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France welcomes to process visa for qualified professionals who are willing to create their impact with professional work experience.

### Survey of France Country

- ✓ France has 6,868,000 immigrants or 11% of the population.
- ✓ France was a founding member of the Common Market, the European Economic Community and the European Union. The country has continually worked to build European institutions, an integrated economic area and closer common positions on foreign policy.
- ✓ **Development assistance:** France supports the various UN programmes in this field:
  - Poverty reduction (UNDP)
  - Protection of children (Unicef)
  - Drug control (UNDCP).
- ✓ The country focuses on bilateral aid. Official development assistance in 2007 was €9.1 billion, 0.5% of GDP (2012 objective: 0.7%).
- ✓ GDP: France is the fifth largest economy in the world in terms of GDP - €1,792 billion in 2006. In Europe, it is third, behind Germany and the United Kingdom.
- ✓ Growth is mainly based on the construction and public works sector and services. The 2007 data indicate a certain slowdown.
- ✓ France is the largest agricultural producer in Europe. Income per farm worker has risen faster than in the trade sector as a whole.
- ✓ Companies. The largest companies by market capitalization in the CAC-40 index include total and EDF followed by banks and insurance companies (BNP-Paribas, Axa, Suez, and Société General) and the steel group Arcelor-Mittal.
- ✓ National debt: 63.9% of GDP in 2006.
- ✓ Inflation: 2.8% in 2007 (euro zone average: 3.1%).

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### About France: A Generic Overview

- ✓ Demographic indicators place France above EU average
- ✓ **Age structure:** 24.7% under 20 and 21.3% over 60
- ✓ Life expectancy: 77.5 years for men (close to the European average), 84.4 years for women (2 years above the European average)
- ✓ **Fertility rate:** 198 children per 100 women
- ✓ **Average retirement age:** 58.8 years (EU-25 average: 60.9 years)
- ✓ Income and employment indicators place France slightly above the European average
- ✓ **GDP per capita:** €28,356. Compared with an EU-27 base 100, France is at 112.8, the United Kingdom at 118.1 and Germany at 113.5
- ✓ **Labour force participation:** 63% (close to EU average; Denmark, 75.8%)
- ✓ **Unemployment rate:** just over 8% in 2007 (EU-25: 8.7%)
- ✓ **Pre-tax minimum hourly wage:** €8.44
- ✓ **Minimum per month, 35-hour week:** €8.44 minimum per month, 35-hour week: €1,280 on 1 July 2007.
- ✓ **Pre-tax average monthly salary:** €2,440
- ✓ **Income inequality:** 3.45, ratio of top 10% household income to bottom 10% (EU-15: 3.42)

- ✓ **Area:** 632,834 sq. km, of which 543,965 in metropolitan France and 88,969 in the overseas departments (DOM)
- ✓ **Rivers:** Five major rivers flow entirely or partially in France: Loire, 1,012km; Rhine, French section, 150km (total 1,320); Garonne, 575km; Seine, 776km; Rhône, 812km
- ✓ **Coastline:** 7,000km
- ✓ **Some popular sites:** on the Channel, the cliffs at Entreat, Mont Saint-Michel (3.5 million visitors a year); on the Atlantic, Pointe du Raz (over 1 million) and Pilat dune; on the Mediterranean, the calanque fjords in Cassis and the bay of Saint-Tropez (Massif des Maures), the French
- ✓ **Mountains:** Two ancient massifs, Massif Central and Vosges, and three younger ranges, Alps, Jura and Pyrenees
- ✓ **Climate:** Temperate, oceanic and Mediterranean, prevailing westerly winds. The Paris urban area, population 10 million, is the largest in the EU (ahead of London); equal second in France are Lyon and Marseille-Aix-en-Provence, population 1.35 million, and fourth, Lille, 1.1 million.

From combating climate change and land degradation to protecting biodiversity, reducing the pollution of international waters and eliminating persistent organic pollutants: all these challenges which concern the entire planet and are part of the strategy of intervention of the French Global Environment Facility, which funds innovative actions that reconcile environmental preservation with economic and social development, particularly in Africa and the Mediterranean region



Experience and engross yourself to a new society by working in France



### Working in France

You are a foreign national.

You want to come and work in France

Going through the hoops of obtaining a French work permit for a non-European is just not on, unless you are a highly skilled professional and no European can be found for the position then work permits are mostly issued in such cases. To this category includes IT contractors, engineers, and other specialists who may be hired by foreign companies that have service contracts in France. In general, the French American Chamber of Commerce in Paris says, the opportunities are in services and technology.

- ✓ France wishes to improve the organization of professional immigration by making it easier for you to access selected professions schemes to which foreign nationals and come and work in France
- ✓ "Skills and Talents" permit
- ✓ The "Salaried" and "Temporary Worker" permit
- ✓ Employee on Assignment" permit The "Employee on Assignment" card  
*for senior managers or high-level executives*
- ✓ The "Seasonal Worker" permit
- ✓ The "Scientific" permit

### Skills and Talent Permit

- ✓ You have a project. The "Skills and Talents" permit, valid for an initial period of three years and renewable thereafter, allows you to carry out any professional activity of your choice in connection with your project.
- ✓ It is intended to allow you to participate in the economic development of France and/or your country of origin.
- ✓ Your family will receive a Private and Family Life permit, which will enable them accompany you to France and work here.

## Criteria:

The criteria are defined by the “**Commission Nationale des Competences et Talents**” (National Commission for Skills and Talents) which meets at least twice a year in France.

- ✓ The applicant must present a credible professional project meeting the criteria announced by the National Commission
- ✓ The applicant must prove, in all manners, that he/she is capable of realizing his/her personal project. The application will be treated with respect to: the interest and quality of the project; the intent and commitment of the candidate; the candidate's ability and qualifications for conducting the project; the means available to the candidate for carrying out the project.

## Who can apply for this permit?

- ✓ Persons with higher education degrees
- ✓ Qualified professionals, what ever be the level of their degree
- ✓ Investors with an economic project
- ✓ Independent professionals: liberal professions, artists, authors, sportspersons, etc.
- ✓ High-level managerial executives employed by a French company belonging to an international group.

## Costs

- ✓ Opulentus Processing Charges: Rs. 50,000 INR
- ✓ Visa fees to be paid to the embassy: 99 Euros to be paid in cash in Indian amount at the time of submitting the application and Visa fees is subjected to change

## Process Time

- ✓ Opulentus: 4Weeks (after all the documents are received)
- ✓ Consulate/Embassy: 1-2 months

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