To be eligible to apply for a French visa, you have to prove that you are a regular resident in Taiwan. By regular resident, in general, it refers to those who live in Taiwan with an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) or a Taiwan visa. If you are in either of the cases, please ask our visa section first (<u>question.visas@france-taipei.org</u>).

If you confirm your eligibility, here are the steps that you need to go through for your French student visa application:

1) Create an account on our online platform and fill out its form (https://pastel.diplomatie.gouv.fr/etudesenfrance/ )

Detailed explanations about how to fill out the form (in Chinese):

★ For exchange or double degree students http://www.taiwan.campusfrance.org/node/8095 (please refer to the attachment "填寫範例")

★ For non-exchange students (degree-seeking and others) <u>http://www.taiwan.campusfrance.org/node/101116</u> (please refer to the attachment "填寫範例")

# Attention: your motivation letter should be no shorter than 1300 characters.

★ Documents to upload online:

- Your passport and Taiwanese ARC;
- Your admission letter to your future institution in France
- For a degree-seeking program: your highest diploma in English or French;

- <u>For an exchange/double-degree program</u>: your latest certificate of enrollment in English or French issued by your home university proving that you are registered for the current semester.

# 2) Pay your interview fee

# Once your online form is filled out, inform Campus France ASAP (via the message box "messagerie" in you online account) the following things:

★ Let us know your account number (starting with TW, which you can see on the upright side in your account)

★ Answer to the following questions via the:

- Did you receive the original of your admission letter (no electronic version will be accepted except for exchange student)?

- When is your departure time for France
- Have you lived in at least during the past six months in Taiwan?

★ As long as your form is correctly filled out, you will be allowed to pay your interview fee and make your appointment online.

## 3) Be interviewed by Campus France.

- On your interview day, you have to come to Campus France first for the interview before submitting your visa application to our visa section on the same day.

# Yes! <u>The interview and visa application take place on the same day</u>, so do come with the following required documents respectively for Campus France and Visa section.

- At the end of the interview, we will give you the receipt of your payment which is necessary for your visa without.

## Documents you need to upload to the online form and bring on your interview day:

## 4) For Camus France:

★ If you are an exchange / double-degree student:

- Your passport and Taiwanese ARC

- Your certificate of enrollment in English issued by your home university (copy and original). Attention: your student card cannot substitute for this document;

- Your admission letter to a French partner school (copy)
- Your CV in English or French

★ If you are a non-exchange student (language school, degree-seeking, continuing education, school entrance exam, etc) :

- Your passport and Taiwanese ARC (original)
- Your highest diploma in English (original and a copy);
- Your admission letter to your future French institution (original and a copy)

Attention: original refers to the actual document. Any printed version from an electronic file will not be accepted.

## 5) For visa section:

Please kindly refer to the following webpage: <u>https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en\_US/web/tw</u>

If you need English explanations, please contact our visa section at <u>guestion.visas@france-taipei.org</u>

Please kindly note that Campus France can accompany you going through step 1) to 4). For any question about step 5), only the visa section is the competent administration to answer. You may write them in English.

#### Regarding the processing time:

★ For step 1 to 4, it takes about one to two weeks, depending on how fast you can provide all the required info and docs online.

★ Step 5 takes from two to three weeks.

★ So in general, the whole procedure takes from 3 to 4 weeks. We suggest applicants come to the interview at least one month before their departure for France.

To sum up, you don't have much time to wait. Please finish filling out your online form ASAP!

To accelerate your procedure, we suggest that you either ask a Taiwanese friend to help you understanding our explanations indicated on the links above in Chinese or you can come to our office from Mon. to Fri. between 2 to 4 PM for using our computer (please bring the scanned required documents).

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