

Before your arrival in Brest

This is to help you keep track of what not to forget when coming to Brest.

- Check the validity of your passport/ identity card (EU Nationals).
- Check your entry and residence conditions in France. If necessary, obtain a visa.
https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en_US/web/france-visas/ai-je-besoin-d-un-visa
- To avoid extra expenses, only book your flight once you know exactly when you will be starting your job/ research studies in Brest.
- To enjoy the free services provided by Centre de Mobilité de Brest(CMI) ranging from assistance with administrative procedures to career development guidance, sign up on the Euraxess France/ Fnak database: www.fnak.fr/inscription/?lang=en&cid=brest
- Check your health insurance cover in France. Get the information from your country's health insurance provider.
- Check with your local tax authority whether you need a certificate proving your taxpayer status.
- Find out about the accommodation offer in Brest :
<https://cmibrest.u-bretagne-normandie.fr/fr/etudiants-étrangers-votre-séjour-à-brest/se-loger-à-brest>

Résidence Internationale Nelson Mandela (for PhD students and visiting researchers) :
<http://www.crous-rennes.fr/logement/residence-internationale-nelson-mandela/>

Check the Euraxess accommodation guide: <http://www.euraxess.fr/fr/node/224022/logement>

List of documents to bring with you

- Your hosting agreement (for non-EU nationals). You must bring the original document.
- Your Master's degree or PhD certificate (original document with translation into French if applicable)
- A proof of funding (work contract/ offer of employment letter/ bursary letter – original documents and copies)
- Your birth certificate (original document and copies) for you and each accompanying family member.
- Your marriage certificate (original document and copies).

Birth certificates and marriage certificates must be translated into French and legalised by the French consulate in your country of departure or they can be translated by a [sworn translator](#) as soon as you arrive in France.

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- A certificate from your national health insurance provider (European Health Insurance card for EU nationals) or private insurance certificate.
- Your children's school reports, if they are coming with you and will attend school in France.
- Vaccination certificates, especially for your children if they are coming with you. They are required for school enrolment.

- A copy of your most recent tax return.

- If you wish to drive in France:
 - your valid driving licence
 - international insurance certificate and vehicle registration document for your car.

We recommend that you wait until you are in France to get some ID photos as ID photos required for official documents issued in France must comply with the French biometric standards :

www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/depliant_norme_photo-2.pdf