

MOVING TO BORDEAUX: CHRONOLOGICAL STEPS

	When?	Average length of the process	Cost	NON-EUROPEAN researchers	EUROPEAN researchers
BEFORE your DEPARTURE	Once the dates of the stay are confirmed			To benefit from our free services to support your - and your families' - move to Bordeaux, please register online on the EURAXESS France database dedicated to the mobility of international researchers: https://www.fnak.fr/inscription/?lang=en	
		10 to 15 days		Receive your scientific hosting agreement ("Convention d'accueil d'un chercheur ou d'un enseignant étranger") from your French host laboratory / higher education institution.	
	At least 3 or 4 weeks before departure	3 to 4 weeks (or even more, country dependent)	99€ / Visa	Start your visa(s) application on the online portal: https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/ - Long-stay visa (any stay exceeding 90 days) "Passeport Talent - Chercheur", - Long-stay visa (any stay exceeding 90 days) "Passeport Talent - Famille" for your spouse and children under 18.	
	Ideally not before obtaining the visa			Buy your travel tickets.	
				Confirm accommodation (even if it's only temporary) for your arrival in Bordeaux. ➤ Please read the "Housing" and "Where to find accommodation" sections - Welcome guide for international researchers.	
		Country dependent		Health coverage: - if you were living in another EU country: ask your local health authority for your European Health Insurance Card, - if you don't have an European Health Insurance Card or a French employment contract: take out medical insurance in your country of residence.	
➔ DEPARTURE FOR BORDEAUX ➔					
Upon your ARRIVAL IN BORDEAUX	Find long-term accommodation (if not already done). ➤ Please read the "Housing" and "Where to find accommodation" sections - Welcome guide for international researchers.				
	If you have children: as soon as you have a permanent address in France - before or after you arrive in Bordeaux - enroll your children in school. ➤ If you need support, please contact the WCIR*				
	Within the 3 months following your arrival	Immediate	300€ / Visa or	IMMIGRATION ➤ Once you arrive in Bordeaux, please do contact the WCIR* • if the duration of your stay is inferior to 12 months: - online certification of your "Passeport Talent" visa (for you and your spouse) or • if the duration of your stay is superior to 12 months: - online application for a 1st residence permit (for you and your spouse)	
	Within the 2 months following your arrival	+/- 4 months	350€ / Residence permit		
		Same day (depending on your nationality)		Open a bank account in your name or a joint bank account if your spouse accompanies you. ➤ If you need support, please contact the WCIR*	
	Once the employment contract is signed	5 to 6 weeks		Health coverage: if you have a French employment contract, apply for Social Security benefits for yourself and your accompanying family members. ➤ Please contact the WCIR*	
DURING your STAY		+/- 9 months	50€ / DCEM	To make travelling outside French territory easier for foreign minors: apply online for a DCEM ("Document de Circulation pour Etranger Mineur") ➤ For further information, please contact the WCIR*	
	In May following the year of arrival			Annual income declaration and payment. To be done each year if you were a French tax resident the previous year (➤ For further information, please contact the WCIR*).	
	Within 12 months of arriving in France	3 to 6 months		Exchange of driving licence under certain conditions. ➤ For further information, please contact the WCIR*	EU-issued licences are valid in France.
EXTENSION of your STAY	As soon as the renewal dates are confirmed	10 to 15 days		Ask for a new scientific hosting agreement ("Convention d'accueil d'un chercheur ou d'un enseignant étranger") from your French host laboratory / higher education institution.	
	Between 2 & 4 months before the expiration of the residence permit	+/- 4 months	250€ / Residence permit	Renew your residence permit and, if applicable, that of your spouse. ➤ Please contact the WCIR*	
FINAL DEPARTURE from France	Before departure			⬇ BEFORE YOUR RESIDENCE PERMIT EXPIRES ⬇	
				Don't forget to: - let your landlord know that you are leaving (check the notice period!), - terminate all your current contracts (electricity, gas, phone, internet, insurances, complementary health insurance etc.).	
				Declare your past and/or current French taxable income.	
	Before or after departure			Close your bank account (make sure you have no outstanding or pending checks, fees or automatic payments).	

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