

List of required documents for a “passeport talent” residence permit first request at the Préfecture

These documents must be submitted to your local prefecture.

(Original documents + photocopies – Remember to keep the original copies following their presentation!)

- Your currently valid **passport** (with photocopies of all pages with writing/stamps).
- Your “passeport talent” visa L313-20 4°
- Your **birth certificate** translated into French by [a sworn translator certified by a French Court of Appeal](#). Your birth certificate must specify your filiation (mother’s and father’s names).
- **Proof of residence** (less than 3 months old)
 - If renting accommodation: electrical bill (or gas, water, landline phone, Internet access), housing insurance certificate or a *taxe d’habitation* (“housing tax”) statement.
 - If staying at a hotel or residence: an *attestation de domicile* (“residence certificate”) + bill for last month’s rent.
 - If lodged by a private individual: a handwritten *attestation de domicile* (“residence certificate”) provided by the lodger + original and copy of a proof of residence (less than 3 months old) in his/her name + a copy of the lodger’s proof of identity.
- **4 ID photos.**
- Your **hosting agreement** (“*convention d’accueil*”).
- **For PhD students** registered in France for their thesis: their contract of employment.

You have to submit your dossier to the Préfecture from Monday to Friday, only in the morning at 9.00am at [97 rue Molière, 69003 Lyon](#).
Tell a Préfecture officer that you are a scientist to be orientated to the relevant desk.



List of required documents for a first request for a residence permit as a spouse of a “passport talent” scientist

These documents must be submitted to your local prefecture.

(Original documents + photocopies – Remember to keep the original copies following their presentation!)

- Currently valid **passport** (with photocopies of all pages with writing/stamps).
- **Extended-stay visa L313-20.**
- **Proof of civil status** (original documents + French translations by [a sworn translator certified by a French Court of Appeal](#)):
 - Birth certificate (specifying filiation).
 - Marriage certificate.
 - Children’s birth certificates (specifying filiation).
 - For nationals from a country recognizing polygamy, a sworn certificate stating that the national does not have more than one spouse.
- Photocopies of the **passport, visa, hosting agreement of the researcher spouse** and of his/her residence permit if the dossier is not submitted at the same time.
- **4 ID photos** respecting the prefecture's guidelines.
- **Proof of residence (less than 3 months old).**
 - If renting accommodation: electrical bill (or gas, water, landline phone, Internet access), housing insurance certificate or a *taxe d’habitation* (“housing tax”) statement.
 - If staying at a hotel or residence: an *attestation de domicile* (“residence certificate”) + bill for last month’s rent.
 - If lodged by a private individual: a handwritten *attestation de domicile* (“residence certificate”) provided by the lodger + original and copy of a proof of residence (less than 3 months old) in his/her name + a copy of the lodger’s proof of identity.

The guest scientist is **required** to be present, along with his/her original passport, visa and hosting agreement (and copies thereof), for all procedures relative to the residence permit of his/her spouse.

