42 avenue Montaigne

75008 Paris

Tel: 01 72 74 12 20

Fax: 01 72 74 12 21

Email: prestige@demeure.net

Website: <http://www.demeure.fr>

Executive Relocations

6, rue Copernic, 75116 Paris

Tel: 01 47 55 60 29

Fax: 01 47 55 60 86

Email: info@executive-france.com

Expat Prestige Service

8 rue Gounod

92210 Saint-Cloud

Tel: 01 46 02 23 83

Email: eps.1@wanadoo.fr

FEAU

86, avenue Victor Hugo

75116 Paris

Tel: 0145 53 25 25

Email: feau-victor-hugo@daniel-feau.com

Flatotel (short-term rent only)

14, rue du Théâtre

75015 Paris

Tel: 01 45 75 62 20

Website: <http://www.locaflat.com>

France Global relocation

5 rue Mayran

75009 Paris

Tel: 01 53 20 01 01

Fax: 01 53 20 99 40

Website: <http://www.Relocation.com>

Email: sophie-dumas@FGRelocation.com

Interurbis,

31, rue de Monceau

75008 Paris

Tel: 01 45 63 17 77

Fax: 01 45 61 03 74

Email: contact@inter-urbis.com

La Galerie de l'Immobilier

48, rue Mazarine

75006 Paris

Tel: 01 56 24 44 26

Fax: 01 56 24 13 93

Website : <http://www.galerieimmobilierparis.com>

Email: galerie.immobilier@wanadoo.fr

Les Citadines (short-term rent only)

120 Jean-Jaurès, Levallois Paris Cedex 92532

Tel: 0 825 010 343

Website: <http://www.citadines.com>

Email: societes@citadines.com

Locaflat (short-term rent)

63 avenue de la Motte-Picquet

75015 Paris

Tel: 01 43 06 78 79

OBSImmobilier

82, avenue des Ternes

75017 Paris

Telephone: 01 45 74 08 88

Fax: 01 45 74 85 44

Email: agence@obsi.fr

Website: <http://www.obsi.fr>

RELOCATION COMPANIES

Relocation companies provide a range of services ranging from arranging housing, auto registration, and immigration formalities, to school enrollment, home decorating, and cross-cultural training. The Embassy has prepared this list of relocation services that have indicated a desire to work with English-speaking clients. The Embassy, however, assumes no responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the firms listed above. Inclusion on this list implies no endorsement by the Embassy.

A Good Start in France

8 rue de l'Exposition
75007 Paris
Tel: 01 45 50 25 30/ Fax: 01 45 50 25 32
Email: info@agoodstart.fr
Website: <http://www.agoodstart.fr>

Cocitra

73-77 rue Pascal
75013 Paris
Tel: 01 44 08 19 80/ Fax: 01 44 08 19 89
Website: <http://www.cocitra-relocation.com>

Corporate Relocations France

15 rue Croix Castel
78600 Maisons-Lafitte
Tel: 01 39 12 00 60/ Fax: 01 39 12 70 30
Website: <http://www.corporaterelo-france.com>

Cosmopolitan Services Unlimited

64, bd Malesherbes
75008 Paris
Tel: 01 44 90 10 00/ Fax: 01 44 90 10 11
Website:
<http://www.cosmopolitanservices.com>

Executive Relocations

6 rue Copernic
75116 Paris
Tel: 01 47 55 60 29/ Fax: 01 47 55 60 86
Email: info@executive-france.com

Expat Prestige Service

8 rue Gounod
92210 Saint-Cloud
Tel: 01 46 02 23 83
Email: eps.1@wanadoo.fr

Families on the Move

10 Chemin du Calabert
69130 Ecully (Lyon)
Tel: 04 72 42 39 74
Email: renna@families-on-the-move.com

France Global relocation

5 rue Mayran
75009 Paris
Tel: 01 53 20 01 01/ Fax: 01 53 20 99 40
Website: <http://www.Relocation.com>
Email: sophie-dumas@FGRelocation.com

Louvre Relocation

25 rue Worth
92150 Suresnes
Tel : 08 77 50 84 90
Email: info@louvrerelocation.com
Website: <http://louvrerelocation.com>

Management Mobility Consulting

27-29 rue Raffet
75016 Paris
Tel: 01 42 15 00 69/ Fax: 01 40 50 54 54
Email: mm@management-mobility.com

M2M Tour d'Asnières

4 avenue Laurent Cély
92606 Asnières Cedex,
Tel: 01 41 11 57 70
Fax: 01 47 91 28 20
Website: <http://www.m2m-relocation.com>
Email: m2m@mail.club-internet.fr

Relocation International France

1, rue des Gâte-Ceps

92210 Saint Cloud

Tel: 01 46 02 45 59

Fax: 01 46 02 44 90

Email: contact@relocation-international.fr

Website: <http://www.relocation-international.fr>

Sterling Corporate Relocation

116 avenue Aristide Briand

93153 Le Blanc-Mesnil Cedex

Tel: 01 49 39 47 00

Fax: 01 49 39 47 17

Website: <http://www.sterlingrelocation.com>

Your Relocation Services in Paris**Geneviève Stein**

42 rue Jean-Jaurés

92300 Levallois-Perret

Tel: 01 47 37 36 33

Email: GStein0209@aol.com

Website: <http://apts-rental-relocation-paris.lmsite.net>

Your French Home

5, rue Carriero 83830 Claviers

Consulting, assistance and intervention

services for American renters,

purchasers and owners of real estate in France,

by Laurence Raybois

Website: <http://www.yourfrenchhome.com>

Email: poliana@yourfrenchhome.com

Tel. in the U.S.: (425)836-3587

Tel. in France: 04 94 76 78 44

Personal Services

These companies provide a range of services from arranging housing, auto registration, and other formalities, to school enrollment, home decorating, and cross-cultural training. The Embassy has prepared a list of companies that have indicated a desire to work with English-speaking clients. The Embassy, however, assumes no responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the firms listed below. Inclusion on this list implies no endorsement by the Embassy. The information provided in the Blue Book is updated biannually. All corrections and modifications should be sent to: American Embassy, American Citizen Services, 4, avenue Gabriel, 75382 Paris Cedex 08 or send an Email to us by referring to http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_contact.html.

At Your Service:

This company offers a comprehensive range of personal, and corporate services aimed at simplifying busy schedules, reducing stress, and making Paris easier. Some of these services are: errand running, party planning, settling-in assistance, house hunting, referrals, administrative assistance, etc.

Telephone 01 47 95 12 30

Website: (<http://www.atyourserviceparis.com>)

Email: info@atyourserviceparis.com

Culture Crossings:

Seminars and workshops on intercultural management issues and living in France and other countries, as well as books about getting the most out of working, visiting and living in France. Polly Platt, consultant and author of French or Foe and Savoir-Flair, established the company in France in 1986. Culture Crossings, Ltd., 51, rue de Bellechasse, 75007 Paris

Tel: 45 56 04 62

Fax: 01 45 55 91 86

Website: (<http://www.pollyplatt.com/>)

Email: platt@club-internet.fr

Americans Moving to France:

5, rue Carriero 83830 Claviers

Consulting and intervention services in the areas of schooling in France for American children and employment in France for Americans, by Laurence Raybois

<http://www.americansmovingtofrance.com>

Email: poliana@yourfrenchhome.com

Tel. in the U.S.: (425) 836-3587

Tel. in France: 04 94 76 78 44

HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS (IMPORT/EXPORT)

EXPORT FROM FRANCE (AS APPLICABLE TO A RETURNING U.S. CITIZEN):

DISCLAIMER: The information below relating to French legal requirements is provided for general information only and may not be totally accurate in a particular case.

Questions involving interpretations of specific provisions or application to a specific case should be addressed to French government officials. For U.S. customs regulations please refer to

<http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/toolbox/publications/travel/movinghouseholdgoods.ctt/moving.doc>

The following documents are required in order to ship personal effects and furniture when moving from France. (Used household & personal items qualify as effects when they have been owned and used for 6 months or more and are intended for personal use in the new place of residence.)

- **Photocopy of the U.S. passport and visa and/or carte de séjour**
- **Detailed Itemized List of Articles (Inventaire-Détaillé):**
This itemized list is a list of all personal effects and furniture, including automobiles, being exported. It must also include a sworn statement declaring that the articles listed on the inventory have been owned and used by the exporting party for more than 6 months. U.S. customs request that this inventory be as complete as possible, indicating the value in euros and dollars and a description of each article. (Your shipping company may furnish an example showing the format of this listing.)
- **Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles** (Form OMB NO. 1515-0053)
This document is required by the U.S. Department of Treasury and may be supplied by your shipping company.
- **A Change of Residence Certification (*Certificat de changement de domicile*):**
This document may be obtained at the préfecture de police in your area, the city hall (*mairie*) or at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy during [notarial hours](#).
- **For someone who has been employed in France:**
You should obtain a letter from your employer stating when you starting working there, that you are leaving France with a mention of the amount of time you have spent at the firm in France.

You must contact your shipping company concerning items that have been detaxed or will be detaxed prior to your departure. For this purpose you will need to submit the original receipts.

You may also need proof of payment of French taxes, if applicable. Please ask your shipping company for details.

Restrictions:

1. For the exportation of collector's items or items more than 100 years old there are long and detailed, sometimes expensive, formalities including a export permit (*permis d'exportation* which can be obtained from the Banque de France or the French Customs office. For all questions concerning exportation of works of art or other valuable items, please contact the following center:

Centre des renseignements statistiques
8 rue de la Tour des Dames
pièce 1110
75436 Paris Cedex 09
Tel: 0820 02 44 44
Email: crs@douane.finances.gouv.fr
Website: <http://www.douane.gouv.fr>

2. In order to export a quantity of alcoholic beverages a permit is required from the Tax office.
3. A certificate of origin is needed to export Champagnes & Cognacs. (This document is provided by the wine merchant.)

ALL KEYS: should be labeled and attached to all trunks or pieces of furniture

Exporting Automobiles:

If exporting a car, it should be listed on the Inventory Declaration for U.S. Customs, stating the year of manufacture, the original cost, the make, the model, and whether it meets U.S. specifications. You will need the French registration (*carte grise*) and the official clearance certificate (*certificat de non gage*). Please contact your shipping company for further information.

IMPORT INTO FRANCE:

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The documents listed below are required for the duty-free shipment of personal effects & furniture by a person moving to France. (Effects and furniture are considered to be personal effects when they have been owned and used for six months or more, (or one year for an automobile,) and are intended for personal use in the new place of residence.) French regulations require that the effects be shipped within a period of one year from the declared date

on the stamped Change of Residence Certification. Please refer to <http://www.info-france-usa.org/intheus/customs/1000.asp> for further information.

1. A Change of Residence Certification (*Certificat de Changement de Domicile*):

This document may be obtained at the French Embassy or consulate nearest the place of departure. This certification states the date of the change of residence and MUST be stamped by a French consular official.

2. Detailed Itemized List of Articles (*Inventaire Détaillé*):

This is an itemized list of all personal effects and furniture, including automobiles, being imported. Each article is itemized in a comprehensive list, in duplicate, signed and dated, for goods you are importing into France as part of your move (in one or more shipments), with the identification of their value. The inventory should be as complete as possible, indicating the value in dollars and giving a description of all valuable properties, such as antiques, collector's items, and cars.

- (a) for at least six months for all personal effects, and furniture,
- (b) for vehicles please refer to the French consulate in your area or the following website:

<http://www.info-france-usa.org/intheus/customs/5000.asp>

This Inventory should be in French and must be stamped at a French Embassy or French consulate in the United States.

For all questions concerning importation of works of art or other valuable items, please contact the:

Centre des renseignements statistiques
8 rue de la Tour des Dames
pièce 1110
75436 Paris Cedex 09
Tel: 0820 02 44 44
Email: crs@douane.finances.gouv.fr
Website: <http://www.douane.gouv.fr>

Included as Duty-Free Household Effects:

You may import personal effects (wearing apparel, jewelry, toilet articles, hunting and fishing equipment and similar effects) as well as household effects (furniture, carpets, dishes, linen, libraries, pictures and similar household furnishings) free of duty and tax, provided you meet the conditions mentioned above.

Household Effects that are not Duty-Free:

Motors imported separately from the vehicle or appliance; speed boats; pleasure craft (except canoes and kayaks); school, store & office furniture; wine, alcoholic beverages; trucks and utility vehicles; and raw materials.

Restrictions on Duty-Free Household Effects:

A person who is importing a television should go to a *Radiodiffusion Television* office soon after arrival in France. All televisions used in France are subject to taxation (*redevance audiovisuelle*.) However, some American-made televisions must be drastically adapted to work in France, (which uses a SECAM L system) and the cost of this procedure is often higher than the cost of a new television. There are customs restrictions on the importation of various guns, ammunitions, and certain printed matter. Check with the nearest French Consulate in the U.S. to obtain the specific restrictions on the importation of these objects.

Warning:

Household goods and personal effects imported free of duty and tax as part of your moving to France may not be sold or otherwise disposed of for a period of 1 year after they have been cleared through customs, unless duties and taxes are paid at the applicable rate. Duties and taxes must be paid before the sale is completed.

Importing a Private Vehicle to France:

For information on Importing a Private Vehicle into France from Canada or the U.S., please see following website: <http://www.info-france-usa.org/intheus/customs/5000.asp>

AUTOMOBILE AND DRIVING INFORMATION

DISCLAIMER: The information below relating to French legal requirements is provided for general information only and may not be totally accurate in a particular case. Questions involving interpretations of specific provisions or application to a specific case should be addressed to French government officials.

If you are a temporary visitor to France (less than 90 days,) you may drive with a valid U.S. driver's license. In addition to having your U.S. driver's license, visitors are strongly advised to carry an International Driving permit, or attach a French translation to their U.S. driver's license.

If you are a resident of France (holder of a *carte de séjour* or *carte de residence*,) you may drive in France with a valid U.S. driver's license **for a one-year recognition period, beginning on the date of validity of the first *carte de séjour*.** After this one year period you may no longer drive with a U.S. license and must pass both the French written and road examinations. (Exceptions, persons with a U.S. license issued by one of the 14 states with reciprocity agreements (see below) and students who are allowed to use their driver's license for the duration of their studies). In addition to having your U.S. driver's license, residents are also required to attach a French translation done by a sworn translator (*traducteur expert-juré*) or an International Driver's license. **Students** are allowed to use their drivers' licenses for the duration of their studies.

NOTE: Persons with valid U.S. driver's licenses, issued prior to their first entry into France as a resident, from the states of **Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia** may 'exchange' their state licenses for French permits. This is because these 14 states offer a reciprocal privilege of exchange for French citizens holding French permits in the United States.

IMPORTANT: If you are a resident of France (holder of a *carte de séjour* or *carte de resident*,) and you have a U.S. license issued from one of the 14 states, you may drive in France with a valid U.S. driver's license for a one-year recognition period. This period begins on the first date of validity of the first *carte de séjour*; after this one year period you may no longer drive with a U.S. license. If your license was issued in one of the 14 states mentioned above, you must exchange your U.S. license within one year from the date of your first French residence card. If you do not exchange the U.S. license you must take both the French written and road examinations.

OBTAINING A FRENCH DRIVER'S LICENSE:

(Please note that in most cases you will relinquish your U.S. driver's license when you choose the option of exchanging it for a French license. If you would like to keep your U.S. license you will have to pass both the written and road tests in France. A French license can be exchanged for a U.S. license if the original U.S. license was obtained in one of the 14 states mentioned below.)

If you have a driver's license from one of these 14 states: **Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia** you may apply for the French driver's license (*permis de conduire*) in your city of residence at least three months before the expiration of your first year of residency to allow sufficient time for the required formalities. Go to the Prefecture de Police to make the exchange. If residing in Paris, apply in person at the Prefecture de Police (ground floor,) 7

Boulevard du Palais, 75004 Paris - Métro: Cité, Tel: 01-53-71-53-71 (ask for the *service des permis de conduire*.) Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All applicants for exchange must furnish the following documents (before the end of the first year of residence, **otherwise the driver is no longer insured and may not continue to drive in France**):

1. Form to request the driver's license (available at the Préfecture)
2. The U.S. Driver's license with sworn translation in French. (For married women, if maiden name or married name does not appear on the driver's license, a statement or official document showing both names is required.) Some *préfectures* may also require a "notarized translation" done in the form of an sworn affidavit at the consular section of the Embassy (notaries) between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday for a \$30 fee, or the euro equivalent; each additional seal provided at the same time in connection with the same transaction will cost \$20, or the euro equivalent.
3. Proof of current address: Statement of domicile or electricity bill or rent receipt;
4. *Carte de sejour* with photocopy of both sides;
5. Two (2) passport size photographs;
6. This service may be free of charge in certain areas. Please check with your local *préfecture*.

If you do not have a driver's license from one of the 14 states with reciprocity agreements: Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia...

If you do not have a driver's license from one of the 14 states with reciprocity agreements, you must take the written and driving portions of the French licensing examination before you have resided in France for one year. **If you continue to drive with your U.S. license after one year of French residency, then the driver is no longer insured.** Once the file is approved by the Prefecture, there is a one month required waiting period before the candidate is eligible to sit for the written test. Once the written test is passed, there is another required waiting period of two weeks before the candidate is permitted to take the driving test. Taking into account the waiting periods, the application process should be started well before the end of the first year of residence.

The French license that you will obtain is a restricted license (*permis probatoire*) based on 6 points, and valid for three years. A regular license has 12 points. Points may be deducted as a result of infractions of the French driving code during the three year probationary period. If all the points are subtracted during this time, then the license will be revoked. After the initial three-year period, in which you have maintained a good driving record, you will receive a regular license that has 12 points.

Although there is no required number of lesson hours, the driving exam must be completed with a dual command car. As a consequence, you will have to go through a driving school. Special sessions are organized for people who do not speak French well. In order to make the written test easier for non-French speakers, you may request to be assisted by a translator, who may be a friend or relative.

Driving school

The Embassy assumes no responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the listed persons or agencies. The firm below has at least one English-speaking instructor, although fluency may vary. For other English language speaking schools, please contact the prefecture de police.

Fehrenbach Driving School, 53 Blvd Henri-Sellier, 92150 Suresnes Tel: 01 45 06 31 17

REPLACING EXPIRED, LOST OR STOLEN U.S. DRIVER'S LICENSES:

The Embassy is not authorized to replace expired, lost and stolen U.S. driver's licenses. Only the Department of Motor Vehicles in the driver's home state can perform that service.

If you had your driver's license stolen in France, report it immediately to the *commissariat (police station)* having jurisdiction over the area where the theft occurred. The *commissariat* will issue a *Recepissé de Déclaration de Perte ou de Vol de Pièces d'Identité* ("Acknowledgement of Declaration of Theft of Identity Documents".)

No report will be made for lost driver's licenses.

This *recepissé* will generally substitute for a driver's license for a few weeks, but replacements may only be obtained at the DMV in the state where the license was originally issued. The *recepissé* is good for this purpose only in France. If your state requires a sworn affidavit or a notarized application for a replacement license, the Embassy's American Citizen Services can notarize the application.

Notarial and authentication services are currently open in Paris Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., **except on [French and American holidays](#)**.

For further information, please refer to the Embassy's website at:

http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_notarial.html. Office hours are subject to change. See also page 22 of this guide.

International Driver's License:

The American Automobile Association (AAA) issues International driver's licenses in the United States. You will have to request an application "APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT or INTER-AMERICAN DRIVING PERMIT" from the

American Automobile Association,
1000 A A A Drive
Heathrow FL 32746-5063

or from your local AAA office (please check their website (<http://www.aaa.com>) for state-by-state recommendations.) Return the completed application to the appropriate state address, or to the

address in Florida provided above, with a photocopy of your valid U.S. driver's license, two passport-size (2 x 2 inches or 5 x 5 cm.) photographs and a check (U.S. banks only) or International money order for \$10.00 payable to the AAA. The International driver's license issued by the AAA is valid for one year.

The American Automobile Touring Alliance offers permits through the National Automobile Club. Call (650) 294-7000 (M-F, 8:30-5:00 Pacific Time) or access their website at (<http://www.nationalautoclub.com>). This international permit is valid for only one year from the date of issue, and must be accompanied by a valid U.S. Driver's license.

An International driver's license is valid only for use by U.S. citizens who are here temporarily (less than 90 days.) The International Driving Permit is translated into the nine official languages of the United Nations, including French and English and serves as a translation to be used in conjunction with the visitor's valid driver's license. It can be useful in emergencies such as traffic violations or auto accidents, particularly when a foreign language is involved.

CAR INSURANCE AND REGISTRATION

DISCLAIMER: The information below relating to French legal requirements is provided for general information only and may not be totally accurate in a particular case. Questions involving interpretations of specific provisions or application to a specific case should be addressed to French government officials.

An unlimited third party liability insurance policy is compulsory for all automobiles driven in France. Whether the owner accompanies the automobile or not, the vehicle must be insured. As proof of insurance, the owner must present an international motor insurance card (yellow if the policy is purchased in France, green otherwise) showing that the vehicle is insured in France. Please see the list of English-speaking insurance companies in Paris.

Documentation for motor vehicles:

General Information: Foreign-registered automobiles entering France by road or ferry are not normally documented by French Customs at the point of entry. Vehicles shipped to France are treated differently. The shipping company is issued a *déclaration d'admission* by French Customs at the seaport which is delivered to the owner with the car.

The French Customs Office decides if U.S. license plates can be used in France or if French plates (*plaques d'immatriculation*) are required. In general, cars imported for less than three months can keep their U.S. plates; those brought in for more than three months need French plates. After having cleared their vehicles through a French port of entry, Americans who plan to reside temporarily or permanently in France should consult the local Customs Office to establish the status of their vehicles. In Paris, the address is: French Customs Office (*Bureau du dédouanement*), 1 Boulevard Ney, 75018 Paris; Tel: 01 53 35 92 00.

In addition to license plates, imported automobiles should have a nationality *plate* (*plaque de nationalite*) mounted near the rear license plate. These plates (usually an adhesive plastic disk) can be purchased at most auto accessory stores. An American using U.S. license plates should mount a "USA" disk.

Once an imported vehicle has been processed through the French Customs Office, the most practical way to document the vehicle or, if necessary, to register it (obtain a *certificat d'immatriculation*, often referred to as *carte grise*) and get license plates is to apply to: Automobile Club de l'Ile de France, 14 avenue de la Grande Armée, 75017 Paris, Tel: 01-40-55-43-00, Website: (<http://www.autoclubs.org>), Email: acf@autoclubs.org.

The Automobile Club has offices or representatives in most cities and larger towns in France, and motorists outside of Paris should contact the regional offices in major cities to document their vehicles.

Tourists:

Foreign tourists may bring a car or motorcycle into France duty-free, and operate their vehicles with foreign license plates and a nationality disk. No other documentation is required as long as the vehicle is exported within three months. Americans who buy a car in France for tourist use and export without paying the French sales tax (T.V.A.) will be authorized temporary "TT" license plates by the French Customs Office for a period of six months only.

Temporary Residents:

Temporary residents (holders of *cartes de séjour temporaire*) are exempted from payment of customs duties on cars they import if they can show that they will stay in France less than one year and that they have a permanent residence outside of France. An incoming resident must have owned the vehicle at least six months before coming to France, and have resided outside of France for at least one year.

Long-Term Residents:

Americans residing in France (holders of three-year *carte de séjour de résident ordinaire* and the ten-year *carte de séjour de résident privilégié*) are not entitled to customs exemptions on imported motor vehicles. They must pay customs duties, register the vehicle, and equip it with French license plates. It must also be shown that the vehicle has been registered and all taxes and duties paid in the country from which the vehicle is being imported. In addition, the owner of a car accorded duty-free status must give assurances that the vehicle will not be sold or used by someone else in France for at least one year from the date of authorization of duty-free status. Some categories of foreigners may be granted duty-free entry of cars for more than a year. All questions of exemptions (*franchise douanière*) and extensions of exemptions should be referred to the French Customs Office in French at (<http://www.douane.gouv.fr>); French customs office in English at: (<http://www.info-france-usa.org>).

Sales and transfers of ownership:

The sale of a car imported duty-free must be processed at the French Customs Office. Both the buyer and the seller must execute a title transfer request (*demande de transfert*.) The seller must also complete a bill of sale (*certificat de vente*). Foreigners must present their passports, as well as all ownership documents.

A vehicle in temporary, duty-free status in France can be sold to another non-resident without payment of customs duties and taxes if the car is exported from France before expiration of the duty-free period. Only one such duty-free transfer can be made for any single vehicle. Customs duties and taxes must be paid by the seller to the French Customs Office on any car sold to a resident of France. The seller must give the customs certificate (*certificat de dédouanement*) to the buyer as proof that customs duties have been paid on the vehicle.

After obtaining approval from the Customs Office, a foreign buyer must register the car at the Prefecture of Police or at the automobile club of their choice (see above.) The registration of the vehicle should be processed as quickly as possible (within two weeks) after the Customs Office formalities are completed. An American planning to sell a duty-free vehicle should inform the Paris or local Customs Office of their intentions and confirm that the circumstances of the sale pose no customs problems.

French specifications:

To use a car imported from the U.S. to France for more than 6 months, you need approval from the 'Service des Mines' of the Prefecture. For Paris, please contact the Prefecture de Police, Service des Mines; Tel: 01 53 71 33 69

MARRIAGE and PACS IN FRANCE

DISCLAIMER: *The information below relating to French legal requirements is provided for general information only and may not be totally accurate in a particular case. Questions involving interpretations of specific provisions or application to a specific case should be addressed to French government officials. The Embassy is not in a position to intercede with French authorities on behalf of Americans seeking exceptions from French marriage requirements or PACS requirements.*

The following information is presented as a **guide** for civilian American citizens contemplating marriage in France. Since each marriage is specific, the documentary requirements may vary. Although marriage statutes in the United States differ from state to state, a marriage performed in France under French law is recognized in all states. American diplomatic and consular officers **do not** have the legal authority to perform marriages. Marriages **cannot** be performed within the Embassy or within an American Consular Office in France.

Civil and religious ceremonies:

Civil Ceremony: To be legal, all marriages in France **must** be performed by a French civil authority, i.e., an *officier de l'état civil*, **before** any religious ceremony takes place. In practice, this means the mayor (*maire*) or his legally authorized representative, such as a deputy mayor (*adjoint*) or a town councilor (*conseiller municipal*) of the town must perform the marriage. It is **mandatory** that at least one of the parties to be married has resided in France for at least **forty (40) days** immediately preceding the marriage. **All Americans marrying in France must comply with this requirement.**

Religious ceremony: A religious ceremony may be performed after (never before) the civil ceremony. The minister, priest or rabbi performing the religious ceremony will require the certificate of civil marriage (*certificat de célébration civile*) as proof that the civil ceremony has taken place. In France a religious ceremony does not constitute a legal marriage.

Residence requirement and place of marriage:

Marriage:

Americans intending to come to France to marry, and to take up residence in France for a period exceeding three months, must apply for a long-stay visa for marriage (*visa de long séjour pour mariage*) at the French consulate near their residence in the United States prior to departure. At least one of the contracting parties must have resided in France for forty (40) days continuously prior to the marriage: The *mairie* (city hall) or town where the civil ceremony takes place is dictated by the place of residence. If both of the parties to marry meet the residence requirement, but resided in different districts, the civil ceremony may take place in either district of residence. **In general, the 40-day residence requirement cannot be waived.** Only in very exceptional cases can this requirement be waived by a French district attorney (the *Procureur de la République*) for the district in which the marriage will take place. Unfortunately, this precludes a wedding in Paris in those cases where both parties are only visiting for a short stay. Please contact the French Consulate in the U.S. for further information.

Publications of banns:

French law also requires the posting of marriage banns at the appropriate *mairie* no less than ten (10) days preceding the date of marriage. Some city or town halls (*mairie*) may require that the complete marriage file be presented as much as 10 or more days prior to the publication of banns. Please contact your *mairie* to obtain information on this timeframe. The first publication of the banns can be made only at the end of thirty (30) days of residence in France by one party to the marriage.

Documentary requirements for marriage in France:

It is very important that you first obtain information on all the documents required for marriage from the city hall (*mairie*), where you will be married since each city hall has specific requirements.

You must also ask whether or not they will accept the affidavits available at the Embassy. (See section on notarial and authentication services provided at the Consular Section of the Embassy.) Most *mairies* in France require **some or all** of the following documents:

- 1. A valid U.S. passport, a French visa, and/or a French residence permit (*carte de sejour*);**
- 2. A birth certificate (*extrait d'acte de naissance*) less than 3-months-old;**
(Some city halls require an *apostille* on the birth certificate, please see pages 94-97 of this guide or the following website page http://france.usembassy.gov/living_in_france.html.)

Most city halls require that you present a certified copy of your birth certificate less than 3-months-old along with a certified translation. You must obtain the translation from a sworn translator (*traducteur assermenté*). Sworn translators are listed at every *mairie*. Please see page 161 of this guide for a list. **The Embassy does not provide translation services.**

In order to obtain a certified copy of your U.S. birth certificate, please refer to the following Website: (<http://www.vitalchek.com>)

Some city halls may accept a notarized affidavit (*Attestation d'identité et de nationalité*) executed before an American Consular officer in France. Because the information on American birth certificates differs from that provided on French birth certificates, individuals born in the U.S. must generally submit additional information about their marital status. The fee for notarial services at the Consular Section of the Embassy is \$30.00, or the euro equivalent per initial signature/seal; each additional signature/seal provided at the same time in connection with the same transaction will cost \$20 or the euro equivalent. Please see information on notarial services on page before coming to our offices or see our website (http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_notarial.html).

- 3. An affidavit of marital status (*certificat de célibat ou de non-remariage*) less than 3-months-old;**

French city halls also usually require a certificate of celibacy. This can be done in the form of a notarized affidavit (*Attestation tenant lieu de Certificat de Célibat ou de non-remariage*) executed before an American Consular officer in France. The fee is \$30.00, or the euro equivalent per initial signature/seal; each additional signature/seal provided at the same time in connection with the same transaction will cost \$20 or the euro equivalent. Again, keep in mind that some city halls do not accept affidavits and have special requirements. See separate

information sheet on notarial services on page 22 or (http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_notarial.html).

Important Note: an online appointment system will be available in Paris for notarial and authentication services. For information about scheduling an appointment please refer to the following webpage: <http://france.usembassy.gov/service.html>.

4. An affidavit of law (*certificat de coutume*):

Some *mairies* may request an Affidavit of Law and Customs (*Certificat de Coutume*) in addition to the Affidavit of Marital Status. The Affidavit of Law and Customs is a statement about U.S. marriage laws, certifying that the American citizen is free to contract marriage in France and that the marriage will be recognized in the United States.

The Embassy can provide you with a document called *attestation tenant lieu de certificat de coutumes* which can be substituted for the actual *certificat de coutumes* for marriage purposes. Please note that there are two types of documents depending on whether it is a first marriage. Again, keep in mind that some city halls do not accept affidavits and may need a 'real' affidavit of law issued by an attorney licensed to practice in both France and the United States. The Affidavit of Law is prepared on the basis of the attorney's examination of the individual's documentation (divorce decree, death certificate of spouse, etc.,) and verification and citation of the applicable marriage laws of the United States. The fee associated with it is the same as the notarial fee. See separate information sheet on notarial services on page 22 or (http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_notarial.html).

Important Note: an online appointment system will be available in Paris for notarial and authentication services. For information about scheduling an appointment please refer to the following webpage: <http://france.usembassy.gov/service.html>.

5. A medical certificate (*certificat d'examen médical pré-nuptial*) less than 2 months-old;

Each party to marriage must obtain a pre-nuptial medical certificate (*certificat d'examen médical pré-nuptial*) attesting that the individual was examined by a doctor *en vue de mariage*. The marriage banns cannot be published until medical certificates have been submitted to the *mairie*. The certificates must be dated no earlier than two months before the publication of banns. Any qualified doctor can perform the medical examination (the Embassy publishes a list of English-speaking doctors.)

Individuals coming directly from the United States can be medically examined in the United States by a physician approved by the local French Embassy or Consulate (usually, a list of such physicians is furnished by the French Consulate.) However, authorities in France require that the original certificate be in the French language, or that an official translation notarized by a French consul in the United States be submitted with the certificate in English. The two-month limitation of validity also applies in such a case.

6. proof of domicile (*justificatifs de domicile*):

You will need to present 2 proofs of French residence to the *mairie* in the city of marriage (i.e.: electricity or telephone bills, rent etc.)

7. *certificat du notaire*:

In addition to the above, if the parties to marriage opt for a prenuptial contract governing their respective properties (*régime du mariage*), the French notary preparing the contract will give the couple a certificate (*certificat du notaire*) which must be presented to the *mairie* as well.

Marriage certificate:

Couples married in France automatically receive a *livret de famille*. This is a booklet which serves as an official record of a marriage and subsequent events in the family such as births, deaths, divorce or name changes. These events are all recorded in the *livret de famille* and are known as (*mentions marginales*). In France, the *livret de famille* is an official document.

It is also possible to obtain a marriage certificate (*extrait d'acte de mariage*) by writing to the *mairie* where the marriage took place. You must indicate:

- a) The date and place of the marriage; and
- b) The full names (including wife's maiden name) of the two parties. If the certificate is to be mailed in France, the request should be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If the certificate is to be mailed to a U.S. address, provide a self-addressed envelope with a International Postal coupon to cover international postage costs.

Registering your marriage in the United States

As the representative of the Federal U.S. Government in France, the Embassy is not able to register marriages performed in France. Marriages in France are automatically recognized by the U.S., however, you should register your marriage when you return to live there. This must be done in the state where you will be residing when you return to the United States. Registrations take place at the local town or city hall and requirements can vary depending on state and local law so it is important to contact them in advance in order to obtain the information concerning your marriage registration. In most cases you will need a translation of your marriage certificate and your "livret de famille." Local state authorities may also ask you to provide a translation of a French birth certificate, if applicable. This may be done in France or you may obtain a list of translators from the French Consulates in the United States. Other documents may also be required.

PACS (Pacte civil de solidarité)

The PACS agreement is only recognized by the French government. This agreement is NOT recognized in the United States and will not entitle the non-U.S. citizen to preferential visa status or U.S. citizenship.

The “Pacte Civil de Solidarité” law (“PACS,” or Civil Solidarity Pact), was passed by the French National Assembly in 1999. It offers all unmarried couples, same-sex and opposite-sex, a legal status carrying some but not all of the benefits of marriage. The act defines the PACS as “a contract concluded between two physical persons who have reached the age of majority, of different or the same gender, for the purposes of organizing their life in common.”

A foreign partner in a PACS with a French citizen can obtain a temporary residence permit (“*permit de séjour*”) after a one-year waiting period. It is subject to annual renewal through the local mayor's office. After five years, a *permit de séjour* holder is eligible to apply for permanent residency (which in France means a ten-year permit). Article 12 of the PACS law states that in considering the grant of permanent residency to a foreign partner, the existence of a Pact is “one of the elements for assessing personal connections in France.”

The Ministry of the Interior has said that a PACS has to be at least three years old to be considered a defining factor for a permanent residency application. A PACS less than three years old can still be a contributing factor, but the weight attached to it will be at the discretion of authorities in the local area (*Département*).

For more information on the PACS, please contact the “greffe” of the Tribunal d'instance near your place of residence in France <http://www.justice.gouv.fr/recherche-juridictions/consult.php>, or the French Embassy/Consulate in the country where you currently reside: <http://www.expatries.org/annuaires/repdipet.asp>.

You may also refer to the following website pages: <http://www.ambafrance-us.org/fr/partirusa/pacs.asp>;

<http://vosdroits.service-public.fr/particuliers/N144.xhtml> ;

<http://larecherche.service-public.fr/df/oxide?criteriaContent=pacs&page=resultssprubs&action=launchsearch&DynRubrique=&DynCorpus=&DynDomain=SP>

FRENCH PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

BIRTH CERTIFICATE (*Acte de Naissance*):

1. For persons born in France: some cities allow you to order a birth certificate online. Please refer to:

<https://www.acte-etat-civil.fr/DemandeActe/Accueil.do>

Otherwise, a birth certificate may be obtained from the Office of the Mayor (*La Mairie*) at the place of birth. Address a request for this document in the following format. The request should be in French.

Monsieur le Maire Bureau de l'Etat-Civil Mairie de Boulogne sur Mer 62200 Boulogne sur Mer, France	<i>EXAMPLE</i> (please use correct address for city of birth)
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2. For French nationals born in a foreign country

Ministère des Affaires Etrangères
Direction des Français à l'Etranger
Service Central de l'Etat-Civil
11, rue Maison Blanche, 44000 Nantes
Tel: 08 26 08 06 04 (from the U.S. tel: 00 33 1 41 86 42 47)
Fax: 02.51.77.36.99

Requests for a birth certificate in either case, A or B above, must include:

- (a) The applicant's full name at the time of birth;
- (b) The date and place of birth;
- (c) Father's full name;
- (d) Mother's full name at the time of the applicant's birth, including maiden name.

The request must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. There is no charge for a copy of a birth certificate. For more information in French please see <http://www.service-public.fr/>

DEATH CERTIFICATE (*Acte de Décès*):

Copies of French death certificates: some cities allow you to order a death certificate online. Please refer to:

<https://www.acte-etat-civil.fr/DemandeActe/Accueil.do>

Otherwise, death certificates may be obtained from the Office of the Mayor (*La Mairie*) where the death occurred. The request must include:

- (a) the full name of the deceased;
- (b) and the date and place where the death occurred.

The request must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. There is no charge for a copy of a death certificate.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (*Acte de Mariage*) :

Copies of French marriage certificates: some cities allow you to order a marriage certificate online. Please refer to: <https://www.acte-etat-civil.fr/DemandeActe/Accueil.do>

Otherwise, marriage certificates may be obtained from the Office of the Mayor (La Mairie) of the town where the marriage took place.

The request must include:

- (a) The date and place of the marriage;
- (b) The full names of the two persons involved.

The request must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. There is no charge for a copy of a marriage certificate.

“LIVRET DE FAMILLE” (if this document was not issued at a French Consulate abroad) :

Ministère des Affaires Etrangères
Direction des Français à l' Etranger
Service Central de l'Etat-Civil
11, rue Maison Blanche
44000 Nantes Cedex 9
Tel: 02 51 77 30 30 / 38 40
Fax: 02 51 77 36 99

DIVORCE CERTIFICATE (*Acte de Divorce*):

Divorce certificates are obtained from the Office of the Mayor (La Mairie) where the divorce took place. The request must include: (a) the date of the divorce; (b) the full names of the two persons involved. The request must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. There is no charge for a copy of a divorce certificate.

DIVORCE JUDGMENT (*Jugement de Divorce*): .

Divorce judgments are obtained from the *Greffe du Tribunal Civil* where the judgment was pronounced.

Example of address: Paris: Monsieur le Greffier, Tribunal de Grande Instance, 4, boulevard du Palais, 75001 Paris, France

A town outside Paris -- Cherbourg, for example: Monsieur le Greffier, Greffe du Tribunal Civil, 50100 Cherbourg.

The request must include:

- (a) The date of the divorce;

(b) The full names of the two persons involved.

The request must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. There is no charge for a copy of a divorce judgment.

POLICE RECORD (*Extrait de Casier Judiciaire*):

You will need to request a French police record called an "extrait de casier judiciaire" which may only be obtained by the applicant him or herself, in writing to the proper authority in France. Please see <http://www.justice.gouv.fr/Formulaires/particuliers/Form10071v03.pdf> to download an application form and following:

Records of criminal conviction can be obtained by any person, regardless of nationality, who has resided in France at any time after the age of 15 years. They may be obtained in writing to the following address:

CASIER JUDICIAIRE NATIONAL

107 rue du Landreau
F-44317 NANTES CEDEX 3
Tel: 02 51 89 89 51

For urgent requests from the U.S. you may send a fax to: 011 33 2 51 89 89 18, or from France at fax number: 02 51 89 89 18

The request should be in French (see application form at <http://www.justice.gouv.fr/Formulaires/particuliers/Form10071v03.pdf>) and must include:

- a. The applicant's full name, and any other names (including maiden) by which he or she has been known;
- b. the date and place of birth;
- c. a photocopy of your U.S. birth certificate;
- d. current address.

There is no charge for a copy of a Police Record

Record of Criminal Conviction: copies of any criminal judgments against you are included in the Police Record (Casier Judiciaire.)

MILITARY RECORD: :

Military records for the Army and the Air Force (*Certificat de Position Militaire*) and for the Navy (*Etat Signalétique des Services*) are available to all male French citizens who have attained the age of majority, whether or not military service has been performed. Military records for the Army are obtained from:

Direction du Personnel Militaire de l'Armée de Terre
14 Rue St. Dominique
75997 Paris Armées

Military records for the Air Force are obtained from:

Direction du Personnel Militaire de l'Armée de l'Air
26, Boulevard Victor
75996 Paris

Military records for the Navy are obtained from:

Direction du Personnel Militaire de la Marine
2 Rue Royale
75200 Paris Naval

There is no charge for a copy of a military record. Military records are not available to persons who are not liable for military service in France.

Apostille for documents issued in France

The United States and France are both parties to the Hague Convention which abolishes the requirement of legalization for Foreign Public Documents and simplifies the procedure necessary for French documents to be used in the United States.

Documents issued in one country which need to be used in another country must be “authenticated” or “legalized” before they can be recognized as valid in the foreign country. This is a process in which various seals are placed on the document. Such documents range from powers of attorney, affidavits, birth, death and marriages records, incorporation papers, deeds, patent applications, home studies and other legal papers. The number and type of authentication certificates that you will need to obtain depend on the nature of the document.

The *apostille* must be affixed at the government agency in the country which issued the original document.

In France, there is no charge for the apostille, which normally should be ready for pick up in 24 hours.

APOSTILLE INFORMATION IN FRANCE:

For Paris Residents, please go to the following office:

PALAIS DE JUSTICE
Service Apostille
Salle des pas perdus (Kiosque accueil)
6, boulevard du Palais, 75001 Paris.
(Métro: Chatelet / Saint-Michel / Cité)
Tel: 01 44 32 51 37
Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 2:30-4:00 p.m.

For those outside of Paris, please go to the Procureur General or the nearest Appeals Court with questions on which documents require certification for recognition in the United States.

The American Citizen Services unit continues to perform notarial and authentication services for those wishing to execute documents in the presence of a U.S. Consular Officer. This is not an apostille. The fee is \$30.00, or the euro equivalent per initial signature/seal; each additional signature/seal provided at the same time in connection with the same transaction will cost \$20 or the euro equivalent.

Notarial and authentication services are currently available (without appointment) Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., **except on French and American holidays**. Please refer to the Embassy’s website at for changes in office hours: http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_notarial.html. Please bring a passport or other photo ID (passport, carte d’identité, or driver’s license) as a means of verifying your identity.

Apostille for Documents Issued in the U.S.

An *apostille* is a certificate issued by a designated authority in a country where a treaty called the [Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement for Legalization of Foreign Public Documents](#) applies.

If you have a document which you want legalized for use in another Hague Convention country, the convention certification called *apostille* must be affixed to the document by a competent authority. The *apostille* is a pre-printed form prescribed by the convention. **The *apostille* must be affixed at the government agency in the country which issued the original document. The Embassy does not have the authority to affix an *apostille* to documents issued in the United States.**

Procedure:

Since the authorities designated by the U.S. to affix the *apostille* can only attest to the validity of certain seals, it may be necessary for you to obtain some intermediate seals on your document, depending on the origin of the document, before the *apostille* can be affixed. There is no single U.S. competent authority to issue the convention *apostille*. There are different authorities for documents originating in state and local jurisdictions, Federal courts and Federal government agencies. Contact the competent local authority who will affix the certification (*apostille*) on your document. Please see appendix B (page 97) for a list of the competent authorities. If it is necessary for you to obtain some intermediate seals on your document before obtaining the convention *apostille*, consult the appropriate state or federal authority listed below.

Hague “Apostille” Authentication Certificate:

Article 7 of the Convention provides for the use of a standardized authentication certificate called an *apostille*. A sample *apostille* certificate is provided in appendix C on page 97. The *apostille* consists of the following: 1) name of country from which the document emanates; 2) name of person signing the document; 3) the capacity in which the person signing the document has acted; 4) in the case of unsigned documents, the name of the authority that has affixed the seal or stamp; 5) place of certification; 6) date of certification; 7) the authority issuing the certificate; 8) number of certificate; 9) seal or stamp of authority issuing certificate; and 10) signature of authority issuing certificate.

For more information on the *apostille* please refer to:

http://travel.state.gov/law/info/judicial/judicial_2545.html

http://travel.state.gov/family/abduction/hague_issues/hague_issues_562.html

Fees:

Fees charged by federal and state government authorities are listed below. Please note that fees vary from state to state and are subject to change.

If the Origin of the Document and/or Seal is a Federal Executive or Administrative Agency, Contact:

U.S. Department of State
Authentications Office
518 23rd Street, N.W. SA-1
Washington, D.C. 20520
USA

Walk-in service is available from the Authentication Office from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Walk-in service is limited to 15 documents per person per day (documents can be multiple pages.) Processing time for authentication requests sent by mail is 3 business days to process from time of receipt. U.S. Postal mail entering the U.S. Department of State must go through a screening process which may delay the time in which we will receive the document. The authentication fee is \$8.00 per document.

Contact Information

Due to the high volume of requests, we are not able to answer phone inquiries. For the fastest response to your questions, we recommend contacting the office via email. You may also fax inquiries to our office.

Email: aoprgsmauth@state.gov

Fax: 202-663-3636

Phone: 202-647-5002 (Recorded message with office hours, location, and fee schedule.)

TDD 202-663-3468 (For the hearing-impaired)

Website: <http://www.state.gov/m/a/auth/>

U.S. Courts

Clerks and Deputy Clerks of the Federal Court System.

For the purposes of the Convention, clerks and deputy clerks of the U.S. Courts shall include the clerks and deputy clerks of the following: The Supreme Court of the United States, the Courts of Appeals for the First through the Eleventh Circuits and the District of Columbia Circuit, the United States District Courts, the United States Court of Claims, the United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, the United States Court of International Trade, the United States District Court for the District of the Canal Zone, the District Court of Guam, the District Court of the Virgin Islands, and the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.

The American Citizen Services unit continues to perform notarial and authentication services for those wishing to execute documents in the presence of a U.S. Consular Officer. This is not an *apostille*. The fee is \$30.00, or the euro equivalent per initial signature/seal; each additional signature/seal provided at the same time in connection with the same transaction will cost \$20 or the euro equivalent. For this service, you may refer to http://france.usembassy.gov/usc_notarial.html.

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Appendix B (Apostille in the United States)

Authentication Authorities - State, Territories and Other Jurisdictions

The following state authorities are authorized to issue the Convention *apostille* legalizing state documents. Please check individual websites for current fees since they are subject to change. If the website link is not valid, please type “apostille” and the name of your state online in order to obtain up-to-date information.

For list of individual state offices, please refer to
http://travel.state.gov/about/info/customer/customer_312.html

For general information on the apostille, please refer to:
http://travel.state.gov/law/info/judicial/judicial_2545.html

Appendix C:

Sample of an Apostille

APOSTILLE

(Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1981)

1. Country: United States of America
This public document
2. has been
signed by John H. Smith
3. acting in
the capacity of Notary Public, State of Nebraska
4. bears the seal/stamp of John H. Smith, Notary Public, State of Nebraska

CERTIFIED

5. at Lincoln Nebraska 6. the 6th of April 1982
7. by Secretary of State, State of Nebraska
8. No. H0143
9. Seal/Stamp
10. Signature
Allen J. Beermann

HOSPITALS IN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT OF PARIS

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Paris

American Hospital, 63 bd. Victor Hugo, 92202 Neuilly sur Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 25 25
Hertford British Hospital, 3 rue Barbes, 92300 Levallois-Perret	Tel: 01 46 39 22 22
Hospital Foch, 40 rue Worth, 92150 Suresnes	Tel: 08 26 20 72 20

Other Cities

Bordeaux:

Centre Hospitalier Charles Perrens, 146 bis rue Léon Saignat, 33000 Bordeaux	Tel: 05 56 56 34 34
Institut Jean Bergonié, 180 rue St. Genès, 33000 Bordeaux	Tel: 05 56 33 33 33
Hôpital du groupe Pellegrin-Tripode, Place Amélie Raba-Léon, 33076 Bordeaux	Tel: 05 56 79 56 79

Lyon:

General Number for Public Hospital, 69000 Lyon	Tel: 08 20 08 20 69
Hospital (for children) Debrousse, 29 Rue Soeur Bouvier, 69005 Lyon	Tel: 04 72 38 56 00
Clinic du Parc, 86 Blvd des Belges, 69006 Lyon	Tel: 04 72 44 88 00
Hospital Eugène André, 107 rue Trarieux, 69003 Lyon	Tel: 04 72 68 40 00
Hospital La sauvegarde, 42 avenue Ben Gourion la Duchère 69009 Lyon	Tel: 04 72 17 26 26
Hospital Saint Anne Lumière, 85 cours Albert Thomas 69003 Lyon	Tel: 04 72 13 67 67
Clinic Saint Louis, 100 rue de la Bourbonnais, 69009 Lyon	Tel: 04 72 19 29 29
Cardio Vasculaire et Pneumologie, 28 av. Doyen Jean Lépine, 69500 Lyon	Tel: 04 72 35 73 52
Neurology Neurochirurgical, 59 Blvd Pinel, 69500 Lyon	Tel: 08 20 08 20 69

Strasbourg and region:

Hospital Pasteur, 39 avenue de la Liberté, 68000 Colmar	Tel: 03 89 12 40 00
Hospital Universitaire de Strasbourg, 1 place de l'hôpital, 67000 Strasbourg	Tel: 03 88 11 67 68
Hospital Hautepierre Avenue Molière, 67000 Strasbourg	Tel: 03 88 12 80 00

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A more complete list of physicians can be found in the Yellow Pages. General practitioners are listed under Médecin Généralistes, & specialists under médecins qualifiés and their specialty, e.g. pédiatrie.

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Allergists

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(Métro: Victor Hugo)
Dr. Patricia Abello, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 41 28 37
Dr. Edouard Letellier, 11 bis rue Ampère, 75017 Paris Tel: 01 47 54 08 05

Cardiologists

Dr. Florent De Vernejoul, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 41 27 93
Dr. Jean-Michel Jais, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 41 27 93
Dr. Guy Renault-Lamazeff, Verville Medical Center, Tel: 01 64 99 73 58
Place Normandie-Niemen, 91540 Mennecy Tel: 01 64 99 71 18

Dr. Francois Tarragano, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 41 27 83
Dr. Jean-Pierre Usdin, American Hospital 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 41 27 93

Clinical Immunologist (internal medicine)

Dr. Edouard Letellier, 11 bis rue Ampère, 75017 Paris Tel: 01 47 54 08 05

Dentists

Dr. Jona Andersen, 57 rue des Mathurins, 75008 Paris Tel: 01 44 56 08 08
Dr. Patrick Bauer, 71 avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt, 75008 Paris Tel: 01 42 25 76 30
(Métro: St-Philippe du Roule) Tel : 01 42 25 08 41
Dr. Gérard Benmussa, 18 rue Duphot ,75001 Paris (Métro: Madeleine) Tel: 01 40 20 03 00
Dr. Ariane Brunet, 75 rue de Turenne, 75003 Paris Tel: 01 48 87 62 56
Tel : 01 48 87 62 58

Dr. Edouard Cohen, 20 rue de la Paix, 75002 Paris (Métro: Opera) Tel: 01 42 61 65 64
Dr. Serge Cohen, 91 rue Jouffroy d'Abbans, 75017 Tel: 01 42 27 86 00
Dr. Serge Covo Laurent, 37 avenue Victor Hugo, 75116 Paris Tel: 01 44 17 99 44

Dr. Jean-Jacques Dupuis, 24 rue de Madrid 75008 Paris	Tel: 01 45 22 29 15
	Tel: 01 42 93 59 06
Dr. Eric Edwards, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 27 81
Dr. Jean- Pierre Esquirol, 49 rue Laugier, 75017 Paris (Métro:Péereire or Ternes)	Tel: 01 47 63 14 31
Dr. Stewart Malloy, 3 avenue St-Honoré d'Eylau, 75116 Paris	Tel 01 47 04 44 06
Dr. Oliver Hanisch, 3, rue Torricelli, 75017 Paris	Tel: 01 45 74 66 56
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Dr. Jérôme Keita, 113 rue Pontel, 78100 Saint Germain en Laye	Tel: 01 30 61 02 03
Dr. Maria Lemoine, 15 avenue Raymond Poincare 75116 Paris (Métro: Victor Hugo)	Tel: 01 53 65 00 10
Dr. Vinh Nguyen, 113 Blvd Malesherbes, 75008 Paris (Métro: St-Augustin)	Tel: 01 42 65 08 70
Dr. Philippe Schneider, 10, blvd. Malesherbes, 75008 Paris	Tel: 01 42 65 37 51
Dr. Mark Shulman, 38 avenue Hoche 75008 Paris (Métro: Charles de Gaulle-Etoile)	Tel: 01 45 61 06 42

Dentists pediatric

Dr. Lorraine Arav, 60 avenue d'Iena, 75116 Paris (Métro: Iena),	Tel: 01 40 70 98 48
Dr. Jean- Michel Morand, 10 rue Le Sueur, 75116 Paris (Métro: Argentine)	Tel: 01 45 00 56 36
Dr. Chantal Naulin-Ifi, 62 rue St Didier, 75016 Paris (Métro: Victor Hugo)	Tel: 01 56 26 59 00

Dentists and implantology

Dr. Sylvain Altglas, 45 rue Vineuse, 75116 Paris	Tel: 01 47 27 00 33
Dr. Ted Levi, 242 rue de Rivoli 75001 Paris	Tel: 01 47 03 00 07

Dentist-Stomatologists

Dr. Patrick Colas, 85 rue des Saints-Pères 75006 Paris	Tel: 01 45 48 14 80
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Dermatologists

Dr. Isabelle Dousset-Faure, 18 rue Duphot, 75001 Paris (Métro: Madeleine)	Tel: 01 40 20 94 07
Dr. Sébastien Fouéré, 41 Bd Henri IV, 75004 Paris	Tel: 01 42 72 33 55
“ Hôpital St. Louis, 1 ave Claude Vellefaux 75010 Paris	Tel: 04 42 49 99 24
Dr. Stéphane Havard, American Hospital 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 27 60
Dr. Sylvie Homareau, American Hospital 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 27 79
Dr. Marc Pinto, 10 rue du Mont-Thabor, 75001 Paris (Métro Tuilleries-Concorde)	Tel: 01 42 60 71 09
Dr. Michèle Wolter-Desfosses, 21 rue Tronchet, 75008 Paris	Tel: 01 42 66 17 83

Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists

Dr. Daniel F Brasnu, Hôpital Européen Georges Pompidou 20 rue Leblanc, 75908 Paris, Cedex 15	Tel: 01 56 09 34 79
Dr. Stephane De Corbieres, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 27 22
Dr. Gerald Fain, 113 rue de Courcelles, 75017 Paris (Métro: Péereire)	Tel: 01 42 27 27 76
Dr. Jean-Francois Haquet, Private office, 76 avenue R Poincaré, 1st floor, 75116 Paris (Métro: V Hugo)	Tel: 01 47 27 57 88
Dr. Jacques Huart, 44 rue d'Alésia, 75014 Paris	Tel: 01 43 27 18 31
Dr. Frederic Morand, 12 avenue André Morizet 92100 Boulogne-Billancourt	Tel: 01 46 04 47 91

Gastroenterologists-Proctologists

Dr. Patrick Bloch, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 26 82
Dr. Yves Hecht, 10 rue Jean-Richepin, 75116 Paris	Tel: 01 45 04 71 73
	Tel: 01 45 04 81 15
Dr. Hervé Gompel, American Hospital 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 27 26
Dr. Hervé Gompel, Private off: 11 rue Paul Chatrousse, Neuilly (Métro: Pont de Neuilly)	Tel: 01 46 41 01 36
See Dr. Jacques A., 20, av. Charles de Gaulle 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 47 47 53 51
Dr. Diana Thierman, 2 rue Albert Camus, 75010 Paris	Tel: 01 42 40 64 86
Dr. Hervé Zylberberg, 3 avenue du President Wilson, 75016 Paris	Tel: 06 61 41 33 91
	Tel: 01 42 56 58 20

General Practitioners

Dr. Julia Bache, 5 rue Léon Cogniet, 75017 Paris	Tel: 01 47 63 42 07
Dr. Agnès Bryn, 11 rue de Pot de Fer, 75005 Paris (Métro: Monge)	Tel: 01 49 83 94 70
	Tel : 01 55 43 30 80
Dr. Gunita Jolly, British Hospital 3 rue de Barbès, 92300 Levallois-Perret	Tel: 01 46 39 22 34
Dr. Anne-Valerie Meyers, 10 rue Royale (stairway 4 th fl), 75008 Paris	Tel: 01 42 66 47 82
Dr. Nancy Salzman, 36 rue du Colisée, 75008 Paris (Métro: St Philippe du Roule)	Tel: 01 45 63 18 43
Dr. Francis Slattery, 10, avenue Eylau, 75116 Paris (Métro Trocadéro)	Tel: 01 47 42 02 34
Dr. Jurgen Tredup, 27 rue Saint Ambroise, 75011 Paris (Métro St Ambroise)	Tel: 01 43 55 03 21
Dr. Stephen Wilson, 54 rue des Archives, 75004 Paris (Métro: Hotel de Ville or Rambuteau)	Tel: 01 48 87 21 10

Geneticist

Dr. Pierre Bitoun, 6 rue Jarente (Métro: St Paul) 75004 Paris	Tel: 01 42 77 74 37
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Gynecologists

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Dr. Emmanuel David-Montefiore , 60 ave d'Iéna, 75116 Paris	Tel: 01 47 20 50 68
Dr. Christiane Lorphelin, 45 avenue Victor Hugo, 75116 Paris (Métro: Victor Hugo)	Tel: 01 45 00 40 30
Dr. Tatiane Oppenheim, 17 Blvd du Temple 75003 Paris (Métro: Fille du Calvaire)	Tel: 01 48 87 22 63
Dr. Anne-Isabelle Richet, 109 rue de l'Université 75007 Paris	Tel: 01 45 51 82 32
Dr. Patricia Rérolle, 20 rue Daniel Stern, 75015 Paris	Tel: 01 43 06 60 00
Dr. Diane Winaver, 109 rue de l'université 75007 Paris	Tel: 01 45 51 82 32

Neurologists

Dr. Michael W.Mann, 58 rue des Gobelins, 75013 Paris	Tel : 01 43 37 05 10
Dr. Bertrand Pertuiset, American Hospital of Paris, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 28 21
Dr. Milton Risvegliato, American Hospital 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 28 21
Dr. Ludwig Sitzmann, 1 rue de Villersexel, 75007 Paris	Tel: 01 45 48 86 56

Nutritionists

Dr. Hervé Grosogeat, 108 rue du Bac, 75007 Paris	Tel: 01 45 49 07 06
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Dr. Catherine Serfaty-Lacroisniere, 8 rue Jean Richepin, 75016 Paris Tel: 01 45 04 34 34

Obstetricians

Dr. Guy Bercau, 276 bd. Saint-Germain, 75007 Paris (Metro: Assemblée Nationale) Tel: 01 47 53 81 64

Dr. Charles Brami, 16 Ave Paul Daumer 75016 Paris Tel: 01 42 25 30 66

Dr. René Guglielmina, 28 avenue de la Bourdonnais, 75007 Paris (Métro: Ecole Militaire) Tel: 01 45 51 20 75

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Dr. Florence Hervé, American Hospital of Paris, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 41 26 98

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Dr. Francois Rolet, American Hospital of Paris, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 41 26 88

Dr. Eric Sedbon, Private office: 17 rue Petrarque, 75116 Paris (Métro: Trocadero) Tel: 01 45 53 71 60

Dr. Eric Selbon, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 41 26 88

Dr. Charles Tibi, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 41 26 44

Obstetrician – Surgeon - Gynecologists

Dr. Jerome Berard, 5 rue Paul Valéry, 75116 Paris Tel: 01 47 27 04 13

Dr. Jerome Berard, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 41 26 57

Dr. Jocelyn McGinnis, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 41 26 99

Ophthalmologist

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Dr. Howard Cohn, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 41 27 09

Dr. Jean-François Faure, 18 rue Duphot, 75001 Paris (Métro: Madeleine) Tel: 01 40 20 94 07

Dr. Dan A Le Buisson., American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 41 27 09

Orthodontists

Dr. Christian Cannac, 37 bis Blvd de la Paix, 92400 Courbevoie, Tel: 01 47 88 99 08

Dr. Marc Castro, 21 avenue Niel 75017 Paris (Métro:Ternes or Pereire) Tel: 01 43 80 39 70

Dr. Patrick Curiel, 109 bis, avenue Charles de Gaulle, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 40 01 02

Dr. Jean Pruvost, 98 avenue Kléber (Métro: Trocadero) 75016 Paris Tel: 01 45 53 84 84

Dr. Eric Serfaty, 20 avenue Kleber 75116 Paris Tel: 01 45 00 50 00

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Orthopedic specialists

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Tel : 01 47 23 57 12

Dr. Christian Ficat, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine, Tel: 01 46 41 27 61

Dr. Charles Msika, 196 avenue Victor Hugo 75116 Paris Tel: 01 45 04 79 00

(Métro: rue de la Pompe) Tel: 01 45 04 78 96

Dr. Georges Casanova, American Hospital of Paris, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 41 27 61

Pediatricians

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Dr. Danièle Llewellyn, 51 rue de l'Assomption, 75016 Paris (Métro: Ranelagh)	Tel: 01 45 27 91 91
Dr. John Lovejoy, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 27 67
Dr. Brigitte Pacault, 3 bis Blvd Jean Jaurès, 92100 Boulogne-Billancourt	Tel: 01 46 05 02 88
Dr. Olivier Phillippe, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 27 67
Dr. Michel Robin, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 27 67

Penologist

Dr. Elie Touaty, American Hospital, 63 Blvd Victor Hugo, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 28 37
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Periodontists

Dr. Philippe Bidault, 65 avenue Marceau 75116	Tel: 01 58 05 05 00
Dr. Jean-Paul Djian, 37 rue des Acacias 75017 Paris	Tel: 01 47 04 43 43
Dr. Catherine Dorange, 3 rue Eugene Manuel, 75016 Paris (Métro: rue de la Pompe)	Tel: 01 40 50 92 82
Dr. Georges Krygier, 63 avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt, 75008 Paris (Métro:St-Philippe de Roule)	Tel: 01 43 59 47 67
Dr. AnDr.é Saadoun, 29, rue François 1er 75008 Paris	Tel: 01 47 23 00 00
Dr. Jean Francois Tecucianu, 56 avenue Kléber, 75116 Paris	Tel: 01 53 70 40 40

Pharmacies

British Pharmacy VillaMayor, 1 rue Auber, 75009 Paris	Tel: 01 42 65 88 29
Anglo-American Pharmacy, 37 avenue Marceau, 75016 Paris	Tel: 01 47 20 57 37
British Pharmacy, 62 avenue des Champs Elysées, 75008 Paris	Tel: 01 43 59 22 52
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Pharmacy Swann (anglo-american), 6 rue de Castiglione, 75001 Paris	Tel: 01 42 60 72 96

Psychiatrist/Adults

Dr. Christophe Bagot, 15, avenue d'Eylau, 75116 Paris	Tel: 01 45 05 10 20
Dr. Jean-Michel Oughourlian, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 27 06

Psychiatrist/Adults (continued)

Dr. Ludwig Sitzmann, 1 rue de Villersexel, 75007 Paris	Tel: 01 45 48 86 56
Dr. Alain Sztern, Private office: 12 Rue Victor Hugo, 92000 Nanterre	Tel: 01 47 21 23 77
Dr. Alain Sztern, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 27 70

Psychiatrist/Childr.en- Adults

Dr. Michel LecenDr.eux, 11 rue Bosio, 75016 Paris (Métro: Michel-Ange Auteuil/Molitor)	Tel: 01 42 15 15 75
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Psychotherapists / Psychologists

Dr. Roberta Ain, 31 bd de Magenta, 75010 Paris	Tel: 01 42 02 37 83
Dr. Isabelle Barrett, 70 bis rue Lavoisier, 78600 Maisons Laffitte	Tel: 06 86 58 50 95
“	Tel: 01 34 93 00 56
Dr. Melinda Fogel (MSW) 55 avenue Marceau 75016 Paris	Tel: 01 40 50 33 00
Dr. David Frese (MA) 10 rue St. Louis-en-L'Ile, 75004 Paris	Tel: 06 26 39 63 31

Dr. Steven Jaron (DESS), 88, avenue d'Italie, 75013 Paris	Tel: 01 45 89 76 51
Dr. Joanna Kaluzinska, (Clinical Psychologist DESS) 68, rue du Moulin de la Pointe, 75013 Paris	Tel: 01 45 88 58 60
Dr. Stephanie Kleindorfer, 8, rue de l'Odéon, 75006 Paris	Tel: 01 46 33 50 23
Dr. Ursula Knapp-McInnes, 144 bld Jean Jaurès, 92100 Boulogne- Billancourt	Tel: 01 46 03 04 19
Dr. Marjorie Oberman, (MSW), 6, impasse Adele Mulo, 78000 Versailles	Tel: 01 39 51 98 99
Dr. André Patsalides, 240 rue Saint Jacques, 75005 Paris	Tel: 01 46 34 68 23
Dr. Beatrice M. Patsalides, 240 rue Saint Jacques, 75005 Paris	Tel: 06 65 45 94 41
Dr. Francesca Pollock, 26 passage Gustave Lepeu, 75011 Paris	Tel: 01 43 72 64 91
Dr. Yvonna Ruttkay, 8 rue de Varenne, 75007 Paris	Tel: 06 74 68 91 96
Suzanne Sack (And Family Mediation), 46 rue de la Clef, 75005 Paris	Tel: 01 43 31 78 81
Dr. Fiona Scott, 6 rue Cernuschi, 75017 Paris	Tel: 01 47 63 61 02
Dr. Connie Vanesse, (MSW) 3 Villa Violet, Paris 75015	Tel: 01 45 78 67 24

Rheumatologists

Dr. Lemaire, 41 Bd de la Tour Maubourg, 75007 Paris	Tel: 01 45 50 20 60
Dr. Alain Nys, American Hospital of Paris, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 27 32

Social Workers

Dr. Melinda Fogel, (MSW) 55 avenue Marceau, 75016 Paris	Tel: 01 40 50 33 00
Dr. Marjorie Oberman, (MSW), 6, impasse Adele Mulo, 78000 Versailles	Tel: 01 39 51 98 99

Speech and language therapist

Dr. Julie Morris Tuil, 118 rue de la Boetie, 75008 Paris	Tel: 01 42 56 59 05
	Tel: 01 45 66 51 47

Sports Doctor (specializes in sports injuries and related problems, also, aeronautics and parachuting medical certificates)

Dr. Hervé Grosogeat, 108 rue du Bac, 75007 Paris	Tel: 01 45 49 07 06
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Stomatologists (tooth extraction)

Dr. Patrick Colas, 85 rue des Saints-Pères, 75006 Paris	Tel: 01 45 48 14 80
Dr. Walter Green, 68 avenue d' Iéna (Métro: Kleber), 75116 Paris	Tel: 01 47 20 22 22
Dr. Philippe Katz, 7 rue Théodore Banville, 75017 Paris	Tel: 01 42 67 26 80
	Tel: 01 42 67 33 19

Dr. Sebaoun Luc, 56 avenue Kléber, 75116 Paris	Tel: 01 47 04 41 41
Secretary Virginie	Tel: 06 14 37 50 00

Surgeons (Hands and maxillo-facial, plastic)

Dr. Alain Bzowski, Private office: 6 rue de l'Alboni, 75016 Paris (Métro: Passy)	Tel: 01 45 25 44 00
Dr. Alain Bzowski, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 26 37
Prof Jean-Pierre Coquillaud, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 26 82

Surgeons (G.I)

Dr. John Relland, American Hospital, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine	Tel: 01 46 41 27 03
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Urologists

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Dr. Roland Chiche, Private office: 51 avenue Montaigne, 75008 Paris Tel: 01 42 56 26 66
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Dr. Marcel Kulsky, Private office: 22 rue de Lisbonne, 75008 Paris Tel: 01 43 87 44 45
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Vein Specialist

Dr. Jean-Charles Benzimra, 43 Bd Malesherbes, 75008 Paris Tel: 01 42 65 21 56
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Veterinarians

Dr. N.R Caspard-Chappey, 47 rue St Charles, 75015 Paris Tel: 01 40 59 04 76
Dr. Christian RoDr.iguez, 58 rue du Cherche Midi, 75006 Paris Tel: 01 45 44 19 27
Dr.s Legmann/Benaim Bedossa, 10/12 rue Bailly, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Tel: 01 46 24 25 84
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Other Cities:

BORDEAUX

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Dr. Jacques Gayet, 88 rue Enerst Renan, 33000 Bordeaux Tel: 05 56 52 58 52
Dr. Christian Martre, 18 rue du Vélodrome, 33000 Bordeaux Tel: 05 56 08 13 25

Gynecologists

Dr. Sylvia Kirsch, 2 rue Berruer, 33000 Bordeaux Tel: 05 56 51 47 32
Dr. Marie J Laulom, 7 Cours Aristide Briand, 33000 Bordeaux Tel: 05 56 96 47 23

Ophthalmologist

Dr. Christian Bonnin, 56 rue Tivoli, 33000 Bordeaux Tel: 05 56 81 34 08

Psychiatrist

Dr. Hélène Mancini, 45 cours de Marichal Gallieni, 33082 Bordeaux Tel: 05 56 33 95 56
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BORDEAUX area:

Gynecologist

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Cardiologists

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Tel: 04 78 33 58 23

LYON:

Allergist

Dr. Alain Voloch "Centre Medical P.A.R.O.T." Tel: 04 78 94 24 74

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54, rue Duquesne 69006 Lyon

Art Therapist

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Dermatologist

Dr. Chantal Gavaud-Kennedy, 73, rue Vauban, 69006, Lyon Tel: 04 72 74 23 18

Dentists

Dr. Joseph Benamram, 25 rue Bugeaud, 69006 Lyon Tel: 04 78 52 25 48

Dr. Alain Crez, 38 Quay Jayr, 69009 Lyon Tel: 04 78 83 76 81

Dr. Bruno Tesdesco, 18 Place Ambroise Courtois, 69008 Lyon Tel: 04 78 76 66 66

Ear, Nose and Throat (E.N.T.)

Dr. Jean-Jacques Naville, 5 cours Franklin Roosevelt, 69006, Lyon Tel: 04 78 89 51 25

Emergency medical assistance

SOS Doctors, 10 Place Dumas de Loire, 69009 Lyon Tel: 04 78 83 51 51

Generalists

Dr. Dominique Faysse, 25 Rue Garibaldi, 69006 Lyon Tel: 04 78 93 13 25

Dr. Patrick Frankel, 1 Quay Raoul Carrié, 69009 Lyon Tel: 04 78 43 45 40

Dr. Alain Gaillard, 30 rue des Remparts d'Ainay, 69002 Lyon Tel: 04 78 38 00 31

Dr. Ruth Rouach, 25 rue Bugeaud, 69006 Lyon Tel: 04 78 52 25 48

Dr. Corinne Robert, 46 rue des Eaux Claires, 38100 Grenoble Tel: 04 76 48 36 00

Dr. Blandine Ravel, 14 place Jean Macé, 69007 Lyon Tel: 04 72 73 59 12

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Orthodontists

Dr. Muriel Galloy, 54 avenue Maréchal de Saxe, 69006 Lyon Tel: 04 72 83 93 60

Dr. Philippe H Tartaix, 23 rue Centrale, 38230 Pont-de-Chéruy Tel: 04 72 02 33 23

Pediatricians

Dr. Michel Goldberg, 55 avenue Alsace-Lorraine, 38000 Grenoble Tel: 04 76 46 38 41

Dr. Francois Payot, 143 rue de Sèze, 69006 Lyon Tel: 04 78 24 85 09

Dr. Jean Stagnara, 46 Cours Fkl Roosevelt, 69006 Lyon
Dr. Marc Lafont, Commercial Center, 20 rue de Chavril 69110,
Ste Foy Les Lyon

Tel: 04 78 24 47 68

Tel: 04 78 25 65 70

Psychologist

Ph.D Karen Cain, Cabinet Brac de la Perrière, 122 rue Bossuet,
69006, Lyon

Tel: 06 84 54 22 73

Dr. Emmanuelle Metcalfe, 1, rue Dumenge, 69004, Lyon

Tel: 06 73 66 22 34

Psychotherapist

Dr. Diane Webb, 18F residence Rose l'Haye, 90 ave. Clémenceau,
69230 St Genis Laval

Tel: 04 72 24 11 61

Fax: 04 72 31 04 87

Surgeons

Dr. Donne Hospital (Private) St Louis, 100 rue de la Bourdonnais,
69009 Lyon

Tel: 04 72 19 29 29

ROUEN

Dr. Bernard Rossi, 13 bis rue d'Elbeuf, 76100 Rouen

Tel: 02 35 72 45 49

Fax: 02 35 73 48 39

STRASBOURG and surrounding area:

General Practitioners

Dr. Nathalie Baur & Dr. Pierre Ritter

Tel: 03 88 31 48 13

8, rue Mélanie (Robertsau), 67000 - Strasbourg

Dr. Heid Boris, 36, Avenue de la Forêt Noire 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 61 19 67

Dr. Susan Essayag 30, Quai Rouget de l'Isle, 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 36 50 26

Dr. Bernard Rohmer

46, Boulevard d'Anvers, 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 60 69 69

Cardiologist

Dr. Philippe Soskin, 1, rue Goeth, 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 24 24 04

Dentists

Dr. Albert Amar, 120, route de Lyon, 67000 Illkirch Graffenstaden

Tel: 03 88 66 22 44

Dr. Nicholas Fuchs, 5, rue de LonDr.es, 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 60 64 76

Dr. Yves Houot, 5, Place Clément, 67100 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 32 06 15

Dr. Thierry Roos, 5, rue Geiler, 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 36 00 10

Dr. Jean-Luc Schneider, 2, Place de Broglie, 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 32 82 09

Dermatologists

Dr. Marc Abensour, 80, Allee de la Robertsau, 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 36 79 31

Fax: 03 88 25 68 96

Dr. Patrick Caussade, 19, rue de l'Observatoire 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 60 13 12

Dr. Jean Marie Dallara, 8, rue de LonDr.es 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 61 10 78

Fax: 03 88 60 05 21

Dr. Corinne Muller, 31, rue du faubourg National, 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 75 11 16

E.N.T. (Ear, Nose and Throat)

Gynecologists

Dr. Catherine Gay, 7, Boulevard Paul Déroulède, 67000 Strasbourg
Dr. Jean-Pierre Guikovaty, 9, Bd du Prés. Edwards, 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 35 19 19

Tel: 03 88 36 06 14

Fax: 03 88 35 42 87

Tel: 03 88 35 19 19

Neurologist

Dr. Pierre North, 5, rue Gustave Doré, 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 32 69 22

Ophthalmologist

Dr. Claude Benichou, 24, rue du 22 Novembre, 67000 Strasbourg

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Fax: 03 88 23 05 82

Dr. Francis Ferrari, 5, rue d'Adelshoffen, 67300 Schiltigheim

Tel: 03 88 33 15 40

Fax: 03 88 81 44 60

Pediatricians

Dr. Laurent Mengus, 24, rue Fischart, 67000 Strasbourg

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Fax: 03 88 14 03 96

Psychiatrists

Dr. Patrick Gauthier-Lafaye, 10, rue Massenet, 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 60 28 15

Dr. Frédéric Grabli, 77, Avenue Jean Jaurès, 67100 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 34 39 18

Clinical Psychologists

Brigitte Soubrouillard, (Ph.D) 5, Domaine de l'Ile 67400 Strasbourg
(Illkirch)

Tel/f: 03 88 67 40 60

Cell: 06 11 64 72 54

Rhumatologists

Dr. Jean Marc Hoechstetter, 15, rue Ermann, 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 03 88 35 56 61

Fax: 03 88 25 01 45

HAUT-RHIN

Dr. Roger Baecher, 9, rue Bartholdi, 68400 Riedsheim

Tel: 03 89 64 24 22

Fax: 03 89 64 45 82

Dr. Jacques Blum 6, rue de la Paix, 68700 Cernay

Tel: 03 89 39 94 00

Dr. Pierre Gilet, 19, Place de la 5eme Division Blindée

Tel: 03 89 25 07 77

68210 Dannemarie

METZ

Conseil Départemental de l'ordre des medecines de la Moselle
6, quai Richepance BP, 57004 Metz cedex

Tel: 03 87 31 96 96

Psychiatrists

Dr. Anne Cabri-Wiltzer, 18 bis, en Nexirue, 57000 Metz

Tel : 03 87 75 01 02

E.N.T

Dr. Jérôme Cabri, 10, rue Fabert, 7000 Metz

Tel: 03 87 36 21 22

Radiologist

Dr. Pierre Dally, place Chanoine Collin, 57185 Clouange

Tel: 03 87 67 07 89

Fax: 03 87 58 19 46

Surgeon

Dr. Yves Jacob, Hospital Claude Bernard, 97, rue Claude Bernard
57072 Metz Cedex 3

Tel: 03 87 39 66 66

Gastro-Enterologists

Dr. Jean-Marc Perarnau, Hospital Bonsecours, 57038 Metz Cedex 1

Tel: 03 87 55 33 51

Dr. Jean-Jacques Raabe, Hospital Bonsecours, 57038 Metz Cedex 1

Tel: 03 87 55 33 50

Gastro-Enterologists and Geriatrics

Dr. AnDr.e Wang, Centre Felix Marechal, 57050 Metz

Tel: 03 87 55 78 49

General Practitioners

Dr. Thierry Weizman, 30 Boulevard Saint Symphorien
57050 Longeville les Metz

Tel: 03 87 16 24 24

Fax: 03 87 16 24 25

Dr. Lebailly Cyrin, 32, rue Mazelle, 57000 Metz

Tel: 03 87 36 04 62

NANCY

Conseil Départemental de l'orDr.e des medicines de la Meurte et Moselle
8, rue Isabey, 54052 Nancy Cedex

Tel: 03 83 40 35 25

LOST AND FOUND PROPERTY

LOST AND FOUND OFFICE:

The French police in Paris have a "Lost and Found" office, where you may go to verify whether your belongings were returned.

Centre des Objets trouvés de la Prefecture de Police de Paris

36 rue des Morillons, 75015 Paris

Métro: Convention (line 12)

Opening hours: weekdays, Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for information in English and French (toll call).

Tel: 08 21 00 25 25

What to do first: Make a police report:

All thefts and major losses should be reported to the police as soon as possible. Each of Paris' twenty districts (*arrondissements*) has three or four police stations (*commissariats*); train stations also have one. You should go to the one which has jurisdiction over the area where the theft or loss occurred, unless you were robbed in the subway. In that case, you can go to any police station, including the one located near the American Embassy, at 31, rue d'Anjou, 75008 Paris. The police will give you a *Récépissé de Déclaration de Perte ou de Vol* (receipt for declaration of loss or theft). If you have lost your passport, identification documents and other papers as well as personal effects, you will receive separate receipts, one for your papers (*pièces d'identité*) and one for your valuables.

The report must be made in person. The police will not accept a report by telephone or from someone else on your behalf. Most police stations have English-speaking personnel; if you have difficulty making yourself understood in English, call the Embassy's American Citizen Services (Tel: 01.43.12.29.93 or 01.43.12.20 21 or 01.43.12.20.93) for assistance in interpreting by telephone.

While it is unlikely that the thieves will be arrested as a result, it can be useful to report thefts to the police. The police receipt is helpful and sometimes necessary in applying for the replacement of airline tickets, INTERAIL passes (Europass, Eurail,) passports, travelers checks, etc. It is also useful for supporting insurance claims.

Airline tickets:

Report the loss or theft immediately to the Paris or Roissy office of the airline. It is left to the discretion of each airline whether or not to replace a ticket. In any case, replacement tickets are issued only after verification of the initial purchase of the ticket has been obtained by email from the airline's home office. Purchasing **e-tickets** is an advantage since they can be replaced immediately by the airline.

Access to Charles de Gaulle airport – Roissy en France.

- By car from Paris follow highway A1 north, direction Roissy Charles de Gaulle
- Public Transportation: the RER line B direction "Aéroport Charles de Gaulle" for terminals 1 and 2.

Air France Terminal 2 at Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport 49, Avenue de l'Opéra 75002 Paris.	Tel: 36 54
American Airlines Terminal 2A at Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport	Tel: 01 55 17 43 41
Continental Airlines Terminal 2, Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport	Tel: 01 71 23 03 22
Delta Airlines (reservations)	Tel: 0811 640 005
Northwest Airlines/KLM Terminal 1, Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport	Tel: 0892 702 608
United Airlines Terminal 1, Door 16, Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport	Tel: 0810 727 272
U.S. Air	Tel: 0810 632 222
Alitalia Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport	Tel: 0820 315 315
British Airways Terminal 1, Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport	Tel: 0825 825 400
British Midland Airways 18 Blvd Malesherbes 75008 Paris	Tel: 01 41 91 87 04
El Al 35 Blvd des Capucines (5th Floor) 75002 Paris	Tel: 01 40 20 90 90
Iberia Orly Ouest, Hall 1	Tel: 0825 800 965
Lufthansa Terminal 1, door 6 Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport	Tel: 0826 103 334
Swiss International Air Lines Terminal 2B, Roissy Charles de Gaulle, open 5:15 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (24 hours a day phone access)	Tel: 0820 040 506

Europass (Eurail): If lost or stolen, it CANNOT be replaced. For information, please contact the main switchboard of the French Railway Office (SNCF) Tel: 36 35; open 7 days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., or go directly to any of the main French train stations. When calling 3635, if you need to talk to an English speaker say "Eurostar" when you are prompted to select a voice option.

Eurolines :Gare routiere Internationale de Paris-Gallieni, 28 avenue du General de Gaulle, 93541 Bagnolet, Tel: 08 92 69 52 52 Fax: 01 49 72 51 61

Driver's license:

The Embassy is not authorized to replace expired, lost or stolen U.S. driver's licenses. Only the issuing office (Department of Motor Vehicles) in the driver's home state can perform that service. If you have had your driver's license stolen in France, you should report it to the French police. They will issue you a receipt of loss or theft which may be used for a few weeks as a substitute for the license while you are in France.

International Driver's license:

Applications for replacement of lost, stolen or expired International Driving Permits obtained in the United States must be made to the American Automobile Association, World Wide Travel Department, 1000 AAA Drive Heathrow, FL 32746-5063. Replacements cannot be issued in France. Please check their website: (<http://www.aaa.com>).

Lost and Found Offices at the Parisian airports:

Charles de Gaulle airport - Roissy en France Terminal 1 - Boutique level	Tel: 01 48 62 13 34
Orly West	Tel: 01 49 75 42 34
Orly South	Tel: 01 49 75 34 10

Lost and found offices at main train stations in Paris:

Gare de Lyon	Tel: 01 53 33 67 22
Gare Montparnasse	Tel: 01 40 48 14 24
Gare Saint-Lazare	Tel: 01 53 42 05 57
Gare de l'Est	Tel: 01 40 18 88 73
Gare d'Austerlitz	Tel: 01 53 60 71 98
Gare du Nord	Tel: 01 55 31 58 74

If you need to obtain money by wire transfer, you may refer to Western Union's website at www.westernunion.com. Their general information telephone line in France is 0800 90 32 75.

LOST and STOLEN CREDIT CARDS or TRAVELERS CHECKS

CREDIT CARDS

AMERICAN EXPRESS	Global Assist number (001) 800 554 2639 Collect calls may be placed through (001)(715) 343-7977 for general information, 01 47 77 72 00 or 01 71 23 08 38 business address in Paris 11 rue Scribe, 75009 Paris (métro Opéra)	Global assist and collect numbers: 24 hour service 7 days a week
BANKAMERICARD VISA	Tel: 0800 90 20 33 (toll-free) Tel: 0800 90 11 79 (toll-free)	24 hour service 7 days a week
DINERS CLUB	Tel: 0820 82 05 36	24 hour service 7 days a week
MASTER CARD	Master Card Global Service: / Tel: 0800 90 13 87 Eurocard France, 16 rue Lecourbe, 75015 Paris Tel: 01 45 67 84 84 To notify the bank in the U.S. Tel: 01.43.23.20.76	24 hour service 7 days a week
CIRRUS, PLUS, VISA, or MASTERCARD	Tel: 08 92 70 57 05 or 0800 90 20 33 or 0800 90 11 79 (toll-free)	24 hour service 7 days a week
DISCOVER	Tel: 001 80 19 02 31 00	24 hour service 7 days a week

TRAVELERS CHECKS

AMERICAN EXPRESS	Notify AMEXCO , Regional Refund Center, 11 rue Scribe, 75009 métro Opéra, Paris / Tel: 0800 908 600 , or for general information Tel: 01 47 77 72 00 or 01 71 23 08 38 Office hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and on Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m
CITICORP /CITIBANK	In Paris, call Citiphone banking at 01 49 05 49 05 / 24 hours a day; or Tel: 0800 90 62 48 , or go to la Compagnie Générale de Banque Citibank, 125, avenue des Champs Elysées, 75008 Paris. Office hours: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
TRAVEL EX	Notify Travel Ex at Tel: 0800 908 330 (toll-free) 24 hours a day for all services (formerly Thomas Cook)
VISA	In Paris, call 0800 90 20 33 (toll-free) for all services

Warning against pickpockets:

Each year some 2,000 Americans report their passports stolen or lost in Paris. Many of them are the victims of pickpockets operating in areas frequented by tourists, particularly museums, crowded subways and train stations. Foreign tourists are easy to spot by their language, clothes, guidebooks and cameras. Pickpockets assume that tourists carry lots of cash and that they are sufficiently preoccupied with their unfamiliar surroundings to be vulnerable.

How pickpockets operate:

Professional pickpockets often work in pairs or larger groups. The victim rarely knows what has happened until he discovers his wallet missing, and recalls that earlier in the day he was jostled on the subway. A lady's handbag with a zipper or clasp is no problem for a pickpocket if it is dangling carelessly out of the owner's sight, or lying on the floor in a restaurant or shop; about 70 percent of the victims in Paris are women. Likewise, a man's outside pocket is easy for a pickpocket to access.

In general, all the pickpocket wants is your money. Unfortunately, he/she usually gets other things too, because many tourists carry all their documents in "convenient" travel wallets. The tourist who loses his or her passport, identification, tickets, cash, credit cards and travelers checks at the same time is in real trouble. Although the wallet minus cash is often discarded by the thief and eventually turned to the Paris "Lost and Found" office, the victim's vacation may be ruined, as he will already have spent a lot of time replacing lost credit cards, driver's license, tickets, etc. Please warn your traveling companions, family members, or house guests to be especially careful with their valuable documents and money.

The following may help you avoid becoming a victim:

Carry with you only what you need; leave in your hotel safe such valuables as jewelry, Euro passes (Eurail,) airline tickets, travelers checks, credit cards, extra cash, and your passport.

Once inside France, American tourists are not required to carry their passports at all times; a student card or driver's license is usually sufficient if you are asked by a police officer for identification. Carry your passport separately from your wallet or handbag. This is not always feasible for women, but men can carry their passports in a front pants pocket instead of their inside jacket pocket. ***DON'T*** have one family or group member carry everyone's passport; never put all of a group's passports in the same bag or briefcase.

Hold your purse or shoulder bag tightly under your arm when in crowds. Keep it on your lap or in full sight in restaurants and public places. On the street, a woman should walk some distance from the curb and carry her handbag under the arm away from the street to prevent motorcycle thieves from grabbing it. Do not stand too close to the curb while waiting to cross a street. Be alert for groups of noisy children who swarm about you with distracting signs or papers begging for money. Despite their youth, they are among the best pickpockets in Paris.

DON'T leave your valuables in a locked car; locks are easily jimmed by experts; the trunk is not safe either.

DON'T resist if you are mugged; you can get badly hurt. If you catch a pickpocket in the act,

DON'T go for him unless a police officer is nearby; some pickpockets carry knives.

DON'T go into shock. We know it hurts to get robbed. If you are robbed, ask immediately for the location of the nearest police station (*commissariat*.) Each of Paris' 20 districts (*arrondissements*) has three or four commissariats; train stations also have one. Report the theft or loss to the police, who will give you a **Récépissé de Déclaration de Perte ou de Vol**; this receipt is useful for insurance purposes as well as temporarily covering the loss of your identification documents. If you lose your passport or need other assistance, report the theft to the American Embassy.

Practical advice:

To help you to enjoy your stay in Paris:

Your money:

- ◆ Carry the smallest amount of cash possible;
- ◆ Put your money in several different places on your person (handbags, pockets, etc.);
- ◆ Use bank notes of small or medium denomination.

Credit cards: keep the PIN numbers secret at all time, do not throw away receipts, note your credit card numbers and keep it separately to inform your bank if the cards are stolen or lost.

Your Passport and Driver's license:

- Make photocopies of your passport and driver's license (this will be of help if the originals are lost or stolen.);
- ◆ If you are a tourist, write down carefully your temporary address and always keep it with you;
- ◆ Do not write your name and address on your key-ring.

In public places, particularly in public transport (bus, subway, RER):

- NEVER leave your luggage unattended;
- ◆ Be cautious if caught in provoked jostles;
- ◆ Ensure that the opening of your handbag is facing toward you;
- ◆ Do not carry valuables in your side or back pockets.

Preventing theft from parked vehicles:

- ◆ Leaving displayed property in your vehicle increases the risks of theft. A few simple precautions will help the police better protect you against this type of theft;
- ◆ Parked vehicles: avoid leaving any valuables (cameras, clothes...) inside your vehicle;
- ◆ Keeping your car safe; even while driving, close the windows and lock the doors, including the trunk.

You may refer to the following website for information on visiting Paris. This information is made available by the Préfecture de Police of Paris.

(http://www.prefecture-police-paris.interieur.gouv.fr/prevention/article/paris_securite_anglais.htm.)

The Embassy Can Help:

The Consular Section of the Embassy has an information sheet on how to replace certain items (such as credit cards and airline tickets) which have been stolen or lost. If you have lost all of your money, we can give you information on the most rapid means for money transfer, and can assist you in contacting family or friends. If your passport was stolen, we can issue you a replacement.

PRINCIPAL U.S. AND FRANCO-U.S. ORGANIZATIONS

The Embassy publishes this list as a convenient reference for interested groups and individuals. It is not an exhaustive compilation, but includes groups and organizations known to the Embassy through its dealings with the American community. Organizations not on this list and who consider themselves to be active in American community life in Paris are cordially invited to make their interests known to the Embassy. If errors have occurred in this list, they will be corrected in the next edition. Each organization should bring any errors to the Embassy's attention, as well as any changes in names, addresses, telephone numbers and basic information. All corrections and changes should be sent to: American Embassy, American Citizen Services, 4, avenue Gabriel, 75382 Paris Cedex 08, or send an Email to Citizeninfo@state.gov

ACADEMIC YEAR ABROAD

Tel: 01 43 20 91 92

4, rue de Chevreuse, 75006 Paris

Founded and incorporated in the State of New York in 1961, this organization specializes in planning an academic year abroad for students who are in college or about to enter college. For a fee covering costs, the organization makes all arrangements for tuition, board and lodging.

Email: ayaparis@club-internet.fr

AMERICAN AID SOCIETY OF PARIS

Tel: 01 43 12 24 54

4, avenue Gabriel, 75008 Paris

Tel: 01 43 12 24 93

Fax: 01 49 26 04 68

The American Aid Society is a private, non-profit, volunteer-staffed organization founded in 1922 to assist Americans in need in France. Although the American Embassy provides office space for the Society, private donations are its sole source of income.

AMERICAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Tel: 01 42 27 28 56

Saint Joseph's Church, 50 avenue Hoche, 75008 Paris

A group founded in 1954 to encourage religious and social interaction among women of all races, nationalities and creeds. Various group activities raise funds to support people in need through charitable contributions. Members enjoy lectures, luncheons, retreats, trips, coffees, and classes. Website:

www.stjoesparis.org

Email: info@stjoesparis.org

AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN FRANCE INC.

Tel: 01 56 43 45 67

156, Boulevard Haussman, 75008 Paris

Fax: 01 56 43 45 60

Founded in 1894, this private not for profit organization promotes Franco-American economic relations. It serves as a representative body for U.S business in France. It also helps American companies integrate more effectively into the French business community and offers French firms an opportunity to build closer ties with U.S business in France. A directory, including members and a list of American companies in France is available by mail.

Please consult their Website: (<http://www.amchamfrance.org>)

Email: amchamfrance@amchamfrance.org

AMERICAN CLUB OF PARIS

34, avenue de New York, 75116 Paris

Tel: 01 47 23 64 36

Fax: 01 47 23 66 01

Founded at the time of Benjamin Franklin, it was first called The American Club in 1903, as the successor to several American men's clubs. Principal activity consists of guest speaker lunches with prominent French and international "news makers" in fields of science, the arts, politics and literature. All applications to join require two sponsor members of the Club and the presence of the prospective member at a membership cocktail. Annual dues: €185, Initiation fees: €160. There is no clubhouse or other physical facility.

Website: (<http://www.americanclubparis.org>) / Email: americanclubparis@wanadoo.fr

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS CONTINENTAL EUROPE CHAPTER

4 rue Galvani, 75838 Paris Cedex 17

Fax: 01 72 70 33 15

Founded in 1994 and based in Paris, this non-profit chapter of the American Institute of Architects fosters professional advancement and fellowship among its members. The Chapter works to enhance the international spirit of cooperation and voluntary service among architects with ties to the US, through a range of regular programs and special activities. Membership is open to architects holding US and/or International licenses and also to people with an affiliation or deep appreciation of architecture in general. For more information consult the following:

Website: www.aiaeurope.org

Email: administration@aiaeurope.org

AMERICAN LEGION (Paris Post #1)

22-24, Boulevard Diderot, 75012 Paris

Tel: 01 44 74 73 42

This veteran's organization was founded in Paris in 1919 and now has worldwide membership of over three million members. Meetings are on the third Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Email: american.legion@free.fr

AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS INC

10, rue du Général Camou, 75007 Paris

Tel: 01 53 59 12 60

Fax: 01 45 50 25 83

Open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. / Métro: Alma Marceau or Ecole-Militaire

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Email: alparis@americanlibraryinparis.org

Website: <http://www.americanlibraryinparis.org>

AMERICAN OVERSEAS MEMORIAL DAY ASSOCIATION INC

Tel: 01 47 23 38 88

34, avenue de New York, 75016 Paris

Founded in 1920, the Association's principal activity is arranging and financing ceremonies on Memorial Day at U.S. military cemeteries in Europe. Also arranges for the placing of American flags on the graves of all American veterans buried in local cemeteries in Europe. Annual dues are €30 or the equivalent in U.S. currency.

AMERICAN WOMEN'S GROUP IN PARIS

32, rue du Général Bertrand, 75007 Paris France

Tel: 01 42 73 36 74

Fax: 01 42 73 28 72

The American Women's Group in Paris (AWG) is a non-profit social, cultural and educational organization. We offer interesting and entertaining activities to enrich your French experience. We are professionals, mothers, executives and spouses - longtime Paris residents as well as new arrivals to the City of Light. From our Book Club and French Conversation Group to the Working Women's Forum that meets every month, AWG Paris has something for everyone. Our monthly coffee get-togethers in member's homes feature informative speakers and give members a chance to make new friends. Our roster of monthly activities offers artistic tours and cultural courses. From tours and trips with highly rated English speaking guides, lunches at world famous restaurants, to "how to" classes on flower arranging or Cordon Bleu cooking, we have something for you! Members also receive the AWG monthly bulletin including upcoming activities, informative articles and tips on living in France. Established over 50 years ago, we welcome English-speaking women from all countries as well as the USA. Contact our office and visit us at one of our monthly coffees to get further details.

Website: (<http://www.awgparis.org>)Email: awgparis@wanadoo.fr**ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED (FAVA)**

26, rue Alsace Lorraine, 75019 Paris

Tel: 01 42 45 17 91

ASSOCIATION FRANCE ETAT-UNIS

39, bd Suchet, 75016 Paris

Tel : 01 45 27 80 86

Fax: 01 45 27 80 58

France Etats-Unis, is a non-profit organization ("loi 1901") founded in 1945. Its goal is to contribute to a better understanding between the French and American people. With 2500 members in 20 cities across France, activities include conferences and discussions on social, historic, economic, international, political and artistic subjects. It organizes guided visits to exhibits and sites of interest to promote Franco-American exchanges. It publishes a quarterly newsletter, "France USA, le journal des relations Franco-Américaines".

Website: <http://www.france-etatsunis.com>Email : france.usa@wanadoo.fr**ASSOCIATION OF AMERICANS RESIDENT OVERSEAS (AARO)**

34, avenue de New York, 75016 Paris

Tel: 01 47 20 24 15

Fax: 01 47 20 24 16

Since its establishment in 1973, this issues-oriented organization has been a focal point for protecting the basic rights of overseas Americans. With members living in over 20 countries, AARO concentrates on such issues as voting rights, citizenship, taxation, health care, and business competitiveness. Members are eligible to apply for AARO's Group Medical Health Care Plans. Also quarterly Newsletter, topical seminars and meetings. AARO is a Founding Member of the World Federation of Americans Abroad
Office hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Email: aaro@aaro.org / Website: (<http://www.aaro.org>)**ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN WIVES OF EUROPEANS (AAWE)**

34, avenue de New York, 75016 Paris

Tel: 01 40 70 11 80

Fax: 01 47 23 32 27

AAWE is a non-profit organization based in the Paris area. The majority of its 600 members is made up of Americans married to Europeans. The AAWE Guide to Education, 5th Edition lists the bilingual/English language schools throughout France and contains information on bilingual education as well as the French school system. The AAWE Guide to Living in France, 2nd Edition provides information on marriage, divorce, retirement, wills and inheritance, real estate, care for seniors and job hunting. Each year the group holds a Christmas Bazaar, which is its main fundraising activity. Website:

(<http://www.aaweParis.org>) Email: aawe@wanadoo.fr

BOSTON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF FRANCE

Tel: 01 45 66 59 49

3 bis, rue Jean Pierre-Bloch, 75015 Paris

The Boston University Alumni Association of France welcomes alumni of all BU Campuses and their friends. Association gatherings include monthly get-togethers with the board, professional seminars and conferences, social gatherings for American festivities, and cultural activities.

Email: bostonuniversity@wanadoo.fr**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Tel: 49 621 487 7087 (Germany)

TAC/BSA

Fax: 49 621 487 4002

Stern Kaserne

68232 Mannheim, Germany

The Boys Scouts of America are represented in Paris by Troop and Pack 112 first chartered in 1953. Both organizations function under the governance of the BSA and are administered by the Transatlantic Council headquartered in Germany. The Scouts provide wholesome fun, character development, physical challenges and lots more to boys from ages 7-10 (grades 1-5, Cub Scouts and WEBELOS) and 11-18 (grades 6 through high school, Boy Scouts). With meetings held at the American School of Paris in Saint Cloud, both organizations are centrally located to families spread across the city of Paris and the surrounding suburbs. New Scouts are always welcome and additional information on Pack and Troop points of contact can be found by contacting the Transatlantic Council representatives at www.tac-bsa.org and asking for the Cubmaster or Scoutmaster contact information.

CIDJ

Tel: 0 825 09 06 30

101, quai Branly, 75740 Paris

A good source of information about temporary employment in France is the Centre d'Information et de Documentation Jeunesse (CIDJ.) The CIDJ offers a useful information sheet: *Reglementation et Recherche d'Emploi pour les Edudiants Etrangers pendant les Vacances Universitaires* (No. 5.543). There are several CIDJ in France.

THE CORNELL CLUB OF FRANCE

Tel: 06 64 24 87 60

26, rue des Fosses Saint-Jacques, 75005 Paris

The Cornell Club of France organizes many different events -- e.g. architectural tours, museum visits, and an annual ski trip. We host receptions, talks and social functions with visiting faculty and alumni. We interview prospective applicants and support links between Cornell and France. The association is open to all alumni and their spouses, current Cornell students and their parents, and other friends of Cornell. There are 800 Cornellians in France. The club was founded in 1956 and has a chapter in Paris and Lyon (Rhône-Alps). The current president is Curtis Bartosik. For a monthly newsletter or other information please refer to the following:

Email: cjb48@cornell.edu**THE COUNSELING CENTER**

Tel: 01 47 23 61 13

23, avenue George V (at the American Cathedral)
75008 Paris

Fax: 01 47 23 95 30

The Counseling Center at the American Cathedral is staffed by experienced and highly qualified psychotherapists working with adults, adolescents and children with a wide range of problems and concerns. Individual, family, and couple therapy is offered by appointment Monday through Friday by calling the above telephone number, covered by an answering machine around the clock. Messages received are answered promptly.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
(NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE)

Tel: 01 48 04 32 16

c/o Madame Bertrand Chatel de Brancion Rochambeau Chapter, 22, rue des Quatre-Fils, 75003 Paris.
Members are descendants of those who served and participated in the American Revolution; their goal is to maintain Franco-American friendship. The group participates in various American ceremonies: July 4, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving.

Website: (<http://www.dar.org/natsociety/default.cfm>) / Email: RochambFR@aol.com

DEMOCRATS ABROAD FRANCE

Tel: 01 45 49 14 70

57 rue Vasco de Gama, 75015 PARIS

Democrats Abroad France is the official overseas organization of the U.S. Democratic Party for those Americans living in France with chapters in Paris, Strasbourg, the Riviera and the Southwest. We are Americans living in more than 100 countries around the globe: informed of critical issues at home and abroad, inspired to build a better world through our own active participation, and involved at every level of the political process – from overseas voting to serving on the Democratic National Committee and casting votes in the Democratic National Convention to elect the President of the United States.

American voters residing in France may directly exercise their rights in the U.S. political process and participate in the activities of the Democratic Party. **For voter information** contact Louise Meyers at 0871 75 01 62 or by Email at Vote-fr@democratsabroad.org, daf@demsfrance.com.

You may also register to vote online at www.votefromabroad.org.

Website of Democrats Abroad France: <http://www.demsfrance.org/>

Overseas citizens groups help Americans abroad to vote by absentee ballot. We encourage you to contact Democrats Abroad, Republicans Abroad or other American citizens groups or organizations for information, or if you need help in registering to vote or requesting an absentee ballot. Links to these groups are at <http://www.fvap.gov/links/ocitlinks.html>

EUROPEAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – France

Tel: 01 53 89 11 02

37 rue de Liège, 75008 Paris

Fax: 01 53 89 11 09

The Association was established pursuant to statute for private membership. The objective of the European American Chamber of Commerce (France), formerly French American Chamber of Commerce (FACC), is to develop and cultivate strong economic relationships between the European Union and the United States of America. EACC (France) brings together its four hundred members and is dedicated to assisting French, European and American corporations in bridging the Atlantic together. Recognized by the European-American business community, EACC (France):

Website: <http://www.eaccfrance.eu/> / Email: contact@eaccfrance.com

FACTS

Tel: 0 800 537 537

190, Boulevard de Charonne, 75020 Paris

FACTS is an association under the law of 1901 which provides counseling, treatment information, support and education to the English-speaking community in Paris. The *FACTS*-Line is an anonymous information and support line in English for persons concerned by HIV and AIDS, which can be reached at 0 800 537 537 (Monday and Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.)

FRENCH HERITAGE SOCIETY

(Formerly Friends of Vieilles Maisons Françaises)

34, avenue de New York, 75116 Paris

The French Heritage Society (FHS), founded in 1982, is an American non-profit 501(c)3 tax-exempt, charitable organization devoted to the preservation of the French Heritage both in France and the United States through restoration of its architecture and landscape gardens and has participated in over 400 restoration projects of châteaux, churches, historic buildings and gardens. It fosters educational exchanges between the United States and France, internships for artisans, seminars for museum curators, art historians and private collectors and conducts cultural trips for its American and French members. The French Heritage Society has over 2,000 members with 15 chapters in the United States (Arizona, Atlanta, Boston, Cleveland, Dallas, New Orleans, New York, North Carolina, Northern California, Palm Beach, Philadelphia, Saint Genevieve, Santa Barbara, Southern California, Washington regional) and one in Paris.

Website: www.frenchheritagesociety.org

Email: paris@frenchheritagesociety.org

Tel: 01 40 70 07 57

Fax: 01 40 70 07 86

FONDATION DES ETATS UNIS

15, Boulevard Jourdan, 75014 Paris

Founded in 1927 with private donations, this French equivalent of the "International Houses" on larger American campuses provides lodging and cultural facilities to American graduate students, professors and researchers. The foundation also accepts French and other nationalities. Located in the Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris (C.I.U.P.), it has 270 single rooms.

Email: fondusa@iway.fr

Tel: 01 53 80 68 80 / 88

Fax: 01 53 80 68 99

FONDATION DU MEMORIAL DE L'ESCADRILLE LA FAYETTE Tel: 01 47 23 38 88

34, avenue de New York, 75016 Paris

Founded in 1930, the Foundation maintains a monument in the park of St. Cloud, provides for suitable ceremonies, and educates French and American youth on the history of their respective countries. The memorial consists of a crypt containing tombs and a triumphal arch inscribed with the names of the 68 members of the LaFayette Escadrille and the LaFayette Flying Corps who were killed during World War I.

FRANCE AMERIQUES

9-11, avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt, 75008 Paris

A private, non-profit organization founded in 1909 to foster better relations between France and the nations of the Americas. A club, with restaurant, offering many facilities to its members: lounge, bar, garden-terrace, library, and four large drawing rooms suitable for banquets, cocktails, business lunches or dance evenings. Numerous economic, cultural and social events take place in the club, which is located in a nineteenth century mansion of richly authentic "Second Empire" decoration. France-Amerique is also a debating circle on economic and geopolitical matters. Several other Franco-american organizations and universities are housed in the same building.

Tel: 01 43 59 51 00

FRANCO-AMERICAINE CINEMA THEATRE (FACT)

Tel / Fax: 01 43 44 76 98

63, rue de Reuilly, 75012 Paris

FACT is a Franco-American acting training center located in Paris with a summer workshop in New York City. In Paris, FACT offers eight different ongoing classes, one of them is conducted in English, and a bilingual summer workshop. The association's goal is to foster cultural exchange in the performing arts on a human level by establishing professional bilingual training, research and performance, under one roof and on two continents, thus encouraging a sense of community among artists of diverse nationalities, ethnicities and cultural traditions

Website: (<http://www.chez.com/fact>)

FRANCO-AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE

Tel: 01 44 14 53 60

9, rue Chardin, 75016 Paris

0 892 68 07 47

Open Monday-Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The commission administers the Fulbright program in France. The Educational Advising Center is open to the public weekdays except for Tuesday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The Educational Advisors are available on Monday afternoons and Thursday and Friday mornings by appointment only. Counseling and documentation concerning French and American universities, information on SAT college entrance examinations is provided. (**Note: They do not certify translations of transcripts.**) Closed in August and on all legal French holidays. Educational Advising Center: tel. 0892 68 07 47

Email: cfa@fulbright-france.org

Website: (<http://www.fulbright-france.org>)

FRANCE-LOUISIANE / FRANCO-AMERICAINe

Tel: 01 45 88 02 10

17, avenue Reille
75014 Paris

Fax: 01 45 88 03 22

France Louisiane, Franco-Américaine is a non-profit organization founded in 1977. FL/FA's aim is to establish links between French people and French-speaking persons living in the United States. FA/FL's library which has information about French heritage in the United States is the most important of its kind in France. The organization has chapters in France and in Louisiana and publishes a quarterly newspaper "La Gazette de la Francophonie Américaine."

Email: Flfa@free.fr

Website: (<http://www.flfa.free.fr>)

GIRL SCOUTS (USA)

USA GIRL SCOUTS represents a group of about 200 girls and 100 women in the Paris area who follow the American girl scout program. Meetings are either through an affiliation with the American School of Paris, the American Section of the Lycee International in St-Germain en Laye or Marymount Schools or as individual troops in the center of Paris or suburbs.

Website: <http://www.waggsworld.org/en/about>

HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL CLUB OF FRANCE (HBS)

Tel: 01 42 56 20 98

9-11, avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt, 75008 Paris

The principal activity of this club is monthly luncheon meetings. The Club also periodically schedules debates with other business schools, and offers an informal counseling service to prospective students of the Harvard Business School concerning the job market in their field.

Website: (www.harvard.com)

INTERNATIONAL COUNSELING SERVICE (ICS)

Tel: 01 45 50 26 49

65, quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris

International Counseling Service, founded in 1977, is a long established psychological service, staffed by highly qualified Mental Health Professionals (all bilingual): Clinical psychologists, psychotherapists, a clinical social worker, a neuropsychologist and a psychiatrist. Individual, family, couple and group therapy for adults, adolescents and children are offered, by appointment, to people with a variety of problems and concerns. Psychological and neuropsychological assessments are also offered. An English speaking answering service takes messages, which are returned within 24 hours by a member of our team. The first interview is free of charge (except family sessions). Mailing address: 31 avenue Bosquet, 75007 Paris / Website: <http://icsparis.ifrance.com/>

JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE OF PARIS

Tel: 01 47 20 00 03

34, avenue de New York, 75016 Paris

Fax: 01 42 61 55 72

The Junior Service League of Paris welcomes women wishing to contribute as a trained volunteer in the areas of health and child welfare, including cancer support and infertility support groups, excursions and toy collections for underprivileged children, training courses for child minders, and lunches for the unemployed. For more information: The Mona Bismarck Foundation, 34 avenue de New York, 75016 Paris

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Tel: 01 44 74 73 42

Paris Post 1, 22-24, Boulevard Diderot, 75012 Paris

The Auxiliary is composed of wives, widows and daughter of U.S veterans and the group meets every second Saturday of the month.

LA LECHE LEAGUE FRANCE (LLL)

Tel: 01 39 58 45 84

Correspondence may be sent to: B.P. 18, 78620 L'Etange la ville

Breastfeeding information and Mother-to-Mother support meetings are held monthly. The Paris English group Leaders are available by email and telephone as well: Lea - 01 39 68 10 81 at

lleacohen@gmail.com ; Margaret - 01 44 76 69 86 at merick@noos.fr ; or Maria - 01 45 75 51 65-at

mlevant1807@neuf.fr . LLL publishes its manual "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding". Members can also receive a bi-monthly journal containing advice, latest research findings and testimonials on all aspects of breastfeeding. Please refer to website for contact addresses throughout France:

<http://www.lllfrance.org/english.htm>

THE MONA BISMARCK FOUNDATION

Tel: 01 47 23 38 88

34, avenue de New York, 75016 Paris

Fax: 01 40 70 02 99

The aim of this non-profit American foundation registered in the state of New York, is to encourage and promote international artistic, scientific and educational activities, particularly those which further Franco-American friendship. The Foundation's Paris Cultural Center is housed in the magnificent townhouse of the late American philanthropist Countess Mona Bismarck. Since 1986, over 60 major exhibitions have been held in the ground floor exhibition salons. The Foundation also offers office space to a select number of American associations in Paris such as The American Club, The French Heritage Society, the Association of Americans Resident Overseas, the Association of American Wives of Europeans, the L'Escadrille de Lafayette Foundation and the American Overseas Memorial Day Association, to name a few. Website: <http://www.monabismarck.org>

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY CLUB OF FRANCE

1, bis Place du Commerce
75015 Paris

This organization represents alumni of New York University living in France. It organizes conferences, cocktails and meetings and promotes cultural and professional exchanges with the University and with its members. President: Mr. Laurence Rahmil, Esq.

Website: (<http://www.nyu-club-france.com>)

Email: nyuclub@nyu-club-france.com

PARENTHESE

(official partner of the CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange) in France

39, rue de l'Arbalète
75005 Paris

Offering study abroad, student work exchanges, voluntary service, and student travel, CIEE is a non-profit association with over 300 universities, colleges and other institutions as members. Programs in France include international study programs for students 18 years and older; work exchange programs for students (summer jobs in the US and all year round in Canada and France, internship opportunities in Europe and the US); TOEIC, standard in evaluating levels of English proficiency for professional purposes.

Tel: 01 43 36 37 07

Fax: 01 43 36 54 48

Email: contact@parenthese-paris.com

Website: www.parenthese-paris.com

PARIS ALUMNAE NETWORK

Tel: 01 39 58 84 80

For alumnae/i who are active in the workforce, seeking employment or recently retired, as well as some students, PAN offers a broad scope of activities to enrich its members lives collectively and as individuals. Created in 1995 PAN as an associate member has been active in the consolidation of the many alumni clubs established in France into an official 1901 association, AUC France. For member information, please call Patricia Monacelli, President of the association.

Email: monacelli@hec.fr or contact@pan-paris.org / Website: (<http://www.pan-paris.org>)

PRINCETON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF FRANCE

Tel: 01 45 49 04 75

127, Boulevard Raspail, 75006 Paris

Fax: 01 45 49 08 25

Organizes events and social functions, sometimes in collaboration with other clubs and organizations, with a view towards encouraging contact among Alumni and between France and the U.S. Interviews prospective applicants and provides a link with the University Alumni Council. The Association is open to all Alumni and their spouses, current Princeton students and their parents, and other friends of Princeton. Email: pamwesson@wanadoo.fr / Website:

http://alumni.princeton.edu/main/alumni_communities/regional_associations/regional_association_list/

REPUBLICANS ABROAD FRANCE

Tel: 01 53 53 75 16

c/o Orrick, 25, bd de l'Amiral Bruix, 75016 Paris

Republicans Abroad France is the official representation of the Republican National committee in France. Its primary purpose is to assist and inform Americans on all issues relating to absentee voter registration, but also organizes dinners, receptions and other events to promote the Republican Party and acts in an outreach capacity to both the American and French communities. American voters residing in France may directly exercise their rights in the U.S. political process and participate in the activities of the Republican Party. Email: info@rafrance.org or gyates@orrick.com

Website information: <http://www.republicansabroad.org/>

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SAINT ANNE'S GUILD

Tel: 01 42 67 26 74

23, avenue Georges V, 75008 Paris

St-Anne's is a women's organization in the Cathedral which supports children's, women's and family activities for the enhancement of the Christian ethic. St. Anne's supports the work of the Sunday School and Nursery, Youth Groups and provides a monthly forum for discussing issues of interest to its members. Halloween, Christmas and Easter parties are organized for children; a family advent workshop and support for the Parish picnic are provided yearly. New Programs and project ideas are entertained each year.

Email: mvdeb@wanadoo.fr

LA SOCIETE DES QUARANTE HOMMES ET HUIT CHEVAUX Tel: 01 43 87 69 96

34, avenue de New York, 75116 Paris

La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, an independent Fraternal Organization of Veterans, popularly known as the Forty and Eight, is composed of American Legionnaires of World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Lebanon, Panama and the Gulf conflict periods. The Forty and Eight was founded in 1920 and the Grande de France was chartered in June 1925. Voiture Locale (Post) is located in Paris and Voiture Locale 1496 worldwide. Two seasonal newsletters are published and four promenades (meetings) a year are held in the Mona Bismarck Foundation, followed by social luncheons. For more information on ceremonies, Memorial Day etc., held by this association, please call Mr. Frank J. Corrigan (State Cdr.) at the a telephone number indicated above for more information.

SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI

Tel: 01 45 61 45 40

2, bis rue Rabelais, 75008 Paris

The Society of the Cincinnati is composed of persons who trace their ancestry to high ranking officers of the regular French Army and Navy who fought in the American Revolution. The purpose of the Society is to keep alive the spirit of friendship between France and the United States. The French branch hosts an annual ceremony in celebration of the victory of Yorktown in 1781.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (SAR)

Tel: 01 40 62 97 19

20, rue Bosquet, 75007 Paris

The French branch of the SAR was created in 1926 by an ancestor of Comte de Chambrun. Members are descendants of participants in the American Revolution; their aim is to maintain Franco-American friendship. The group participates in various American ceremonies on July 4 and Memorial Day.

S.O.S HELP

Tel: 01 46 21 46 46

SOS HELP, founded in Paris in 1974, offers the English-speaking community in France a telephone support service, 7 days a week, including holidays, from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Its objective is to provide an anonymous telephone crisis line / suicide prevention listening service.

Website: (<http://www.soshelpline.org>)

STANFORD CLUB OF FRANCE Email: franceclub@stanfordalumni.org

The main objectives of the Club are to facilitate interaction and communication between Stanford alumni, faculty, and students and allow members to keep abreast of new developments at Stanford. There are monthly activities for club members and with other alumni clubs.

Website: (<http://www.stanford-fr.org>)

THE TRAVELLERS

Tel: 01 43 59 75 00

25, avenue des Champs Elysees, 75008 Paris

This men's club, patterned on the British model, provides lodging, restaurant, and bar service. Most of the members are English-speaking professionals, primarily British and American businessmen.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN PARIS

Tel: 01 49 28 54 00

Paris Study Center on 89, rue Faubourg St. Antoine. 75011.

Tel: 01 49 28 54 01

Founded in 2005m the UCAA's main objective is to provide a valuable and secure networking environment for those who have attended any of the UC campuses, either in education-abroad or in full-time degree programs. We also hope to offer support to the next generation of UC grads currently living in Paris, by working closely with the UC study abroad centers in Paris, Bordeaux and Lyon to help students with housing, internships, jobs, and financial support through a scholarship program. The UCAA has over 400 alumni currently living in France.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

Tel: 01 46 48 83 81

Poste Number 605 the Benjamin Franklin Post 7

Tel: 01 42 88 85 15

11, rue du Général Leclerc, 92130 Issy-les-Moulineaux

They hold monthly meetings, with the exception of July and August. They re-ignite the flame under the Arc de Triomphe every January 16. They are active on Memorial Day, especially at the Cemetery of Bois de Belleau. They hold their Annual Banquet in April of each year. Among others during year past, they created a memorial in memory of a B-17 crew, which crashed during the war on the Island of Chausey.

WELLESLEY CLUB OF FRANCE

Tel: 01 45 53 00 42

26, rue Cardinet, 75017 Paris

The Club is open to all Wellesley College alumnae, students and faculty. The Club organizes social and cultural gatherings (sometimes with the other U.S. alumni/ae clubs), awards grants to juniors in the Wellesley-in-Aix program; recruits prospective students ; sponsors Wellesley Book Awards for high school students ; and publishes newsletters and an annual directory.

Email: WCFrance@alum.wellesley.edu**WICE**

Tel: 01 45 66 75 50

20, bd du Montparnasse, 75015 Paris

WICE is a non-profit multinational association offering hundreds of cultural and educational programs in English - including a university certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL). The majority of programs run between September and June, however, each summer it sponsors the week-long Paris Writers' Workshop and special one-day conferences. WICE members have access to French-English conversation groups, a bilingual book group, a resource library and lending library, and discounts at a number of museums, stores, and activities in Paris. The organization is managed by volunteers and provides a welcoming environment, a place to maintain or develop new skills, to make friends and build professional contacts. Number of members - over 800. Most members are located in the Paris, 75 area, followed by 92 then 91. All leadership positions (President, VP Programs, Director of Volunteers, etc.) are on a volunteer basis. Website: <http://www.wice-paris.org/> Email: wice@wice-paris.org

WOMEN OF THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS (WOAC)

Tel: 01 45 56 09 50

65, quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris

Provides opportunities for women to meet together in friendship and to assist newcomers to make a successful transition to life in Paris. An orientation Program, "Bloom Where You're Planted," for English-speaking newcomers to Paris is held the first three Tuesdays in October. A guide to living in Paris, the "Bloom Book" is updated yearly and available for purchase. The Information Center is located in the Franco-American Community Center of the American Church in Paris.

YALE CLUB OF FRANCE

Tel: 01 48 04 51 75

Mission: The Yale Club of France exists to help connect Yalies in

Fax: 01 48 04 51 17

France with each other and to help raise Yale's profile in France. Events : We hold a variety of events, from happy hours to dinners with guest speakers, cocktails, joint events with other Clubs (Harvard, Princeton...)
Members : There are roughly 500 Yale Alumni in France, with the majority in the Paris area.
Website : www.yalefrance.org - Email : Queries@yalefrance.org

FRANCO-U.S. ORGANIZATIONS NEAR PARIS***Ivry sur Seine*****MESSAGE MOTHER SUPPORT GROUP**

Tel: 01 58 60 00 53

24, rue Saint Juste, 94200 Ivry sur Seine

MESSAGE is an organization of 1200+ English-speaking families and parents-to-be living in and around Paris. All nationalities are welcome to join; and Dads too! MESSAGE provides a network of contacts, support and information on pregnancy, childbirth and a wide range of child-related queries. Activities include events for expectant parents and children from newborn - Primary School age; family outings; meetings of parents of adolescents and working moms; and speaker events covering such topics as bilingualism, workplace issues and pre/post-natal fitness. MESSAGE members also enjoy the quarterly magazine and a website rich in parenting resources and online discussion forums offering parent-to-parent support. The MESSAGE publication: *ABCs of Parenting in Paris* (5th edition), the essential guide to thrive and survive as a family in Paris, was published in May 2006.

Information by telephone: Tel: 01 58 60 00 53 (9 am to 4 pm, weekdays)

Website: http://messageparis.org/public_website/index.htmlEmail: info@messageParis.org***Neuilly sur Seine Cedex*****AMERICAN HOSPITAL OF PARIS**

Tel: 01 46 41 25 25

63, Boulevard. Victor Hugo, 92202 Neuilly sur Seine

Fax: 01 46 24 49 38

A private, not-for-profit institution, it is the only hospital in Europe that has been recognized as conforming to the standards of the American Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The majority of treatment and administrative staff are bilingual. The Emergency Room is open 24 hours/day, 365 days/year for medical, surgical and dental emergencies.

Suresnes**FOCH FOUNDATION**

Tel: 01 45 06 29 24

Fondation Médicale Franco Américaine Du Mont Valérien

Fax: 01 46 97 04 39

Pavillion Balsan

40, rue Worth, 92151 Suresnes

The FOCH Foundation is a private, non-profit Franco-American organization chartered to render both financial and logistic support to the needy requiring hospitalization. In order to better realize their mission, the Founders created Hôpital FOCH, which is one of the premier private medical institutions of Europe with a 680-bed capacity. The Foundation's dual mission continues, developing and extending financial aid to a greater number of needy patients while maintaining the standards of excellence which have insured the hospital's international reputation. Further information regarding the Hôpital FOCH can be found on this list.

HOSPITAL FOCH

40, rue Worth, 92151 Suresnes

Tel: 08 26 20 72 20

Fax: 01 42 04 59 23

Founded in 1929, Hôpital Foch of Suresnes belongs to the FOCH Foundation; both are private, non-profit, Franco-American organizations. Hôpital Foch has participated in the French Public Health care Service since 1977. It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is fully accredited by French Social Security. Bilingual staff available. Website: <http://www.hopital-foch.org/>

OTHER AREAS IN FRANCE (please see the Embassy's website<http://france.usembassy.gov/consulara.html> for further listings of Franco-American Organizations in each area.)**Bordeaux****AMICALE DES ANCIENS EMPLOYES DES BASES ALLIEES
EN FRANCE, LA ROCHELLE**

74 route du Silo, ZA de Croix Fort, 17220 Saint Medard d'Aunis

Vice President Claude Vazzoler

ASSOCIATION BORDEAUX-USA

38 allees d'Orleans, 33000 Bordeaux

President Alex Rychlewski

Email: aquitrad@aquitaine-traduction.com

Tel.: 05 48 18 77 61

Fax: 05 56 51 71 39

ASSOCIATION GIRONDINE LOUISIANAISE FRANCOPHONE

20 chemin de la Brande, 33750 Croignon

President Marie-Claude Auriac - Email: gironde-louisiane@wanadoo.fr

Tel.-Fax: 05 56 30 10 23

**ASSOCIATION SPORTIVE DES KANGOUROUS DE PESSAC
(AMERICAN FOOTBALL TEAM)**

Château de Bellagrave, avenue du Colonel Jacqui, 33600 Pessac

President Jacques Rouaud

Tel.: 06 12 60 61 42

Fax: 05 57 93 00 03

BORDEAUX-LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION

38, allée d'Orleans, 33000 Bordeaux

The Association Bordeaux-Los Angeles has as its objective to establish and develop cultural and commercial relations between Aquitaine and California, and in particular between the sister cities Bordeaux and Los Angeles.

Tel: 05 56 51 37 61

BORDEAUX WOMEN'S CLUB

12, rue des Perdrix, 33600 Pessac

The Bordeaux Women's Club (BWC) was created at the end of World War II by American military wives living in France. In 1984, the BWC became an official non-profit association, and today is a very diverse American-led group. Geared to the international English-speaking community of Bordeaux, the identifying aspect of the BWC membership is its composition of similarly situated women who have experienced direct cross-cultural transition. By being able to provide a natural atmosphere of open receptivity, the BWC's mission statement is to help ease the challenges and difficulties associated with new, or renewed, cultural transitions while integrating into French – and Bordeaux - life and culture. Striving to fill the void for those with no other recourse, it is through a wide variety of shared social and cultural activities, that the BWC is an active connection point for the culturally mobile. The BWC is a very dynamic, rapidly expanding group. Alongside the very popular Monthly Luncheon, there is a wide range of numerous activities throughout the season and an informative Monthly Newsletter.

Tel: 05 56 36 06 50

Email: contact@bordeauxwomensclub.org / Website: <http://bordeauxwomensclub.org>

CENTRE D'ETUDES DE L'UNIVERSITE DE CALIFORNIE
Université de Bordeaux 3 Michel de Montaigne, Bat E, 33607 Pessac cedex.
Director Professor William Chandler
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FRANCE NORTH CHAPTER-LILLE**
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AMERICAN CLUB OF LILLE

184 rue de Guisnes, 59200 Tourcoing
The *American Club of Lille* (ACL) is an English-speaking non profit association created in 1991 under the French law of 1901. ACL members include Americans and people fond of American culture. They share their common cultural background by gathering for US national holidays, cultural events, and in small groups around similar centers of interest. Through an active online exchange, ACL members also help American newcomers in the difficult transitioning of adjusting to a foreign culture.
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MC CORMICK FOUNDATION

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Lyon

AMERICAN CLUB OF LYON

B.P. 2060, 69226 Lyon cedex 02

Formally created in 1987, the American Club of Lyon is a non-profit organization. The Club is open to American citizens, their spouses and children. Other nationalities that have lived in the U.S for a period of 2 years or work for an American company may apply for membership. Fluency in English is a requirement for membership. The purpose of the Club is to draw American expatriates together to share a common cultural background and to provide a network of assistance for newcomers in France. Website:

www.americanclublyon.org

Tel: 06 67 43 20 81

CERCLE D'ETUDE ET D'AMITIE FRANCE USA

109 Rue Bernard Maitre, 63110 Beaumont

The rationale of the Cercle d'Etude et d'Amitié France USA is to help promote both friendship and understanding between the French and American peoples, as well as to review and publicize research on history, literature, science and the environment, in order to define and/or clarify the views of these two countries. Contact Bernard Caillot: Email: Bcaillot@aol.com

Website: <http://www.france-usa.fr/>

FRANCE-AMERIQUE VICHY

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FRANCE ETATS-UNIS GRENOBLE

France Etats Unis is an apolitical, private and independent French association: it was established in 1945 under the patronage of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of the US Embassy in France. The objectives of the association are to contribute in making the two people better acquainted and to improve their mutual understanding, more particularly between French and American citizens living in the area of Grenoble. Website: <http://www.france-etatsunis-grenoble.com/>

FRANCE LOUISIANE (Bourgogne, Haute-Loire/Cantal, and Isère/Rhône)

Website: <http://flfa.free.fr/delegation.htm>

FRANCE-USA DROME ARDECHE

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FRANCE-USA LYON

France-USA has many members, individuals as well as families, who sincerely enjoy maintaining contact with Americans, either because they have lived or studied or worked in the United States or because they simply appreciate the rich diversity and openness of American people.

We organize special events from time to time, such as the recent dinner in honor of the New York City firemen who visited Lyon in March 2002 and the election night discussions and debates of November 2000. We also organize regular activities, such as French-American dinners in local restaurants and we keep you informed about cultural events, and we organize monthly French-English conversation groups. Every year we plan our annual Thanksgiving dinner in November and a Super Bowl party in January. Website: <http://www.france-usa.net/>

Rennes

See <http://france.usembassy.gov/rennes-amcit.html>

Strasbourg-Metz

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LORRAINE ETATS-UNIS

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F-57280 MAIZIERES-LES-METZ

This Association has its seat at the City Hall of METZ and was founded in 1981. It is a non-profit volunteer organization the aim of which is to maintain and develop ties between people from the Lorraine Region and other Associations with American people, companies or any one interested. It is organizing cultural events, commemorating the Memorial Day, the Liberation of Metz -the city in which Gilbert de La Fayette decided to free America- and other places, and it has a weekly English conversation circle. Contact: Jacqueline Nieser, President. Email:

<mailto:lorraine.usa@orange.fr>

Tel: 03 87 80 51 15

EDUCATION - SCHOOLS

The large, long-established American community in France makes possible a wide range of educational opportunities for Americans. Essentially three types of schools are available: private American schools, bilingual schools where both French and English are used, and the French school system, taught in French, which is designed to lead to the Baccalaureate examination. American children have been accepted in French schools and, when necessary, tutored in the French language. **The Embassy does not recommend particular schools or send representatives to visit them.**

For more information on any of the schools listed below, please call the schools directly.

American and British Schools

THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF PARIS (K – 12)

41 rue Pasteur
92210 St Cloud

Tel: 01 41 12 82 82

Fax: 01 46 02 23 90

Email: bheussaff@asParis.org (admissions secretary)

The American School of Paris, or ASP as the school is more familiarly called, is an independent, non-profit accredited co-educational school, pre-kindergarten through grade 12, that offers an American educational program to students of all nationalities. The Lower School (grades kindergarten-5) offers an educational program typical of reputable American elementary schools, with emphasis on meeting individual needs. The school has a guidance counselor, and English as a foreign language (ESOL) is instructed. A French language and culture program is included in the curriculum for all students. In addition an extra-curricular program of Franco-American activities for older students (grades 4-5) creates opportunities to mix with French children. Consistent with ASP's educational philosophy, the middle school offers a program of studies based on an American curriculum. Most school activities are self-contained: students have their own art, drama and sports programs. In addition there are frequent class trips and for 7th and 8th graders, the popular Outward Bound Program. The aim is to provide a varied and challenging educational program which emphasizes academic excellence as well as personal, social and intellectual growth. While encouraging students to excel, the middle school stresses cooperative behavior and respect for the rights and feelings of others. The upper school (grades 9-12, with an optional 13th year) provides a rigorous college preparatory program and extra-curricular activities typical of better independent schools in the United States. In addition to a standard American curriculum, the school offers a wide range of Advanced Placement courses, an intensive program for non-native English speakers, and the International Baccalaureate Diploma, permitting entrance to universities worldwide. Eighty percent of any graduating class has taken Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses. Knowledge of French language and culture is stressed, with additional programs in Spanish, German. Facilities include four science laboratories, two gymnasiums, sports fields, a self-service cafeteria, and a 400-seat Performing Arts Center, used for numerous musical and dramatic activities.

Website: (<http://www.asParis.org>)

MARYMOUNT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

(nursery through 8th grade)
72, boulevard de la Saussaye
92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine
Headmistress: Brigitte Dalton

Tel: 01 46 24 10 51
Fax: 01 46 37 07 50

Marymount School, Paris is accredited by the Middle States Association of College and Schools, and was founded by the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary in 1923. Today its aim is to fulfill the needs of elementary school students who will be spending only a few years in France and who wish to maintain continuity with an English-speaking program of education. It is a catholic, independent school open to boys and girls of all nationalities and religions. It has close ties with other Marymount Schools throughout the world. The students of Marymount range from nursery school through eighth grade, 4 to 14 years. Math and English classes form the core of the curriculum along with specialized courses in art, music, science, social studies, computer technologies, physical education and daily French lessons taught by native-born French teachers. The kindergarten level uses a Montessori approach. There is an English as a Second Language department as well as a Resource Center for children having learning difficulties that cannot be met within the regular classroom. Admission to this class is limited and based upon specific criteria. Marymount offers a strong after-school activities program. It provides opportunities for students to follow interests or needs in the areas of sports, music, drama, dance, karate, and art.

Email: school@ecole-marymount.fr

Website: (<http://www.ecole-marymount.fr>)

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PARIS (K-12)

6 rue Beethoven
75016 Paris

Tel: 01 42 24 09 54
Fax: 01 45 27 15 93

Email: info@isParis.edu

Founded in 1964, the International School of Paris is a private, co-educational school, accredited by the European Council on International Schools (ECIS,) the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC,) and the French Ministry of the Interior. I.S.P. is a truly international school, with students and staff from 38 countries. The school offers an individualized Anglo-American/international curriculum, with instruction in mathematics, the experimental sciences, computing, the social sciences, physical education, the fine arts and language. The classes number 20 or fewer students. Instruction is conducted in English, with the exception of language classes. Students who are fluent in English are required to study French language and culture: up to 2 hours per week for K1/K2, 3 hours minimum per week for grades 1-4, and over 4 hours minimum per week for the remaining grades. I.S.P. provides a demanding program in grades 11-12, leading to the prestigious International Baccalaureate (I.B.) diploma or certificates, or the U.S. high school diploma. Exams offered: SSAT, PSAT, I.B., IGCSE.

Extracurricular activities include drama, soccer, swimming, martial arts, computing, and Saturday sports club. The I.S.P. accepts students throughout the school year, provided there is appropriate space available. Detailed information about the school's facilities, academic program, and bus service is available from the Director of Admissions.

Website: (<http://www.isParis.edu>)

BRITISH SCHOOL (K-12)

Tel: 01 34 80 45 85

38 quai de l'Ecluse
78290 Croissy sur Seine

This is a small co-educational school. Instruction is conducted in English, Kindergarten through high school. Emphasis is placed on preparation for students' entry into all preparatory schools and colleges in Great Britain and the United States. The school will arrange for both the General Certificate of Education (advanced and ordinary level) for university entrance and the U.S. College Board Examination. Bus service is available for the Paris area, and hot lunches are served. Brochures and further information are available at the school or on the internet: (<http://www.rmplc.co.uk/eduweb/sites/Paris>)

THE AMERICAN BUSINESS SCHOOL

Tel: 01 40 03 15 04

12 rue Alexandre Parodi
75010 Paris

Fax: 01 40 03 15 05

Email: absParis@groupe-igs.org

The American Business School Paris, is a constituent college of IGS University one of the largest private non-profit educational institutions in France which enrolls over 8000 students. The American Business School France offers a 4 year English language Bachelor of Business Administration program in partnership with AACSB accredited universities and colleges in the United States of America. Students can major in International Finance, International Marketing and International Business. A new major, "Entrepreneurship and E-business" will be offered as of 2001. Website: (<http://www.groupe-pgs.asso.fr/abs>)

L'ECOLE KOENIG (American music conservatory)

Tel: 01 45 78 01 75

33, rue Fondary.
75015 Paris

Attn: Joan Koenig (Director) or Muriel Ossena (Administrator)

Email: ecolekoenig@wanadoo.frWebsite: www.ecolekoenig.com

Located in the 15th arrondissement, l'Ecole Koenig is the only American music conservatory in Paris. French and American students come after school during the week, on Wednesdays and on Saturdays to study music and theater in a nurturing environment with a rigorous and joyful approach. Classes are taught in both English and French, creating a dynamic cross-cultural community.

L'Ecole Koenig is primarily a music school and offers:

- private lessons for children in cello, drums, flute, guitar, bass, violin, piano, jazz piano, clarinet, recorder, guitar, saxophone;
- ensembles for guitar, flute, jazz, chamber music and orchestra;
- music fundamentals, which develops the basic music skills needed to progress in an instrument.

Musical Theater

L'Ecole Koenig also offers musical theater classes for students, which also includes the opportunity to participate in several American musicals each year. Recent shows have included "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and "Grease". The classes are divided into four sections: 6-8 year olds, 9-11 year olds, 12-14 year olds and Junior Pros.

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Baby Bop

Toddlers and parents come together during “Baby Bop”, which is a class focuses on sounds, movement and percussion

Faculty

Classes and lessons are taught by highly-qualified teachers. Teachers include graduates from The Juilliard School, Yale University, The Paris Conservatory, the Royal Academy of Music of London and the Hochschule fur Musik und Kunst of Vienna.

Enrollment

Interviews for enrollment take place in June and September. For mid-session enrollments, please contact the school for availability.

Bilingual and Transition Schools

(Pre-K, Kindergarten, Primary, Middle and High schools)

COLLEGE-LYCEE INTERNATIONALE DE PARIS

Tel: 01 53 11 12 13

HONORE DE BALZAC

118, boulevard Bessières

75017 Paris

Email: sections.internationales@voila.fr

The Lycée Collège Internationale de Paris, Honoré de Balzac at the Porte de Clichy (17e) provides free bilingual education. Its five established international sections (English, German, Spanish, Portuguese and Arabic) operate as part of a large French state secondary school and offer the opportunity for a French education adapted to the needs of international students. All students follow a French syllabus and in addition:

* English language and literature (4-6 hours a week);

* English History Geography (2 hours a week);

The school also provides classes in French as a Foreign Language (FLE) to enable students from abroad to integrate successfully into the program.

Entrance tests for the school year starting in September 2002 are on May 15 and 16.

Candidates interested in taking the tests should call or write the school or email: mailing address: Lycée Collège Honoré de Balzac / Sections internationales, 118, boulevard Bessières, 75849 Paris Cedex 17. Parents and children considering bilingual education in Paris will find a description of the school's entrance requirements and curriculum at the website: (<http://www.balzac-apesa.org>)

L'ERMITAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF FRANCE

(State-associated, non-denominational school)

46, avenue Eglé,
78600 Maisons-Laffitte

Email : ermitage@ermitage.fr

Website: (<http://www.ermitage.fr>)

L'Ermitage – International School of France is a co-educational day or 5-day boarding school located in the residential park of Maisons-Laffitte. Welcoming pupils from close to 40 nationalities from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade, the school proposes a bilingual program of instruction in French and English within the French national curriculum.

Pre-school pupils can participate in a bilingual class (English teacher in the morning; a French teacher in the afternoon), while primary classes receive 5 hours of English per week with special classes for native English-speakers. In the Middle School (grades 6-9), pupils can study history, science and civilisation courses in English as well as a second foreign language. The International Brevet Diploma is taken by certain pupils at the end of 3ème (grade 9). The Upper School (grades 10-12) prepares students for the French Baccalaureate (Economic, Literary and Scientific sections) and the International Option of the French Baccalaureate (American Section). L'Ermitage will be offering the British A-Level diploma from September 2004, enabling pupils to take 4 subjects from a choice of 8 entirely in English, as well as compulsory courses in IT and French Civilisation/European Studies.

Students can choose from a wide variety of outings and cultural and participate in different clubs and athletic teams. Numerous exchanges are also offered (USA, Europe and Asia). Non French-speaking students arriving from abroad can benefit from adaptation classes during their first year of stay in France. The school makes every effort to integrate computer technology into the classroom (wireless, high-speed internet network, an intranet service offering an online information service, report card, register and educational data base, an extensive range of computer facilities including interactive whiteboards) in order to enhance the creativity and innovation of its teachers and students alike. L'Ermitage also benefits from an association with the internationally-renowned Round Square and Global Connections foundations.

THE INTERNATIONAL SECTIONS OF SÈVRES (K - 12)

1, rue Lecocq
92310 Sèvres

métro: Pont de Sèvres

tramway: Musée de Sèvres

Email: sis@sis-sevres.net

Web site: <http://www.sis-sevres.net>

Telephone: Admissions 33 (0)1 72 77 70 45; Receptionist: 33 (0)1 72 77 70 43

When school in session, office hours: M – F, 9 AM to 12 PM & 2 to 5 PM

The International Sections of Sèvres (Sections Internationales de Sèvres or “SIS” as the school is more familiarly called) offer a bilingual (English & French or German & French) curriculum. Kindergarten and primary school students attend the SIS for three-hours per week (Wednesday morning class held totally in English or German), as a complement to their usual French public school. Middle school and high school students (“collège” and “lycée” in the French system) attend the SIS full time, with some subjects taught in French and others in English. There are several locations in Sèvres and Chaville, close to public transport. The Anglophone Section has about 750 students, from 5 to 18 years of age. Education in English is used as a focal point for a curriculum and environment that respects and nurtures cultural diversity. More than 20 nationalities are represented in the student body, and teachers come from a range of English speaking countries. Some 40% of the students are from bicultural households, and 20% are issue of totally non-French households. The remaining 40% are mostly French citizens who have formerly

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attended school in an English speaking country, often while their parents were expatriated for their work. The Anglophone Section offers an academically rigorous bilingual program which aims to promote and maintain native-speaker fluency in both English and French. The curriculum fully meets the requirements of the French public school system, but also includes 3 to 8 hours of English language and literature per week. Older students also have 2 to 6 hours per week of history and geography in English. Each year, a school play is produced (Mark Twain's "Huck Finn" in 2006) and performed in English, with wide participation of students and teachers and very high attendance by parents and the community. Most SIS Anglophone section students take the International Option of the French Baccalaureate (the "OIB" or Option International du Baccalauréat). Results are in general excellent. From 2004 to 2006, 98-99% of SIS students taking the OIB passed it, with 40% of them receiving honorable mention ("mentions bien ou très bien"). More than half of SIS graduates enter preparatory programs for the top French universities ("les classes préparatoires"), while 25% leave France to attend a foreign university. Compared to many international schools in Paris, the tuition for the SIS remains modest. Additional information on the school, students, teachers, and graduates, can be found at the web site (<http://www.sis-sevres.net>).

LYCEE INTERNATIONAL (American Section)

2 bis rue du Fer à Cheval
BP 5230

78100 St. Germain en Laye

Email – american.lycee.intl@wanadoo.fr

Website – www.lycee-intl-american.org

Tel: 01 34 51 74 85

Fax: 01 30 87 00 49

The American Section is one of 12 national sections, located on three campuses. The Section currently enrolls just under 700 students from age 4 – 18. Forty nationalities are represented: 60% of the American Section students hold American citizenship and most of the remaining 40% are French citizens who have spent considerable time in the U.S., or have had American schooling.

All students follow the French national curriculum in addition to receiving 6-8 hours of American instruction per week; 4-6 hours of English language and literature and 2 hours of History. The American Section curriculum is an intensive language arts and social studies program designed to promote and maintain native-speaker fluency. All of the section's instruction is given by American or Canadian teachers using American textbooks and teaching methods. American Section students present the O.I.B. – the International Option of the French Baccalaureate at the end of their final year. The Lycée International's Français Spécial (FS) program provides an exceptional opportunity for non-French speakers to obtain a good foundation of written and spoken French in an intensive year-long program. After one year, FS students mainstream into the regular French classes. Application files are accepted starting in November for the following school year.

**ASSOCIATION DES PARENTS ANGLOPHONES DE LA REGION DE CHANTILLY
(A.P.A.R.C.)**

Anglophone Parents' Association of the Region of Chantilly
33 Grande Rue, 60300 AVILLY SAINT-LEONARD
Tel: 03 44 57 49 10

APARC provides English classes for the children of the large English-speaking community near Chantilly. Kindergarten and Primary classes are on Wednesday mornings (three hours). Secondary classes (sixth to tenth grades) are integrated into the timetable of the public Collège and Lycée in Chantilly (the four hours of English tuition are paid for; APARC has an agreement with the French Ministry of Education). In tenth grade the pupils take the International GCSE in English language and literature, and most go on to take the French *baccalauréat*. Their experience in APARC helps them to be bilingual, and the IGCSE is an excellent reference for American and British universities and the French Grandes Ecoles. APARC was founded in 1981, the student body is international and the teachers are all highly qualified, with British, American or Irish teaching diplomas. Website: aparc.com – Email: info@aparc.com

THE BILINGUAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL

65 quai d'Orsay
75007 Paris

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The Bilingual Montessori School of Paris was founded twenty years ago as an International, non-profit, A.M.I. accredited school for children between the ages of two (2) and six (6) years old. The school offers an unparalleled opportunity for a child to study in a stimulating, warm, happy atmosphere where he/she can work and develop at his/her own pace. The children learn to love and respect their environment. It is known as "the development of the Whole Child", where the refinement of the senses is made through music, language, mathematics, geography, science, practical life, history, art, sensorial activities.

Website: (<http://www.montessori-Paris.com>)

THE BILINGUAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL

23 avenue George V
75008 Paris

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THE BILINGUAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL

53 rue Erlanger
75016 Paris

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ECOLE ACTIVE BILINGUE JEANNINE MANUEL PARIS

Day School: Pre-K – 12th grade
70 rue du Théâtre
75015 Paris

Tel: 01 44 37 00 80

Fax: 01 45 79 06 66

ECOLE ACTIVE BILINGUE JEANNINE MANUEL LILLE

Day and Boarding school: K – 12th grade
418bis rue Albert Bailly
59700 Marcq en Baroeul

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Website: <http://www.eabjm.org>

Admissions Paris: admissions@eabjm.net - Admissions Lille: s.deblandere@eabjm.net

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EABJM is a non-profit independent pre-K - 12 coeducational school founded in 1954 by Jeannine Manuel with the mission to develop international understanding through bilingual (French/English) education. Fifty years after it began with twelve students, EABJM has become the largest non-denominational independent school in France, with three thousand students representing sixty-six nationalities and every major cultural and religious tradition. One third of our students are French, one third are bi-nationals, and one third have only non-French parents. Each year, EABJM welcomes more than 100 new non-French speaking students who enrol in 'adaptation classes' where they follow a French immersion programme.

The lower school and the middle school follow the national curriculum with several notable exemptions:

- English is taught every day and, in middle school, the sciences, History (except French history), and Geography are taught in English.
- The curriculum is enriched at all levels, not only with a more advanced English language and literature curriculum, but also, for example, with Chinese language instruction (compulsory in grades 3-4-5).
- An integrated science program in lower school (using FOSS and “La Main à La Pâte” science modules), and Scientific Inquiry Excursions in middle school.

In the upper school, 10th graders continue to follow the national curriculum. In their junior year, students choose between the standard French Baccalaureate, the French OIB (International Option within the French Baccalaureate) and the International Baccalaureate programme.

The school's dedication to academic excellence matches its commitment to cultural diversity. EABJM is one of the top schools in France as attested by its results at the French Baccalaureate in 2007: 100 percent success, including 97 percent with honors, compared to an average national success rate of 84 percent and an honors rate of 33 percent.

Out of a graduating class of 230 students in 2007, 62 took the IB, 60 opted for the French OIB, and the balance chose the standard French Baccalaureate. Over the past three years, 14 percent of our students have gone to US colleges or universities, 33 percent chose the UK or Canada, 50 percent entered the French higher education system, and the remaining three percent pursued their higher education all over the world.

ECOLE ACTIVE BILINGUE JEANNINE MANUEL

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Fax: 01 40 70 91 07

Email: direction@eurecole.com

Eurecole, a trilingual European School, opened its doors in September 1989 in Paris, in the 16th district of Paris. Claude Duval, the founder and principal of the group EURECOLE, has chosen a team of teachers from different European countries to formulate a new pedagogical concept, founded on a balance between sport, art and study associated with the initiation of languages. The daily time table includes, 2 hours of sports in English, 2 hours of arts in German, 2 hours of study in French, for all the classes from the nursery (starting at 3 years) to the seventh grade (9-10 years). The education team at Eurecole offers the possibility of a multilingual and cultural exchange, in a specially adapted modern building, housing a library, gymnasium, video and computer rooms, lunch room. Website: (<http://www.eurecole.com>)

INSTITUT DE LA TOUR

86 rue de la Tour

75116 Paris

Website: (<http://www.institutdelatour.com>)

Catholic high school. Anglophone section with traditional French education.

Tel: 01 45 04 73 35

Fax: 01 45 04 27 98

LA PETITE ECOLE BILINGUE

(British, Bilingual Nursery)

9 rue Verniquet

75017 Paris

Tel: 01 43 80 25 34

LA PETITE ECOLE BILINGUE (Bilingual, Preschool and Primary)

8 place de la porte Champeret

75017 Paris

Teaching is in English and French at different times of the day, preparing the children for a successful education whether in France or elsewhere in the world. The school bases its teaching on learning the two languages at the age when children are most receptive. The teachers use the method of total immersion in the language to achieve their objectives. Small classes allow the teacher optimal interaction with each child. The use of art, theatre, dance, songs and computers allow the children to learn through a variety of stimulating experiences.

Tel: 01 43 80 25 34 Fax: 01 43 80 37 40 Email: contact@stewartintschool.com

Website: (<http://www.stewartintschool.com>)

THE LENNEN BILINGUAL SCHOOL

65 quai d'Orsay

75007 Paris

From to 2 to 8 years-old

Founded in 1960 as a private kindergarten, the school has continued to fill a growing need for bilingual education. The children learn and develop in a warm family atmosphere where they are secure and happy. Bilingual learning is emphasized and many varied activities are offered - art, music, gymnastics. In addition there are swimming, trips, etc. as well as early academic learning. The teachers are fully qualified with experience in bilingual and international education. There is a French and English speaking teacher in each pre-school class. A 3-year bilingual primary section has been added, covering the first 3 grades in English and French. The children are prepared to enter French or American schools. All the children are given an

Tel: 01 47 05 66 55

opportunity to build a strong foundation in both languages. The school accepts children whenever there is space available and offers a summer schools as well as vacation programs.

UNITED NATIONS NURSERY SCHOOL

Tel: 01 45 27 20 24

40 rue Pierre Guerin
75016 Paris

Ages: 2 1/2-6 years

The private Nursery school was founded in 1951 for the International population of Paris. The program is bilingual, there are pre-school activities (pre-reading writing, math) as well as music, art-craft, and games in our private garden. There are 14 children per class, any child between the ages of 2 1/2, and 6 may apply.

Website: www.unns.net

Email: unns@noos.fr

VIVE L'ENFANCE (International School – K-12)

Tel: 01 34 62 51 73

Adien d'Esclaibes, headmaster

Fax: 01 30 56 58 25

29, rue de Noisy, 78870, Bailly (nursery)

5, rue de Chaponval, 78870, Bailly (primary – secondary)

Email: mail@vivelenfance.com

Website: (<http://www.vivelenfance.com>)

Founded by Sylvie d'Esclaibes in 1992, Vive l'Enfance is the largest Montessori school in France. It is a private school, pre-kindergarten through grade 12 that offers an international educational program to students of all nationalities. It is located 20 km to the west from Paris, in a leafy area close to Versailles, near the head offices of many multi-national companies and with quick access to Paris.

The Lower school (nursery, primary-5) offers a bilingual Montessori education with an English teacher in the morning and a French teacher in the afternoon. All teachers are Montessori trained. The classes are small and we use a style of teaching where each child is in control of his own learning process.

The Middle and Upper schools propose a bilingual program of instruction in French and English within the French national curriculum. Students can study history, language and literature in English (six to eight hours a week by teachers whose mother tongue is English), as well as other languages (Spanish and Chinese).

The school makes every effort to integrate new students and every year welcomes children who speak neither English nor French:

- tailor-made (even one-to-one) classes for non-French speaking students;
- enables students to master French (or English) very quickly, without ever experiencing a feeling of failure;
- many sports and a range of artistic activities;
- highly qualified teachers always ready to listen to the students.

Parents are encouraged to take part in school life.

Exams offered: SAT 1 & 2; I.G.C.S.E (history, language, literature, French); Baccalauréat S and ES.

International recognition: the school is an exam center for the London Examinations Board (Edexcel) and for the Cambridge University Local Examinations Syndicate.

Kindergarten and Nursery Schools

FIRST STEPS

Tel: 01 42 19 02 14

51 avenue Georges Mandel
75016 Paris

At *First Steps* children learn through play in an environment where they are free to experiment and explore at their own pace. The teachers strive to be as flexible as possible to meet the needs of each individual child. This English pre-school welcomes children of all nationalities from two to five years of age. The school premises are located on the rue Emile Duclaux in the 15th arrondissement.

Email: info@firststepsparis.com

Website: (<http://www.firststepsparis.com>)

FOREST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Tel / Fax : 01.39.16.87.35

28, rue du Tour d'Echelle
78750 Mareil-Marly
(From 2 to 6 years-old)

Located in the Western suburbs of Paris, bordering the forest of Marly, Forest International School was opened in September 2004 with the objective of providing a school with a high standard of education, encompassing a well-rounded curriculum that addresses the child's academic, physical, creative, social and emotional needs. Following the Montessori approach to education, the school functions on the premise that a child learns best in a setting where his/her individual development is respected. At Forest International School, we aim to provide an environment in which young children can fully build upon their natural love of learning and develop their sense of self-confidence as a foundation for the future. In a classroom that encourages creativity, self-direction and decision-making from an early age, the child learns to identify his/her own strengths and talents. He/she also becomes skilled at working independently and in groups, gaining respect and appreciation for others. We seek to provide a child-centered education in which each child's individual needs and potential are evaluated, and personalized attention is directed toward meeting these needs. We work in close partnership with the parents, particularly with the Parents' Association.

Website : www.forest-international-school.com

Email: infos@forest-international-school.com

LE PETIT COURS

Tel: 01 46 06 80 33

International Bilingual Private Secular School
Preschool & Primary
104 rue Ordener, 75018 Paris

Created in 1887, LE PETIT COURS is an International Bilingual Private Secular School. It offers an English/French bilingual preschool and primary education. Accommodating numerous native English speakers, the school accepts children of all nationalities, from 2 years and 3 months upwards. English is used for 50% of the total school time, including diverse subjects and activities by English Mother Tongue teachers. Even the canteen is bilingual. In preschool classes: the morning is in English and the afternoon in French. All subjects are covered in both French and English. .../...

In primary classes:

- The morning is in French. The French language (spoken, read and written), mathematics, poetry and singing are taught.
- The afternoon is in English. The English language (spoken, read and written) is taught. The general knowledge topics (history, civic instruction, geography, science, hygiene, ecology, computer training), art (painting and drawing, poetry and music) and sport (stadium, gymnasium, swimming pool) are also taught in English.

Le Petit Cours adopts:

- an active education by means of play and pleasure, motivates the child while preserving his or her own nature and supports the blossoming of the child's own personality, as well as the emergence of autonomy. This is not incompatible with the development of the sense of effort, work well done and the acquisition of fundamental knowledge tools.
- an individualised education, which makes it possible to manage the rate of progress, not by age, but by each child's individual rhythm. Thus, the child learns to read as soon as he or she is mature enough and expresses the desire.

The small number of children in the school and classes enables Le Petit Cours to be a community with life rules but in a warm, calm and relaxed family atmosphere. "SCHOOL SWEET SCHOOL" is the motto of a happy little school, which has as its primary objective the individual success of each of its pupils by offering them the opportunity to hold their future in their own hands.

E-mail: contact@lepetitcours.com / Website: www.lepetitcours.com

LES PETITS DRAGONS

Saint Georges Church
7 rue Auguste Vacquerie
75016 Paris

Tel: 01 42 28 56 17

17 rue Bayard
75008 Paris

Tel: 01 42 28 56 17

Universities

THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

6, rue du Colonel Combes (undergraduate admissions)

75007 Paris

Tel: 01 40 62 07 20

Fax: 01 47 05 34 32

Email: admissions@aup.edu

Website: (<http://www.aup.edu>)

AMERICAN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

101, boulevard Raspail

75006 Paris

Email: info@agsird.edu

Website: www.agsird.edu

Tel: +33 (0)1 47 20 00 94

Fax: +33 (0)1 47 20 81 89

BOSTON UNIVERSITY - Paris internship program

3 bis rue Jean Pierre-Bloch

75015 Paris

Tel: 01 45 66 59 49

Fax: 01 45 66 64 68

Email: bostonuniversity@wanadoo.fr

Website: (<http://www.bu.edu/abroad>)

CONSERVATOIRE NATIONAL SUPERIEUR DE MUSIQUE

Parc de la Villette

209 avenue Jean-Jaures

75019 Paris

Tel: 01 40 40 45 45

ECOLE NATIONALE SUPERIEURE DES ARTS DECORATIFS

31 rue d'Ulm

75006 Paris

Tel: 01 42 34 97 00

Fax: 01 42 34 97 85

L'ECOLE DU LOUVRE

Palais du Louvre

Porte Jaujard

Place du Carrousel

75001 Paris

Tel: 01 55 35 18 00 or 01 55 35 18 18

Website: (<http://www.ecoledulouvre.fr>)

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

56, rue de Passy

75016 Paris

Tel: 01 53 92 50 80

Fax: 01 53 92 50 81

Master of Arts in French language and civilization. Master of Arts in French Literature, Junior YearAbroad Program.

Website: <http://www.nyu.edu/fas/program/nyuinparis/index.html>

Email: nyu-in-france@nyu.edu

SCHILLER INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

32, Boulevard de Vaugirard

75015 Paris

Tel: 01 45 38 56 01

Fax: 01 45 38 54 30

Email: sakiki@schillerParis.com

Website: (<http://www.Paris-schiller.com>)

Technical Schools

AIM

31 quai de Grenelle

75015 Paris

Tel: 01 45 75 65 75

Fax: 01 40 59 03 02

Email: mail@aim-academie.fr

Website: (<http://www.aim-academie.fr>)

Higher education courses with curriculum for an Anglo-American Bachelor and Master of Science. Programs include courses on business management of international hotel and motels, in accordance with the international Hotel and Motel Association.

PARIS AMERICAN ACADEMY

277 rue St Jacques

75005 Paris

Tel: 01 44 41 99 20

Fax: 01 44 41 99 29

Email: Parisamericanacademy@wanadoo.fr

Website: (<http://www.Parisamericanacademy.fr>)

Fashion Interior Design Fine Arts

French Educational System

2 to 6 years - *Maternal* or Preschool education: this instruction which is not compulsory is offered in the *Ecoles Maternelles* and the *Classes Infantines* attached to primary schools.

6-10 years- Elementary Education: Instruction on this level is the same for all children in all elementary schools. Elementary education includes three courses - the preparatory (6 years old), the elementary course (7 to 8 years old) and the intermediate course (9 to 10 years old).

11 to 14 years- *Premier Cycle*- First Cycle: The *Premier Cycle*, which covers four years (Classes de 6e, 5e, 4e et 3e) and which admits students who have been promoted from the *cycle élémentaire* (elementary school), at the level of the *classe de 6e*. For the duration of the premier cycle, the teachers meet periodically in a class council under the direction of the homeroom teacher for the purpose of determining pupil aptitudes or interests to guide the pupils in the type of education best suited to them. The guidance council examines the proposals offered by the class councils and gives parents their considered opinions. At the end of the *Classe de 5e* and at the end of the *Classe de 3e*, if the parents follow the advice of the guidance council, the student automatically enters the recommended section of education. If the parents feel that their child should pursue one of the sections of education that was not recommended by the council, the child must take an entrance examination.

15 to 17 years- Second Cycle Education: Following first cycle education, pupils are guided according to their aptitudes, interests, and their previous work toward one of the following branches of study or *sections*: (L) literature and the humanities; (ES) Economics and Social Sciences, (S) science and mathematics or toward specialization in technology. (STT, STI). They will continue their studies in universities based on the work that has been accomplished over these two extremely important years.

18 years and older- Higher Education: Higher Education is offered in private institutions as well as in the public establishments. The public institutions include: a) the *Facultés* grouped in Universities, which are authorized to grant State degrees; b) the University Institutes of Technology are designed to train future high-ranking administrators and technicians in the industry; c) the great scientific and literary institutions and research and study institutions.

Registration

Public School Registration: Contact the Service des Ecoles at the Mairie (City Hall) or secondary school. It should be noted that French schools are usually over-crowded, and applications should be made in the spring before the fall Term. Except at the most elementary levels, most French public schools will accept foreigners whose French is adequate to follow the class instruction.

<u>U.S. GRADE</u>	<u>FRENCH EQUIVALENTS</u>	
Prior to 6 years	<i>Ecole Maternelle</i>	physical & sensory exercises & exercises in language and observation
Elementary School from 6 to 10		
1st Grade	Preparatory (CP)	reading, writing, spelling, reasoning
2nd Grade	Elementary I (CE1)	study of history, geography, science by observation, grammar
3rd Grade	Elementary II (CE2)	continuation of above
4th Grade	Intermediate I (CM1)	“
5th Grade	Intermediate II (CM2)	“
First cycle	<i>Collège</i>	
6th Grade: 1st cycle	“6ème” (<i>Collège</i>)	study of first foreign living language and math history, geography, French science, technology, art, music, P.E.
7th Grade	"5ème"	continuation of above plus study of Latin optional
8th Grade	"4ème"	continuation of above and introduction to a 2nd living foreign language,
9th Grade	"3ème"	revision and advanced studies of subjects learned previously; decision by teachers and students council and student's parents to be promoted to the 10 th grade <i>Lycée</i>
Secondary: 2nd Cycle	<i>Lycée</i>	
10th Grade	<i>Seconde</i>	decisive year due to orientation toward the different branches or <i>sections</i> to be taught in 11 th and 12 th grades <i>première</i> and <i>terminale</i> : this choice will lead to similar studies at the university level. (L) philosophy, literature and the humanities (S) science and mathematics (ES) economics and social sciences and other options in technology (STT, STI) introduction to a 3rd foreign living language optional; Greek optional
11th Grade	<i>Première</i>	different areas of study are developed according to the branch chosen in 10 th grade
12th Grade	<i>Classe Terminale</i>	Completion of studies conducted in 11 th grade; introduction to philosophy is mandatory for all students to pass this grade successfully

French Language Schools

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE

101, blvd Raspail
75006 Paris

Tel: 01 45 44 38 28

BERLITZ FRANCE

267, blvd Pereire
75017 Paris

Tel: 01 45 72 34 25

BRITISH EUROPEAN CENTER

5, rue Richpanse
75008 Paris

Tel: 01 42 60 35 57

CENTRE CULTUREL INTERNATIONAL

5, rue de Garches
92210 St Cloud

Tel: 01 46 02 64 33

CENTRE GEORGES POMPIDOU

19, rue Beaubourg
75004 Paris

Tel: 01 44 78 12 33

Bibliothèque publique d'information – Public Information Library

CENTRE TOMATIS

6, rue Saint Just
51100 Reims

Tel: 03 26 88 68 91

Fax: 03 26 88 71 54

Website: (<http://www.tomatisreims.com>)

Email: centre.tomatis@wanadoo.fr

Also offers housing with French families.

COURS DE LA LANGUE ET DE LA CIVILISATION FRANCAISE DE LA SORBONNE

47, rue des Ecoles
75005 Paris

Tel: 01 40 46 22 11

EIFFEL

ECOLE INTERNATIONALE DE FRANCAIS
ET DE FORMATION EN LANGUES

3, rue Crocé-Spinelli
75014 Paris

Tel: 01 43 20 37 41

Fax: 01 43 20 49 13

Website: (<http://www.ecole-eiffel.fr>)

Email: eiffel.fr@club-internet.fr

ECOLE NICKERSON 77, rue de la Tremoille 75008 Paris	Tel: 01 47 23 36 03
EUROCENTRES 13, passage Dauphine 75006 Paris	Tel: 01 40 46 72 00
INSTITUT CATHOLIQUE 21, rue D'Assas 75006 Paris	Tel: 01 44 39 52 00
INSTITUT PARISIEN DE LANGUES 87 blvd de Grenelle 75015 Paris	Tel: 01 40 56 09 53
LANGUAGES PLUS SERVICES 7, quai de Grenelle 75015 Paris	Tel: 01 40 59 30 82
LINGUA CLUB 7 bis, rue Decres 75014 Paris	Tel: 01 45 39 28 28
OISE Paris - Intensive Language Schools 71 bis, rue de Vaugirard F-75006 Paris Email: paris@oise.com Website: http://www.oise.com/paris	Tel: 01 42 22 01 98
PARIS LANGUES 30, rue Cabanis 75014 Paris	Tel: 01 45 65 05 28
QUAI D'ORSAY LANGUAGE CENTER 67, quai d'Orsay 75007 Paris	Tel: 01 44 11 10 50
TRANSFER 20, rue Godot Mauroy 75009 Paris	Tel: 01 42 66 14 11

Sources of Information

ACADEMIC YEAR ABROAD

REID HALL

4 rue de Chevreuse

75006 Paris

Tel: 01 44 41 74 74 or 01 43 20 33 07

Fax: 01 43 26 97 45

Founded and incorporated in the State of New York in 1961, this organization specializes in planning an academic year abroad for students who are in college or about to enter college. For a fee to cover costs, the organization makes all arrangements for tuition, board and lodging.

CENTRE D'INFORMATION ET DE DOCUMENTATION JEUNESSE (CIDJ)

101 quai Branly

75740 Paris

Tel: 0825 09 06 30

Fax: 01 40 65 02 61

This national association gives miscellaneous information for young people on major subjects such as education, teaching, professional training, employment, sports, entertainment, exchange programs etc. They also have a list of French language courses.

CENTRE NATIONAL DES OEUVRES UNIVERSITAIRES Advising Center

69 quai d'Orsay

75007 Paris

Tel: 01 47 05 31 10

The Service d'Accueil aux Etudiants Etrangers

FRANCO-AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE Tel: 01 44 14 53 60

9 rue Chardin, 75016 Paris

Open Monday-Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The commission administers the Fulbright program in France. The Educational Advising Center is open to the public weekdays except for Tuesday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The Educational Advisors are available on Monday afternoons and Thursday and Friday mornings by appointment only. Counseling and documentation concerning French and American universities, information on SAT college entrance examinations is provided. **(Note: They no longer certify translations of transcripts.)** Closed in August and on all legal French holidays.

Educational Advising Center: tel. 0892 68 07 47

Email: cfa@fulbright-france.org

Website : <http://www.fulbright-france.org>

PARENTHESE

(official partner of the CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange) in France

39, rue de l'Arbalète

75005 Paris

Offering study abroad, student work exchanges, voluntary service, and student travel, CIEE is a non-profit association with over 300 universities, colleges and other institutions as members.

Programs in France include international study programs for students 18 years and older; work exchange programs for students (summer jobs in the US and all year round in Canada and France, internship opportunities in Europe and the US); TOEIC, standard in evaluating levels of English proficiency for professional purposes.

Tel: 01 43 36 37 07

Fax: 01 43 36 54 48

Email: contact@parenthese-paris.com

Website: www.parenthese-paris.com

ORGANISATION DE TOURISME UNIVERSITAIRE

39 avenue Georges Bernanos

Paris 75005

Tel: 01 43 29 12 88

This is a non-profit organization established to organize French student travel in France and abroad, and to help foreign students and professors during their stay in France. They offer group tours, accommodations in Paris and information on summer courses, summer camps and work camps.

REID HALL

4 rue de Chevreuse

75006 Paris

Tel: 01 43 20 33 07 or 01 44 41 74 74

Fax: 01 43 26 97 45

A division of Columbia University, Reid Hall is a lovely 18th-century house whose mission it is to foster Franco-American exchanges on the university level. Professors, students and educational groups become members of Reid Hall, which offers them classroom space, office space and access to the common rooms and gardens. Many overseas undergraduates and graduate programs are based at Reid Hall, including Columbia University Programs in Paris.

American Grocery Stores

Thanksgiving, 20, rue Saint-Paul, 75004 Paris/ 14 rue Charles V, 75004 / Tel: 01-4277-6829
The Real McCoy, 194, rue de Grenelle, 75007 Paris / Tel: 01-45-56-98-82

English-Speaking Bookstores

Abbey Bookshop, 29, rue de la Parcheminerie, 75005 Paris Tel: 01-46-33-16-24

Bookmaster (mail order only) Tel: 01-47-14-04-24

Brentano's, 37, avenue de l'Opera, 75002 Paris Tel: 01-42-61-52-50

Galignani, 224, rue de Rivoli, 75001 Paris Tel: 01-42-60-76-07

Gibert Joseph, 26 Blvd Saint-Michel, 75006 Paris Tel: 01-46 34-21 41

Golden Books, 3, rue de Larochelle, 75014 Paris Tel: 01-43-22-38-56

La Hune 170, Blvd Saint-Germain, 75006 Paris Tel: 01-45-48-35-85

Nouveau Quartier Latin (NQL), 78, Blvd Saint-Michel, 75006 Paris Tel: 01-43-26-42-70

San Francisco Book Company, 17, rue Monsieur le Prince, 75006 Paris Tel: 01-43-29-15-70

Shakespeare and Company, 37, rue de la Bûcherie, 75005 Paris Tel: 01-43-25-40-93
<http://www.shakespeareco.org/>

Tea and Tattered Pages, 24, rue Mayet, 75006 Paris Tel: 01-40-65-94-35

The Red Wheelbarrow Bookstore, 22 rue St. Paul, 75004 Paris Tel: 01-48-04-75-08
Email : good.reading@wanadoo.fr Fax: 01-48-04-75-08
Website : www.theredwheelbarrow.com

Village Voice Bookshop, 6, rue Princesse, 75006 Paris Tel: 01-46-33-36-47

Virgin Megastore, 52, avenue des Champs Elysees, 75008 Paris Tel: 01-49-53-50-00

W.H. Smith, 248, rue de Rivoli, 75001 Paris Tel: 01-42-60-37-97

Internet Connections in Paris

A complete country listing of internet cafés can be found at: <http://wi-fi.jiwire.com/hotspot-hotspot-directory-browse-by-country.htm>

BANKS

All of the firms listed below have at least one employee or agent who can speak and correspond in English. This list was prepared as a convenience for Americans in France, but the Embassy assumes no responsibility for the competence, liability and integrity of these firms and agents.

BANQUE NATIONALE DE PARIS Tel: 01 40 76 24 00
136, avenue des Champs-Élysées
75008 Paris

CHASE MANHATTAN/MORGAN GUARANTEE TRUST Tel: 01 40 15 45 00
14, Place Vendôme
75001 Paris

CITIBANK Tel: 01 53 23 33 60
125 avenue des Champs Élysées
75008 Paris

CREDIT AGRICOLE Tel: 01 43 23 52 02
91-93 Boulevard Pasteur
75015 Paris

CREDIT COMMERCIAL DE FRANCE Tel: 01 40 70 70 40
103, avenue des Champs-Élysées
75008 Paris

CREDIT LYONNAIS Tel: 01 42 95 70 00
Main Office: 15 Boulevard des Italiens
75002 Paris

LLOYDS BANK Tel: 01 40 82 30 00
15, avenue d'Iena
75016 Paris

BANK OF NEW YORK Tel: 01 42 97 90 20
13 bd de la Madeleine Fax: 01 42 97 43 73
75001 PARIS

ADDITIONAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE FACILITIES Tel: 01 47 14 50 00
AMERICAN EXPRESS Fax: 01 42 68 17 17
11, Rue Scribe
75009 Paris

INSURANCE COMPANIES AND AGENTS

All of the firms listed below have at least one employee or agent who can speak and correspond in English. This list was prepared as a convenience for Americans in France, but the Embassy assumes no responsibility for the competence, liability and integrity of these firms and agents.

AIG (Life insurance)

34 place des Corolles
92079 Paris La Défense 2
Tel: 01 49 02 40 00
Fax: 01 49 02 40 95

AXA

Cabinet Beaumarchais
54 bd Beaumarchais
75011 Paris
Contact: Maxime Corso
Tel: 01 55 28 34 34

AON (Insurance for Expatriates)

45 rue Kléber
F-92697 Levallois-Perret Cedex
Tel: from the U.S.: 011 33 495 061 646
toll free from France: 0800 822 202
Website: (<http://www.AonInsureXpat.com>)
Email: InsureXpat@aon.fr
Fax 011 33 1 58 75 80 67

ASTER INTERNATIONAL

7531 Amesbury Ct,
Alexandria, VA 22310, USA
Tel: (703) 971-8799 (U.S.)

CABINET DESEEZ

Assureurs-Conseils
54 Avenue Foch
78000 Chatou
Tel: 01 39 52 43 53
Fax: 01 30 71 57 55
Email: info@deseez.com

C.A.R.P.S.

14 rue Rougemont
75009 Paris
Tel: 01 48 24 55 20

EuropUSA

145 rue du Vieux Pont de Sèvres
92100 Boulogne,
Tel: 01 46 21 99 29
Fax: 01 53 01 38 94
Email: contact@europeusa.com
Website: <http://europeusa.com>
Website: <http://mondassur.com>

F.A.C. S.A.

56, rue de Londres
75008 Paris,
Tel: 01 44 70 77 77
Fax: 01 42 93 44 93
Website: <http://www.fac-international.com>

GROUPAMA

264 rue du Faubourg St. Honoré
75008 Paris
Contacts: Adrien Herblot
Tel: 01 53 30 89 25
Arnaud Geollot
Tel: 01 53 30 89 24

PATRIM ONE

4 rue Lamennais
75008 Paris
<http://www.patrimone.com>
Tel: 01 42 99 60 11
Fax: 01 42 99 60 26

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

In and around Paris

American Cathedral in Paris (Episcopal)

23 avenue George V
75008 Paris

Tel: 01 53 23 84 00

American Church in Paris

(all Protestant Denominations)

65 quai d'Orsay
75007 Paris

Tel: 01 40 62 05 00

Baptist Church

48 rue de Lille
75007 Paris

Tel: 01 42 61 13 95

Church of Christ

4 rue Déodat-de-Sévrac
75017 Paris

Tel: 01 42 27 50 86

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Paris France Mission Office

Tel: 01 39 76 68 84

Paris Ward

55 Bd Victor Hugo
Saint-Ouen 93400

Paris Branch (Meeting time 10:00 a.m.)

12 rue Saint Merri
75004 Paris

Emmanuel Baptist Church

56 rue des Bons Raisins
92500 Reuil Malmaison

Tel: 01 47 51 29 63

First Church of Christ, Scientist

36 Blvd St. Jacques
75014 Paris

Tel: 01 47 07 26 60

Great Synagogue

44 rue de la Victoire
75009 Paris

Tel: 01 40 82 26 26

Greek Orthodox Church

7, rue Georges Bizet
75016 Paris

Tel: 01 47 20 82 35

Kehilat Geshher - Bilingual Liberal Jewish Congregation

7 rue Leon Cogniet
75017 Paris

Tel: 01 39 21 97 19

<http://www.kehilatgesher.org/>

Kehilat Geshar - Bilingual Liberal Jewish Congregation 10 rue de Pologne 78100 St-Germain-en-Laye	Tel: 01 39 21 97 19
Liberal Synagogue 24 rue Copernic 75116 Paris	Tel: 01 47 04 37 27
Mosque Abu Bakr As Siddio 39 Blvd de Belleville 75011 Paris	Tel: 01 48 06 08 46
Conservative (Masorti) Synagogue (Adath Shalom) 8 rue Georges Bernard Shaw 75015 Paris	Tel: 01 45 67 97 96
Russian Cathedral 12, rue Daru 70508 Paris	Tel: 01 42 27 37 34
Saint Joseph's Church (Roman Catholic) 50 avenue Hoche 75008 Paris	Tel: 01 42 27 28 56
Second Church of Christ, Scientist 38 rue Titian 75008 Paris	Tel: 01 45 22 29 60
St. Michael's Church 5 rue d'Aguesseau 75008 Paris	Tel: 01 47 42 70 88
St. John's Lutheran Church 147 rue de Grenelle 75007 Paris	Tel: 01 47 05 85 66
St Mark's Church Versailles 31 rue du Pont Colbert 78000 Versailles Website: www.stmarksversailles.org Email office@stmarksversailles.org	Tel: 01 39 02 79 45
Seven Day Adventist (Adventistes du Septieme Jour) 63, rue du Faubourg-Poissonniere Paris-Est 75009 Services: Saturdays at 9h00 in three locations in French	Tel: 01 47 70 68 23

Seven Day Adventist (Adventistes du Septieme Jour)

130, boulevard de l'Hopital
Paris-Sud 75013

Tel: 01 47 70 68 23

Seven Day Adventist (Adventistes du Septieme Jour)

96, rue des Grands-Champs
Paris-Sud-Est 75020
France

Tel: 01 43 56 13 47

Synagogues of the Jewish Liberal Movement of France Tel: 01 44 37 48 48

« Mouvement Juif liberal de France » - M.J.L.F. (including an American Rabbi on staff)

Two locations:

11 rue Gaston de Caillavet
75015 Paris

Website: <http://www.mjlf.org>

24 rue du Surmelin
75020 Paris

Tel: 01 40 30 18 60

Website: <http://www.mjlf.org>

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Paris

Eglise Reformée de Neuilly
60 rue Perronet

92200 Neuilly sur Seine

Website: www.uufp.info

Tel: 01 30 82 75 33

Third Church of Christ, Scientist

33 bis, Blvd Bourdon
75004 Paris

Tel: 01 42 78 61 93

Trinity International Church of Paris

58, rue Madame
75006 Paris

Tel: 01 43 33 04 06

In Bordeaux**The English-speaking Church in Aquitaine**

Chaplaincy of Aquitaine (Anglican Church ministry)

Services in Bordeaux (Gironde, 33), the Dordogne (24) and the Lot & Garonne (47)

Website: www.chapaq.org

Tel. 05.56.40.05.12

SHIPPING COMPANIES

All of the firms listed below have at least one employee or agent who can speak and correspond in English. This list was prepared as a convenience for Americans in France, but the Embassy assumes no responsibility for the competence, liability and integrity of these firms and agents.

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GROSPIRON INTERNATIONAL

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BP 244,93533 Aubervilliers

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Fax: 01 48 11 71 70

HOMESHIP

Garonor Tours D
BP. 3060
93616 Aulnay sous Bois Cedex

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LAVANCHY

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94400 Vitry-Seine

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2 rue Désiré-Lemoine
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SETAVION (shipment of unaccompanied air baggage)

Rue des 2 cèdres, Bat. 5 Zone de Fret 3
95707 Roissy Charles de Gaulle

Tel: 01 48 62 33 47

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STERLING CORPORATE RELOCATION

116 avenue Aristide Briand
93153 Le Blanc-Mesnil Cedex
Website: (<http://www.sterlingrelocation.com>)

Tel: 01 49 39 47 00

Fax: 01 49 39 47 17

TRANS EURO WORLDWIDE MOVERS

22, rue du Gros Murger, B.P. 210
95614 Cergy-Pontoise Cedex,

Tel: 01 34 48 97 97

Fax: 01 34 48 93 22

TRANSIT AUTO INTERNATIONAL (car shipping)

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75008 Paris

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Fax: 01 45 61 91 61

In Brittany**BOULOUARD DEMENAGEMENTS**

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LE JONCOUR DEMENAGEMENTS

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Tel: 02 98 95 87 38

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Paris Consular District

Recent changes in American and French tax legislation, and the signing of a U.S. - French tax treaty and protocol, have prompted requests for the names of tax consultants and accountants. To respond to these inquiries, the Embassy has prepared a list of some American and French firms and individuals who have asked to be on this list. The Embassy, however, assumes no responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the persons and firms listed below. Some of them are attorneys, and attention is drawn to the fact that members of the legal profession in France are not permitted to advertise. Therefore, this list is released by the Embassy on the condition that it will not be published or reproduced. Please check with several accountants before choosing one, as rates vary significantly. The names of other attorneys specializing in tax practice can be found on the Embassy's list of attorneys; the names of additional accounting firms can be found in the yellow pages (*Professions*) of the Paris telephone directory under *Comptabilité*.

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<http://france.usembassy.gov/irs.html>

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

The following are suggestions for children's activities in Paris favored by members of the American community. Inclusion on this list does not signify endorsement by the American Embassy or guarantee by the Embassy as to the services or the appropriateness for any particular child.

PARKS AND GARDENS

Bois de Boulogne, on the western edge of Paris

Bois de Vincennes, on the eastern edge of Paris

Jardin du Luxembourg, 75006, Paris

Jardin des Tuileries, 75001, Paris

Jardin de Plantes

The Jardin des Plantes houses a number of attractions for children including a mini-zoo with kangaroos, the Museum of Natural History and several large hot-houses with tropical plants.

Location: 7 rue Cuviers, 75005 Paris Metro: Austerlitz

Website: <http://www.mnhn.fr/museum/foffice/science/science/sommaire.xsp>

Champ de Mars, 75007, Paris

Jardin du Trocadero, 75016 Paris

Parc Montsouris, 75014, Paris

Parc Monceau, 75017, Paris

Jardins des Champs-Élysées, 75008, Paris

Jardin du Palais-Royal, 75008 Paris

ZOOS, AQUARIUMS and FLORAL PARKS

Jardin d'Acclimatation Bois de Boulogne, 75016, Paris Website: <http://www.jardindacclimatation.fr/>

Bois de Vincennes avenue de St. Maurice, 75012 Paris

Website: <http://www.boisdevincennes.com/site/index.php3>

Institut Oceanographique / Centre de la Mer

The Institute of Oceanography has a number of aquariums and exhibitions about life in the sea. The institute has regular activities for children. Location: 195 rue Saint-Jacques, 75005 Paris

RER: Luxembourg. Websites: <http://www.oceano.org/cme2/oceandevie.html> and

<http://www.oceano.org/cme2/crustaces.html>

Tel: 01 44 32 10 70 or 01 44 32 10 90

Menagerie du Jardin des Plantes (zoo) 57, rue Cuvier, 75005 Paris / Tel: 01 40 79 37 94

Website: <http://www.mnhn.fr/museum/foffice/transverse/transverse/accueil.xsp?cl=en>

Trocadero Aquarium

This aquarium has 15,000 fish, 500 different species and 400 tanks using more than 4 million litres of water. Aquarium du Trocadero ave Albert-de-Mun, 75016 / Metro: Trocadero.

Website: <http://www.cineaqua.com/EN/index.html> / Tel: 01 40 69 23 23

Tropical Aquarium at Palace of Porte Doree

Live piranhas and alligators make this a popular spot. Near the Bois de Vincennes the aquarium shares the building with the Museum of African and Pacific Art. Open every day except Tuesday 10:00-17:15. Location: 293 ave Daumesnil, 75012 Paris / Métro: Porte Doree. Tel: 01 44 74 84 80
Website: <http://www.palais-portedoree.org/>

Parc de Thoiry

African Reserve to be visited in your car, chateau, maze and the historical, botanical and Zoological Gardens. Located 40 km west of Paris in Thoiry-en-Yvelines (78). See the website for map and directions: <http://www.thoiry.tm.fr/index.48.htm> / Tel: 01 34 87 40 67

Parc Floral de Paris

Esplanade du Château de Vincennes, 75012 Paris / Tel : 01 55 78 19 50
Website: http://www.parcfloraldeparis.com/parc_floral.html

Aventure Floreval

Route de Limours, 91680 Bruyeres le Chatel Tel: 01 64 90 04 04
Website: <http://aventure.floreval.fr/>

La Mer de Sable

This theme park features a huge natural sandune where a show is performed in addition to a number of rides and attractions all on a wild west theme. Location: Forêt d'Ermenonville, north of Paris. Shuttle bus from Roissy RER station. Tel: 03 44 54 00 96 / Website: <http://www.merdesable.fr/>

THE CIRCUS

Cirque Diana Moreno Bormann, 112 rue de la Haie Coq, 75019 Paris Porte d'Aubervilliers
Tel: 01 64 05 36 25 / Website: <http://www.cirque-diana-moreno.com/>

Le Cirque ArletteGrusse Website: http://www.cirque-gruss.com/Arlette_Gruss/spectacle.html

Cirque National Alexis Gruss, 41, Avenue Corentin Cariou, 75019 Paris
Website: <http://www.alexis-gruss.com/> / Tel: 01 40 36 08 00

PUPPET SHOWS (See <http://www.parisparis.com/fr/enfant/marionnettes1.html>)

Jardin d'Acclimatation 75016 Paris / Métro Les Sablons / Tel: 01 45 01 53 52
Shows: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 15:00, 16:00

Jardin du Luxembourg

75006 Paris / Métros Vavin, Notre-Dame-des-Champs / Tel 01 43 26 46 47
Shows: Wednesday 15:15, 16:30 and Sunday 11:00, 15:15, 16:30
Saturday 11:00,15:15, 16:30

Champ-de-Mars, 75007 Paris / Métro Ecole Militaire / Tel 01 48 56 01 44
Shows: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday: 15h15 and 16h15

Rond Point des Champs Elysées (angle avenue Matignon et Gabriel) 75008 Paris
Tel 01 40 35 47 20/ Métro Champs-Elysées-Clémenceau
Shows: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 15:00, 16:00, 17:00

Parc des Buttes-Chaumont (entrée avenue Simon Bolivar, rue Botzaris)
Métro Buttes-Chaumont, 75019 Paris / Tel 01 43 64 24 29
Shows: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 15:30 if the weather is good

Parc Montsouris (near the lac, entrance avenue Reille, rue Gazan) 75014 Paris
Métro Cité universitaire Tel 01 69 09 72 13 / Shows: Saturday and Sunday: 15:30, 16:30

AMUSEMENT PARKS

Disneyland Paris 35 minutes west of Paris on route 4A, or by RER Marne-la-Valée.
Tel: 01.60.30.60.30 / Website: <http://www.disneylandparis.com/index2.jsp>

Aquaboulevard de Paris (indoor swimming attraction park) 4, rue Louis Armand, 75015 Paris
Tel: 01 40 60 10 00 / Website: <http://www.aquaboulevard.com/>

Parc Asterix, Plailly, off the A-1 north of Paris, and can be reached by a shuttle bus from the Roissy RER station. Tel: 03 44 62 31 31 / 45 km north of Paris / Website: <http://gb.asterix.com/index.html>

MUSEUMS OF INTEREST TO CHILDREN

- **Centre Pompidou - Galerie des Enfants.**
Interactive exhibitions by designers and artists introduce children to modern art, design and architecture. Workshops ages 6 - 12. Centre Pompidou, place Georges Pompidou, 75004 Paris
Open 11:00 - 22:00, closed Tuesdays. Metro: Hotel de Ville RER Chatelet Les Hall
Website: <http://www.centrepompidou.fr/Pompidou/Accueil.nsf/tunnel?OpenForm>
Tel: 01 44 78 12 33
- **Cite des Enfants - Cite des Sciences et de l'Industrie.**
Children's discovery zones in a Science Museum. For children under 5 and for 5 to 12 year olds. All activities are hands-on. Reservations essential, opening times vary. Location: 30 ave Corentin-Cariou, 75019 Paris / Metro: Porte de la Villette. Tel: 01 40 05 70 00
Website: <http://www.cite-sciences.fr/francais/indexFLASH.htm>
- **Musee departemental de l'Ecole de Barbizon**
Situated in the Auberge de Ganne, this museum houses artworks executed by famous artists of the XIXth Century and artists of the Barbizon school. Free entry for children under 12.
Location: 92 Grande Rue (77) Barbizon Tel: 01 60 66 22 27
- **Musee des Arts et Metiers**
Here you can see many of the world's famous inventions: the first train, the first airplane, the first satellite. Location: 60 rue Reaumur, 292 rue Saint-Martin, 75003 Paris Metro: Arts et Metiers. Website: <http://www.arts-et-metiers.net/?lang=ang> / Tel: 01 53 01 82 00
- **Musee Grevin**
Waxworks Museum. Opening times vary. Location: 10 bd Montmatre, 75009 Paris
Metro: Grands Boulevards. Tel: 01 47 70 85 05 / Website: <http://www.grevin.com/home>

- Musee national de la Marine**
 For the sailor in each of us, this museum displays model ships, navigation instruments, paintings, sculptures and other artefacts. Open from 10:00 to 18:00, closed Tuesdays.
 Location: Palais de Chaillot, 17 Place Trocadero, 75016 / Metro: Trocadero. 53
 Website: <http://www.musee-marine.fr/site/fr/accueil-musee-national-de-la-marine>
 Tel: 01 53 65 69
- Musee Nationale d'Histoire Naturelle**
 Natural history museum within the Jardin des Plantes. Many interactive games. Open 10:00-18:00 Weekends 10:00-17:00 weekdays. Closed Tuesday. Locations: 36 rue Geoffrey St-Hilaire, 75005 Paris / Metro: St-Marcel/Monge. Tel: 01 40 79 30 00
 Website: <http://www.mnhn.fr/museum/foffice/transverse/transverse/accueil.xsp?cl=en>
- Musee Rodin**
 This museum houses an extensive selection of Rodin's works, as well as paintings from his private collection. Garden, play area for children and self-service restaurant. Free access for children under 18. Location: 77 rue de Varenne, 75007 Paris / Metro: Varenne.
 Tel: 01 44 18 61 10 / Website: <http://www.musee-rodin.fr/welcome.htm>
- Palais de la Decouverte**
 An educational museum full of interactive experiments in various areas of science. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 9:30 to 18:00, Sunday from 10:00 to 19:00, closed Mondays.
 Location: avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt, 75008 Paris / Metro: Champs Elysee Clemenceau.
 Tel: 01 56 43 20 21 Website: <http://www.palais-decouverte.fr/index.php?id=accueil2>

SPORTS AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Bowling Mouffetard: 73, rue Mouffetard, Paris 5e / Tel: 01.43.31.09.35

Bowling du Stadium: 66, ave d'Ivry, Paris 13e / Tel: 01.45.86.55.52

Bowling Montparnasse: 25, rue du Commandant René Mouchotte, Paris 14^e / Tel: 01.43.21.61.32

Bowling du Front de Seine: 11, rue Gaston de Caillavet, Paris 15^e / Tel: 01.45.79.21.71

Bowling Foch: 2 bis, ave Foch, Paris 16e / Tel: 01.45.00.00.13

Bowling de Paris: Jardin d'Acclimatation, Paris 16e / Tel: 01.53.64.93.00

Bowling Champerret: 1, rue du Caporal Peugeot, Paris 17^e

Bowling La Chapelle: 6, ave Porte de la Chapelle, Paris 18^e / Tel: 01.40.35.07.11

Ice Skating

Patinoire des Buttes Chaumont 30, rue Edouard Pailleron, 75019 Paris

<http://www.hotels-paris-rive-gauche.com/blog/index.php/2006/11/20/1286-reouverture-de-la-piscine-patinoire-pailleron-espace-sportif-pailletron-dans-le-19e-arrondissement-a-paris>

Patinoire Sonja Henie

Palais Omnisports de Paris-Bercy – Entrance porte 28 Paris

Tel: 01 40 02 60 60 / Website: <http://www.bercy.fr>

Aventure Land

Outdoor activities and attractions at this action park to the west of Paris. Route d'Arthieul, Magny en Vexin (95) Website: <http://www.aventureland.fr> / Tel: 08 20 09 96 29

Caleches du Chateau de Versailles

Discover the gardens of the Chateau de Versailles from a horse-drawn coach. Allée des Mortemets, Zone des Matelots (78) Versailles. Tel: 01 30 97 04 41

Kapla Centre

The Kapla centre provides children with the opportunity to build using Kapla one-size planks, ideal for building without gluing or fixing. Open everyday during holidays, Wed and Sat during school.

Location: 27 rue de Montreuil, 75011 / Metro: Faidherbe Chaligny / Tel: 01 43 56 13 38

Website: http://www.kapla.com/centre_kapla.html

Toit de la Grande Arche

See Paris from the top of La Défense arch. Year round exhibitions. Restaurant. Multilingual guided tours. Wheelchair access. Location: 1 parvis de la Défense, Floor 35 (92) Puteaux. Metro: La Défense Grande Arche. Website: <http://www.grandearche.com/EN/> Tel: 01 49 07 27 57

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Château de Nonville, 6 rue Grande, 77140 Nonville

Tél: 01 64 29 02 02 / Websites: <http://www.fami-parc.com/index.php>

For more activities see: http://www.infoparks.com/flashan/r_parcs/france/index.htm

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Cabinet Genealogique Richard

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Archives Genealogiques Andriveau

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Alain Durand & Daniel Bourguignon

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Agence AS

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75015 Paris
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Fax: 01 48 56 23 00
Website: (<http://www.as-detective.com>)

Agence Assistance Affaires

29 avenue de Suffren
75007 Paris
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Website: (<http://www.sosdecte.com>)

Agence internationale

8 avenue Moderne
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Agence Rodin

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75009 Paris
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ATTORNEYS IN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT OF PARIS

Definition:

AVOCATS An *avocat* must be a lawyer or attorney. *Avocats* may render legal advice on all matters, draft agreements and contracts, handle commercial disputes and collection cases, and plead and defend civil and criminal cases before the French courts to which they are admitted.

NOTARIES (*notaires*) A French *notaire* is a public official appointed by the Ministry of Justice, and not the equivalent of a notary public in the United States. The number of *notaires* in each jurisdiction is limited, and their fees fixed by law. Their functions include the preparation and recording of notarial acts (wills, deeds, acts of incorporation, marriage contracts, etc.) the administration and settlements of estates (excluding litigation in court) and serving as the repository of wills. They are not lawyers, but very specialized members of the legal profession. They may not plead in court.

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Email: Citizeninfo@state.gov:

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Outside the Paris Consular District there are two American Consulates General: Marseille (covering the southeast), and Strasbourg (the northeast) and American Presence Posts in Bordeaux, Lyon, Rennes and Toulouse, as well as a Consular Agency in Nice. (Please see index for addresses and telephone numbers or (<http://france.usembassy.gov/consulara.html>.)

French Postal Information. France uses a postal code system similar to the U.S. zip code. The code number precedes the name of the city. The first two digits designate the department, the last three the city or an area within the city. Postal rates vary by weight and destination. Within France, the rate for a 20 gram (approx. 2/3 oz.) letter is €55. The air rate for a 20 gram letter €85; a 50 gram letter to the U.S. is €1.70. Registered (*recommandé*) mail can be sent through the French postal service with return receipt requested.

Credit Reports. Credit reports can be obtained through Dunn and Bradstreet, 17, avenue de Choisy, 75013 Paris, or through major banks represented in Paris. These include the Bank of America, Chase Manhattan, First National City Bank of New York (Citibank) and Morgan Guaranty Trust.

Collection Agencies. Not all attorneys accept collection cases. A list of collection agencies is available from the Embassy's Commercial Affairs Section.

Service of Legal Process and Taking of Evidence. Information sheets on these judicial assistance matters are available from the Embassy's American Citizen Services unit.

The List of Attorneys. The following individuals and firms have informed the Embassy that they are qualified to adjudicate law in the categories specified, and that they are sufficiently competent in the English language to provide services to English-speaking clients. The Embassy assumes no responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the individuals or firms listed herein. The Embassy has neither the authority nor the facilities to act as a bar association grievance committee. If you encounter unsatisfactory services by parties listed, however, set forth the circumstances in writing and the complaint will be noted in our files.

THIS LIST IS RELEASED ON THE CONDITION THAT IT NOT BE PUBLISHED OR REPRODUCED. French law prohibits members of the legal profession in France from advertising their services. Publication of the names of attorneys with data on their professional qualifications would be a violation of this law.

RETAINING AN ATTORNEY ABROAD

The following guidelines may be helpful to you in retaining the services of an attorney abroad to protect your interest.

I. Selecting an Attorney

It is wise to contact several attorneys, briefly describing the nature of the services you desire. Before deciding which attorney to employ, ask for a written schedule of fees generally charged for the services you need. Be sure to ask whether the attorney is fluent in English. Do not turn over documents or funds until you are certain that the attorney fully understands your legal needs and is willing to hand handle your case.

II. Barristers and Solicitors

In some foreign cities, districts, or provinces it may be necessary to retain the services of both a solicitor and a barrister. In such jurisdictions, barristers are allowed to appear in court, including trial courts and higher courts of appeal or other courts. Solicitors are allowed to advise clients and sometimes represent them in the lower courts. They may also prepare cases for barristers to try in the higher courts.

III. Notaries Public, Notaries and *Huissiers*:

In some foreign countries, notaries public, notaries and *huissiers* can perform many of the functions performed by attorneys in the United States. Foreign notaries frequently draft instruments, wills and conveyances. In some countries a notary is a public official, appointed by the Ministry of Justice, whose functions include not only the preparation of documents, but the administration and settlement of estates. Such notaries serve as repositories for wills and are empowered to serve legal documents. In some countries the *huissiers* serve documents. They are not lawyers but are very specialized members of the legal profession. They may not plead cases in court.

IV. Assistance of the U.S. Embassy or Consulate

Should your communication with a foreign attorney prove unsatisfactory, a U.S. consular officer may, if appropriate, communicate with the attorney on your behalf. In addition, complaints against foreign attorneys whose names appear on the list can result in the removal of their names from the list.

V. Coordination with Counsel in the United States

American attorneys may not be in a position to represent your interests abroad, particularly because they will not be permitted to participate in foreign court proceedings under the laws of the foreign country. American attorneys experienced in international procedure may be helpful in explaining the complex international issues involved in your case and some may have associates or partners abroad to whom they can refer you.

Legal Aid Associations

There may be facilities in the foreign country for low cost or free legal services. If the information about such assistance is not included in the list of attorneys, ask the local bar association or the Ministry of Justice about the availability of legal aid.

- How to Deal With Your Foreign Attorney
- Find out the attorney's qualifications and experience.
- Find out how the attorney plans to represent you. Ask specific questions and expect the attorney to explain the legal process in the country concerned, as well as the legal activities planned on your behalf, in language that you can understand. Have your attorney analyze your case, giving you the positive and negative aspects and probable outcome. Be honest with your attorney. Tell the attorney every relevant fact in order to get the best representation of your interests. Do not fail to ask how much time the attorney anticipates the case may take to complete.
- Find out what fees the attorney, *notaire* or *huissier* charge and what fees are expected. *Notaires* and *huissiers* are usually government officials who must charge fees established by their governments. Some attorneys expect payment in advance; some demand payment after each action taken, refusing to proceed until they are paid. Others may take the case on a percentage basis, collecting a pre-arranged percentage of the monies awarded by a foreign court.
- Ask that your attorney keep you advised of the progress of your case according to a pre-established schedule. Remember your responsibility to keep your attorney informed of any new developments in your case. Request copies of all letters and documents prepared on your behalf.
- Do not expect your attorney to give a simple answer to a complex legal problem. Be sure you understand the technical language contained in any contract or other legal document prepared by your attorney.

NOTE: In some countries the court recess for a period of several months during the summer. In addition, even if the case is resolved, currency control laws are often complex and may delay the transfer of funds awarded to you from the foreign country for an indefinite time.

Assistance of the Department of State: If you have additional questions, contact the appropriate division of the Office of Citizen Services, Room 4817, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520

Europe and Canada Division, (202) 647-3445

Inter-American Division, (202) 647-3712

African Division, (202) 647-4994

East Asia and Pacific Division, (202) 67-3675

Near East and South Asia Division, (202) 647-3926

Complaints Against Foreign Attorneys

If the service of your foreign attorney proves unsatisfactory, in addition to notifying the Department of State and the U.S. embassy or consulate abroad, you may address your complaints to the local foreign bar association.

AMERICAN ATTORNEYS IN THE PARIS AREA

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July 4	Friday	Independence Day	American
July 14	Monday	French National Day	French
August 15	Friday	Assumption Day	French
Sept. 1	Monday	Labor Day	American
Oct. 13	Monday	Columbus Day	American
Nov. 1	Saturday	All Saints' Day	French
Nov 11	Tuesday	Veteran's Day (WWI)	American/French
Nov. 27	Thursday	Thanksgiving	American
Dec. 25	Thursday	Christmas	American/French

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DATE	DAY OF THE WEEK	HOLIDAY	TYPE
January 1	Thursday	New Year's Day	American/French
January 19	Monday	Martin Luther King's Birthday	American
February 16	Monday	President's Day	American
April 13	Monday	Easter Monday	French
May 1	Friday	Labor Day	French
May 8	Friday	Veteran's Day	French
May 21	Thursday	Ascension Day	French
May 25	Monday	Memorial Day	American
July 4*	Saturday	Independence Day	American
July 14	Tuesday	French National Day	French
August 15	Saturday	Assumption Day	French
Sept. 7	Monday	Labor Day	American
Oct. 12	Monday	Columbus Day	American
Nov. 1	Sunday	All Saints' Day	French
Nov 11	Wednesday	Veteran's Day (WWI)	American/French
Nov. 26	Thursday	Thanksgiving	American
Dec. 25	Friday	Christmas	American/French

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French Ministry of Foreign Affairs website

Public Documents in the United States

<http://www.vitalchek.com>

U.S. Birth Certificates via internet

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcome.htm>

National Center for Health Statistics
U.S. Birth Certificates

United States Embassy in France:

<http://france.usembassy.gov>

American Embassy in France

<http://france.usembassy.gov/service.html>

American Embassy
Consular Section, Paris

<http://france.usembassy.gov/marseille.html>

American Consulate General
in Marseille

<http://france.usembassy.gov/strasbourg.html>

American Consulate General in
Strasbourg

<http://france.usembassy.gov/bordeaux.html>

American Presence Post in Bordeaux

<http://france.usembassy.gov/lyon.html>

American Presence Post in Lyon

<http://france.usembassy.gov/rennes.html>

American Presence Post in Rennes

<http://france.usembassy.gov/toulouse.html>

American Presence Post in Toulouse

United States Government Offices in the United States

<http://travel.state.gov>

United States Department of State,
Travel Information

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1116.html

Country Specific Information Sheet on
France and Monaco

http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips_1232.htm

Important Tips for Travelers

<http://www.state.gov>

United States Department of State
General Information

<http://www.foia.state.gov>

Freedom of Information Act

http://travel.state.gov/family/adoption/adoption_485.html

International Adoption

http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html

United States Department of State / Bureau of
Consular Affairs Visa Services / Foreign
Entry Requirements

http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1261.html Visa Waiver Program Information

<http://www.immigration.gov>

Immigration and Naturalization Service

<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/>

Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs

<http://www.statelocalgov.net/>

The State and Local Government Internet
directory provides convenient one-stop access
to the websites of thousands of state agencies
and city and county governments.

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/index.htm>

Center for Disease Control and
Prevention Travel Information / United States
Customs Information

<http://www.cbp.gov/>

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

http://help.cbp.gov/cgi-bin/customs.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php

<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov>

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the
Treasury

<http://www.ssa.gov>

Social Security Administration

<http://www.fvap.gov>

Federal Voting Assistance Program

Other sites of interest

<http://www.fluradar.com/>

Current Avian Influenza information

<http://www.democratsabroad.org>

Democrats Abroad

<http://www.republicansabroad.org/>

Republicans Abroad

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**American Embassy
American Citizen Services,
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75382 Paris Cedex 08**

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Email: <mailto:citizeninfo@state.gov>

AMERICAN CONSULATES and AMERICAN PRESENCE POSTS IN FRANCE & THEIR GEOGRAPHICAL JURISDICTION

PARIS AND STRASBOURG CONSULAR DISTRICTS

Consular Section, American Embassy, Paris

American Citizen Services

4, avenue Gabriel

75008 Paris

(Métro: Concorde)

Tel: 01.43.12.22.22

Website: <http://france.usembassy.gov>

Fax: 01 42 96 28 39 (passport section)

Email: citizeninfo@state.gov

Fax: 01.42.61.61.40 (special consular services)

Ain 01, Aisne 02, Allier 03, Ardeche 07, Ardennes 08, Aube 10, Calvados 14, Cantal 15, Charente 16, Charente-Maritime 17, Cher 18, Corrèze 19, Côte d'Or 21, Côtes d'Armor 22, Creuse 23, Deux-Sèvres 79, Dordogne 24, Drôme 26, Essonne 91, Eure 27, Eure-et-Loire 28, Finistère 29, Gironde 33, Hauts-de-Seine 92, Haute-Loire 43, Haute-Marne 52, Haute-Savoie 74, Haute-Vienne 87, Ille-et-Vilaine 35, Indre 36, Indre-et-Loire 37, Isère 38, Landes 40, Loir-et-Cher 41, Loire 42, Loire-Atlantique 44, Loiret 45, Lot-et-Garonne 47, Maine-et-Loire 49, Manche 50, Marne 51, Mayenne 53, Morbihan 56, Nièvre 58, Nord 59, Oise 60, Orne 61, Paris 75, Pas-de-Calais 62, Puy-de-Dôme 63, Pyrénées-Atlantiques 64, Rhone 69, Saône-et-Loire 71, Sarthe 72, Savoie 73, Seine-Maritime 76, Seine-et-Marne 77, Seine-Saint-Denis 93, Somme 80, Val de Marne 94, Val-d'Oise 95, Vendée 85, Vienne 86, Yonne 89, Yvelines 78

Bordeaux (American Presence Post)

10, place de la Bourse

B.P. 77,

33076 Bordeaux

Tel: 05.56.48.63.80

Fax: 05.56.51.61.97

Email: usabordeaux@state.gov

Website: <http://france.usembassy.gov/bordeaux.html>

Lyon (American Presence Post)

1, quai Jules Courmont

69002 Lyon

Tel: 04.78.38.33.03

Fax: 04.72.41.71.81

Email: usalyon@state.gov

Website: <http://france.usembassy.gov/lyon.html>

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Rennes (American Presence Post)

30, quai Duguay-Trouin

35000 Rennes

Tel: 02.23.44.09.60

Fax: 02.99.35.00.92

Email: usarennes@state.gov

Website: <http://france.usembassy.gov/rennes.html>

Strasbourg (Consulate General)

15, avenue d'Alsace

67082 Strasbourg

Tel: 03.88.35.31.04

Fax: 03.88.24.06.95

Website: <http://france.usembassy.gov/strasbourg.html>

(Doubs 25, Jura 39, Meurthe-et-Moselle 54, Meuse 55, Moselle 57, Bas-Rhin 67, Haut-Rhin 68, Haute-Saône 70, Vosges 88, Territoire de Belfort 90)

MARSEILLE CONSULAR DISTRICT

U.S. Consulate General

Place Varian Fry

13006 Marseille

(Métro: Préfecture Estrangin)

Tel: 04.91.54.92.00

Fax: 04.91.55.56.95

Email: citizeninfomarseille@state.gov

Website: <http://france.usembassy.gov/marseille.html>

Alpes de Hautes Provence 04, Alpes-Maritimes 06, Ariège 09, Aude 11, Aveyron 12, Bouche-du-Rhône 13, Corse-du-Sud 2A, Gard 30, Gers 32, Hautes-Alpes 05, Haute-Corse 2B, Hautes-Pyrénées 65, Haute-Garonne 31, Hérault 34, Lot 46, Lozère 48, Principauté de Monaco, Pyrénées-Orientales 66, Tarn 81, Tarn et Garonne 82, Var 83, Vaucluse 84

Nice (Consular agency)

7 avenue Gustave V, 3rd floor

06000 Nice

Tel: 04.93.88.89.55

Fax: 04.93.87.07.38

Website: <http://france.usembassy.gov/nice.html>

Toulouse (American Presence Post)

25, Allée Jean-Jaurès

31000 Toulouse

Tel: 05.34.41.36.50

Fax: 05.34.41.16.19

Email: usatoulouse@state.gov

Website: <http://france.usembassy.gov/toulouse.html>

EMERGENCY SERVICES Telephone Numbers

See also list of doctors on pages 98-105

Emergency numbers are listed in the front of all telephone directories

U.S. Embassy: 01 43 12 22 22 (switchboard) during office hours ask for the Special Consular Services Unit; after hours ask for the Duty Officer.

Police (*Police Secours*) Telephone: 17

Fire Department (*pompier*) Telephone: 18

See more information provided below*

S.A.M.U.: (National Emergency Medical Team/Ambulance) Telephone 15
See more information on next page or; 01 45 67 50 50

SOS Medecins (*private company for emergency doctors*) 01 47 07 77 77
SOS MEDECINS is a private company for less critical medical emergencies and house calls.

Ambulance: Sainte-Marie 01 48 42 22 00

American Hospital: 63 blvd. Victor Hugo, 92202 Neuilly 01 46 41 25 25

Anti-Poison Center: 01 40 05 48 48

Hôpital Cochin: (Emergency Services) 01 58 41 27 21

Emergency services for Burns 01 58 41 26 49

Hôpital Necker (*Children, Emergency Care*) 01 44 49 40 00

146-151 rue de Sevres 75015 Paris

Hôpital Percy (*For very serious burns*) 01 41 46 60 00

101, avenue Henri Barbusse, 92140 Clamart (switchboard)

SOS Dentists weekdays 7:00 am – 6:00 pm 01 42 46 11 20

(*private company for emergencies*) weekends 6:00 pm – midnight 01 43 37 51 00

SOS Drugs (*Hopital Marmottan*) (*private company for emergencies*) 01 45 74 00 04

SOS Drogue International 61 rue Pajol, 75018 Paris 01 55 87 55 55

Emergencies for Drug Addicts 01 42 09 07 07

SOS Help *English-speaking hotline open daily* 01 46 21 46 46

(Only from 3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.)

SOS Medecins (*private company for emergency doctors*) 01 47 07 77 77

SOS Locksmiths (*serrurier*) Paris 8th 01 45 61 12 21

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Pharmacies (open 24 hrs):

Pharmacie des Champs Elysées
84, avenue des Champs Elysées
75008 Paris

01 45 62 02 41

Grande Pharmacie Daumesnil
6 place Felix Ebou
75012 Paris

01 43 43 19 03

Description of French Medical Emergency Services

If an emergency medical situation arises which you feel requires immediate medical assistance, the following information will be helpful.

*** POMPIERS (Fire Brigade Department): dial 18.** The *pompiers* may send one of their own ambulances or they may alert S.A.M.U., or SOS Medecins. They arrive on the scene faster and can provide basic life support. If a patient's condition is unclear or appears critical, a car with specially trained firemen is usually sent ahead to administer first aid.

**** In France, S.A.M.U.** is the national emergency organization. It has a 24-hour service and gives medical assistance for all medical emergencies. Its ambulances are manned by teams of trained personnel, and are equipped with emergency equipment for any cardiac or respiratory resuscitation. To reach SAMU, simply **dial 15 or 01 45 67 50 50.**

S.A.M.U. should be called for life-threatening conditions that require the assistance of trained medical professionals. These include: cardiac or respiratory emergencies (chest pain and/or shortness of breath), severe bleeding, severe asthma, stroke, and trauma resulting in multiple injuries.

Be brief and concise when speaking with S.A.M.U. and give the precise address or location (if at home or in another building, please indicate the floor and the door code if any), your phone number, the caller and victim's names, the age of the victim and a description of his medical condition.

You may be transferred directly to an English-speaking specialist in the emergency services who will identify the type of emergency based upon the information you give (he/she may decide to refer your call to another ambulance service, i.e. SOS Medecins, in the case of a less critical emergency).

A family member or bystander who is aware of the situation may escort the emergency medical team if needed.

SOS MEDECINS is a private company for less critical medical emergencies and house calls. They can be reached at **01 47 07 77 77.**

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