

Checklist to Apply for French Business Visa

The information I finally got from various lawyers while applying for a French business visa. This list is not on any French Visa information website! <https://au.ambafrance.org/-Visas-new-> for Australia.

The day of the appointment, you will have to be present on time and bring the followings (1 set of originals and 1 copy set):

- Notification for the appointment with the French Consulate, which is sent to you when you make the appointment online
- "Receipt of visa application" issued by France-Visas
- Long-term visa application form filled in when you booked your appointment
- 2 recent passport photographs (neutral expression, full-faced portrait, bareheaded, clear background, in colour and 35X45 mm)
- Proof of residence in the Consular jurisdiction (valid driver's license, rental agreement or deed of a house, and utility bill)
- Passport with at least 2 unused pages for a visa stamp (+ copy of the page mentioning your name and the validity)
- Resume
- Complete portfolio showing your ability to succeed in business - past success history with clients, testimonials
- A business plan to prove that the company will be profitable with a 3-year financial forecast - detailing the basics of your business with target market, the market need, your offering, your ability to deliver your offering, pricing and a 3-year summary of totals of income, expenses and profit in the plan
- As a precaution, business contact and any documents showing that your company will be profitable, such as client contracts or letters of intent to engage you
- Diploma/Degree certificate and its translation into French

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- Application letter – I had this written by my lawyer
- Proof of residence in France (for at least 3 months): lease if already signed, AirBnB booking and payment or an “attestation d'hebergement” stating where you will be living with the details of the person who wrote it (ie copy of their passport and of their ownership or lease
- Proofs of resources: bank statements for the past 3 months
- Proof of a medical insurance policy valid for France - I had a 12-month policy with Regency which I found through <https://nowcompare.com>
- As a precaution, certificates of birth, marriage and divorce and a copy of their official translations into French - better to have them
- Visa fee (equivalent to € 99) To be paid at the appointment

Also relevant for a French company business visa application

- “Kbis” – ask the professional who incorporated your company in France
- Article of incorporation (“status”) - ask the professional who incorporated your company
- Decision of appointment (“nomination”) in France mentioning its duration - ask the professional who incorporated your company
- Certificate from the French company’s accountant establishing your future remuneration - the lawyer can draft it when they receive all other documents
- If relevant**, work certificate issued by the Australian entity confirming your seniority in the group and your current position

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Attestation D'Hebergement

Je soussigné(e),

Nom _____

Prénom _____

Né(e) le _____

à _____

Demeurant, _____

Certifie sur l'honneur héberger à mon domicile ci-dessus mentionné :

[Names of residents]

Fait à [Town] le:

Signature:

JOINDRE : La photocopie de la carte nationale d'identité ou la carte de séjour, **ainsi que** la dernière facture d'électricité ou quittance de loyer (original + photocopie). (*) Rayer la mention inutile.

IMPORTANT: L'article 441-7 du Code Pénal sanctionne d'une peine d'emprisonnement d'un et d'une amende de 15000 € toute personne ayant établi une attestation ou un certificat faisant état de faits matériellement inexacts.

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