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Residence card of a retired (or inactive) EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen

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If you are European and whether you come to France as a retiree (or inactive), you do not need a residence card to live in France. However, you can request one. We present you the information to know.

What applies to you ?



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The first 5 years of stay

To apply for a retired (or inactive) EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen residence card, you must meet certain conditions and carry out certain procedures.

Who is concerned by the residence card of a retired (or inactive) EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen?

You are affected if you meet all of the following conditions:

- You are European
- You do not work in France
- You have health insurance
- You have sufficient resources.

Up to 65 years

You must have sufficient resources. The amount depends on your personal situation.

The administration cannot require your resources to exceed the following amounts:

Tableau - Sufficient resources

Conditions	Monthly amount	
If you live alone	Without children	€646.52
	With 1 child	€1,106.94
	With 2 children	€1,383.68
	With 3 children	€1,660.41
	With 4 children	€1,937.15
If you live as a couple	Without children	€969.78
	With 1 child	€1,163.73
	With 2 children	€1,357.69
	With 3 children	€1,616.29
	With 4 children	€1,810.25

From 65 years

You must have sufficient resources.

The sufficiency of your resources is studied taking into account your personal situation. In any case, the administration cannot require that your resources exceed the following amounts per month:

Tableau - Sufficient resources

Conditions	Amounts
If you live alone	€1,043.59
If you live as a couple	€1,620.18

FYI

The **frontier worker a national of EU** Resident in France and working in another neighboring Member State is concerned by the EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen's 'inactive' residence card.

How to apply for the residence card of a retired (or inactive) EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen? ^

You must make your request on the internet:

Apply online for a residence permit, a change of situation, a travel document, an application for ANEF naturalization (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R59398>)

What documents must be provided for the residence card of a retired (or inactive) EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen? ^

- Valid identity document or passport
- Indication concerning your domicile: provided by any means
- Proof of health insurance: certificate of coverage by an insurance of your health insurance costs and, possibly, maternity (for the 1^{re} year of stay, the european health insurance card or the european form for continuity of care in the country of origin is accepted)
- Proof of resources: any document used to justify the reality of your resources and the duration for which you will have them, such as bank account statements, pension slips, etc.
- e-photo (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>) : enter the e-photo code (provided by the photographer or the authorized booth on the photo board). If you don't have an e-photo yet, you can locate a digital photo and signature service (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R62705?lang=en>) .

What is the cost of the residence card of a retired (or inactive) EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen? ^

Issuance of the residence card *EU/EEA/Swiss citizen* is **free of charge**.

How is the residence card of a retired (or inactive) EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen issued? ^

The card is given to you by the prefecture (or sub-prefecture) of your home.

What is the validity period of the residence card of a retired (or inactive) EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen? ^

The card has a validity period determined according to the stability of the resources you justify.

It cannot exceed 5 years.

How to renew the residence card of a retired (or inactive) EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen? ^

The approach is identical to that of the 1^{re} ask.

Request for the card

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Cost

The issue of the EU/EEA/Switzerland Citizen Residence Card is **free of charge**.

Handing over the card

The card is given to you by the prefecture (or sub-prefecture) of your home.

Duration of validity

The card has a validity period determined according to the stability of the resources you justify.

It cannot exceed 5 years.

After 5 years of stay

After **5 years of legal and continuous stay in France**, you can apply for a residence card *EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen - Permanent residence - All professional activities*.

This card allows you to attest that you have the right to live in France permanently, **without further conditions**.

It facilitates your administrative procedures, since the administration will no longer have to ask you to prove that you have sufficient resources and health insurance.

Who is concerned by the EU/EEA/Switzerland Residence Card - Permanent Residence?

You are affected if you meet all of the following conditions:

- You are European
- You have stayed in France for 5 continuous years (without exercising a professional activity or without continuing your studies)
- You continue to live in France.

How to apply for the EU/EEA/Switzerland Residence Card - Permanent Residence?

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What documents must be provided for the EU/EEA/Switzerland Residence Card - Permanent Residence?

- Valid identity card or passport
- Indication concerning your domicile: provided by any means
- Proof of the continuity of your stay for 5 years in France: 1 document per semester (rent or charge receipts, invoices, etc.)
- Proof of your right to stay in France for the previous 5 years (pension slips, bank account statements, etc.).

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What is the cost of the EU/EEA/Switzerland Residence Card? ^

Issuance of the card *EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen - Permanent residence - All professional activities* is **free of charge**.

How to get the EU/EEA/Switzerland Residence Card - Permanent Residence? ^

The card is given to you by the prefecture (or sub-prefecture) of your home.

What is the validity period of the EU/EEA/Switzerland Residence Card - Permanent Residence? ^

If your right to stay is permanent, the card is only valid **10 years**. It must therefore be renewed.

How to renew the EU/EEA/Switzerland Residence Card - Permanent Residence? ^

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Request for the card

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Cost

Renewal of the card *EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen - Permanent residence - All professional activities* is **free**.

Handing over the card

The card is given to you by the prefecture (or sub-prefecture) of your home.

Duration of validity

The card is valid **10 years**. It is renewable.

Statute and miscellaneous references ^

Code on the Entry and Stay of foreigners and the Right to Asylum: Articles L233-1 to L233-6
(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000042770980/?lang=en)

Right of residence

Code on the Entry and Stay of foreigners and the Right to Asylum: Articles L234-1 to L234-3
(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000042770994/?lang=en)

Right to permanent residence

Code on the Entry and Stay of foreigners and the Right to Asylum: Articles R233-11 to R233-18

(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000042800268/?lang=en)

Residence card mention "EU/EEA/Swiss citizen - All professional activities"

Code on the Entry and Stay of foreigners and the Right to Asylum: Articles R234-1 to R234-6

(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000042800286/?lang=en)

Residence card mention "EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen - Permanent stay - All professional activities"

Circular of 10 September 2010 on the right of residence of European and Swiss citizens and their family members (PDF - 1.3 MB)

(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/download/pdf/circ?id=32884?lang=en>)

FAQ

What is a residence permit application receipt? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15763?lang=en>)

Which photo to provide for an identity document (passport, identity card...)?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)

Foreigner in France: how to buy a tax stamp? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33071?lang=en>)