

For Non-Professional Travel (family visit, private visit, tourism):

Is applicable in case you are travelling to visit your friends or relatives. This visa is granted for travel of less than 90 days.

You can apply at the French Consulate in Bangalore only if you reside in the States of Karnataka or Andhra Pradesh.

Mandatory Documents:

1. Passport + one copy of the identity pages, your passport must have been issued less than ten years ago, have a validity of maximum 10 years and be valid for at least three months after your return to India. Your passport must have two blank pages to affix the visa. (The amendment pages are not suitable for visas). Children must travel on their individual passports.
2. One Schengen (short stay) application form with all columns filled in and TWO recent photographs in the size of 3.5 cm x 4.5 cm with light white/grey background with head uncovered. Please print in black. Indicate also your phone numbers and e-mail,
3. Original cover letter
4. Copy of confirmed attestation d'accueil* (Proof of Accommodation) with invitation letter in original or hotel reservation
5. Copy of itinerary prepared by the travel agency (only for those going on tour)
6. Copy of income tax papers of last three years / last 3 months bank statements / last 3 months salary slips
7. Copy of overseas medical insurance policy + repatriation, evacuation cover (equivalent to 30.000 Euros)
8. Copy of air ticket or PNR (booking printout)
9. The visa issued by the country of final destination, if needed

The documents must be arranged in the order given above.

- Employed applicants should submit a letter from the employer with details of employment and leave.
- Self employed applicants should submit proof of business i.e. firm's registration or partnership deed.
- Unemployed applicants and students can submit their spouse / parents financial papers and a letter of employment or business.
- Copy of marriage certificate wherever necessary for e.g. if wife's passport is in maiden name.
- Students must submit a school certificate / identity card
- Minors, if travelling with one parent / none of the parents, NOC (no objection certificate) is required from the other parent / both parents in the form of an affidavit.
- Each application must be supported by a copy of the requisite documents.

Foreign students must hold a valid Indian residency card valid at least for three months after their return to India.

*Attestation d'accueil (Proof of Accommodation) Your host in France can obtain this document at the Town Hall of his/her residence, by showing a proof of identity and two proofs of residence (lease and phone bill, utility bill, etc.) This document must be mailed to you and then presented to the visa officer at the time that you solicit a visa for France.

REMARKS: The Visa Officer has full authority to request more documents than those submitted by the applicant.

All photocopies must be in black and white and on A4 size paper

For Business Travellers

Is applicable in case you are travelling on business / company work. This visa is given for travel of less than 90 days.

To apply for a visa, you have to come with an original and a copy of all the necessary documents. You may be asked to show your original documents at the time of your interview, therefore please carry your original documents with you. All photocopies must be in black and white and on A4 size paper

Mandatory Documents:

1. Passport + one copy of the identity pages, your passport must have been issued less than ten years ago, have a validity of maximum 10 years and be valid for at least three months after your return to India. Your passport must have two blank pages to affix the visa. (The amendment pages are not suitable for visas).
2. One Schengen (short stay) application form with all columns filled in and TWO recent photographs in the size of 3.5 cm x 4.5 cm with light white/grey background, head uncovered. Please print in black. Indicate also your phone numbers and e-mail.
3. Original cover letter from the company mentioning name and designation of the applicant and that of the signatory of managerial or executive level giving brief sketch of applicant's itinerary, name and address of the company to be visited.
4. Invitation letter from French company
5. Copy of income tax papers of last three years / last 3 months bank statement / last 3 months salary slips
6. Copy of overseas medical insurance policy + repatriation, evacuation cover (equivalent to 30.000 Euros)
7. Copy of air ticket or PNR (booking printout) The documents must be arranged in the order given above.

Important!

- If you are a frequent traveller and wish to apply for a longer validity visa you can request for the same in the covering letter. The decision to grant a longer validity visa remains with the French Consulate. In case you are granted a "visa de circulation" valid for at least one year, medical insurance coverage for the whole year will be required.
- For applicants working longer than 30 days and up to 90 days, the host organization has to request clearance from the "Department of Labour" DIRECCTE (Direction Régionale des Entreprises, de la Concurrence, de la Consommation, du Travail et de l'Emploi).
- Each application must be supported by a copy of the requisite documents. REMARKS: The Visa Officer has full authority to request more documents than those submitted by the applicant. It is necessary that you carry the original documents used to obtain the visa with you at all times.