# < Applying for a French Student Visa – Step by Step >



We have provided below some basic information about the process of applying for a student visa for France, but please note that the granting of visas is entirely the responsibility of the French consular services.

### **General information**

If you are a Korean citizen or legal resident over the age of 18 and planning to study at a French higher education institution for a period longer than three months, you must first complete the Campus France application process "Etudes en France":

https://pastel.diplomatie.gouv.fr/etudesenfrance/dyn/public/authentification/login.html and then apply for a student visa. If you are not yet 18 at the time you apply to study in France, you do not need to complete the Campus France application process, but will need to apply for a visa for minors. Please check your consulate service for details.

You must obtain your student visa while in Korea. The visa cannot be issued once the applicant is in France.

Please note: You are able to apply Campus France process 3 months before the course starting date in France (4 months before in case that the course starts in August/ September/October considering the summer peak season).

The basic sequence of events for getting a visa for study in France is:



### <Before your departure>

# 1> Pay a registration fee: 325 000 won (IBK 037-062826-01-011, French cultural institute)

Campus France registration fee is different from and in addition to the visa processing fee.

## 2> Complete the Campus France online Etudes en France application process

Please complete the Campus France online application process. The Campus France online application process and the visa application process are the two distinct steps you need to take before departing for France. You should be sure to complete your Campus France application (through the online Etudes en France system) as early as possible so that you have enough time to apply for and receive a visa.

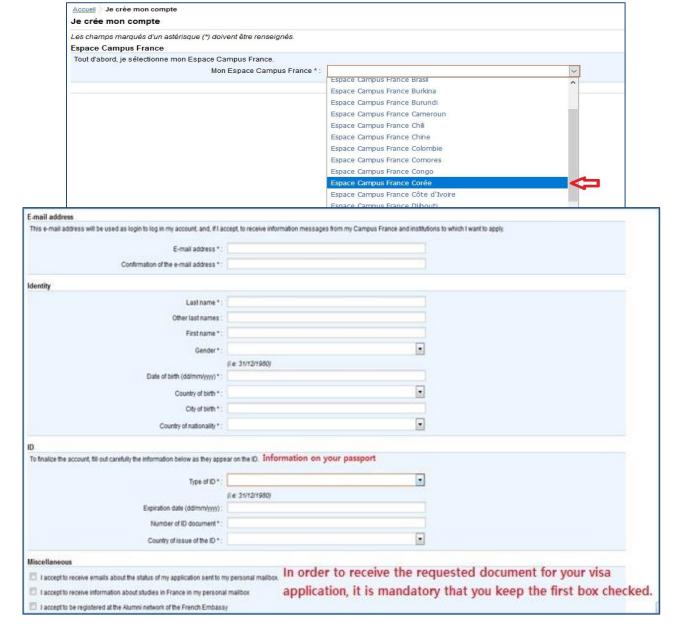
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### What documents do I need to submit online?

Applicants are required to upload the following documents:

- ① A headshot (format : JPG, size : 50 KB max)
- 2 Copy of Passport
- ③ Registration fee receipt
- **4** Curriculum (to be downloaded from the Campus France site)
- Some to submit on the day of Campus France Interview
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- 6 An official acceptance letter (format : JPG/PDF, size: 300 KB max) : Copy of an official acceptance letter to submit on the day of Campus France Interview
- (7) Motivation letter

(For the creation of your account, \* refer to the articles as below)



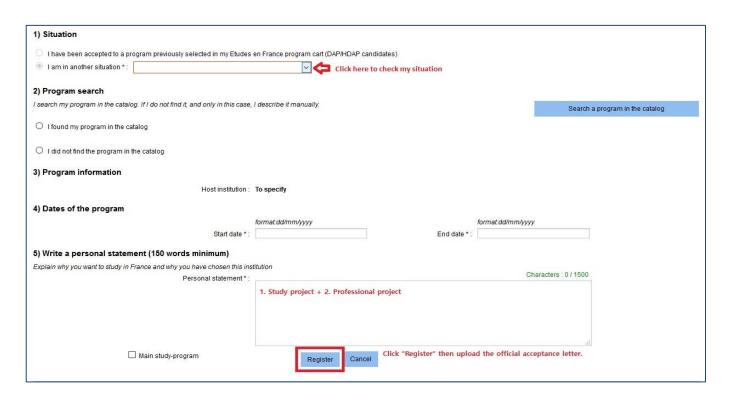
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### After creating your Campus France account in Etudes en France,

- 1. Please activate your account: You shall receive an email from "ne-pas repondre.etudesenfrance@diffusion.diplomatie.gouv.fr" to your email address that you have used while creating your account. Please activate your account as soon as possible (within 48 hours).
- 2. Once you connect to the online system "Etudes en France", please select "Je suis accepté"
  - In case that you have been accepted to an institution in France (except exchange/ dual degree program) for French as a foreign language class, study abroad program, diploma course, entrance exam, doctorate
- 1) Select « Une acceptation reçue en dehors de l'application Etudes en France » then click « Ajouter »
- 2) ① Je sélectionne le cas qui me concerne  $\rightarrow$  Je suis dans un autre cas
  - ② Je décris ma situation → rechercher une formation dans le catalogue (search a program in the catalog) If you can't find the program in the catalog, select « Je n'ai pas trouvé ma formation dans le catalogue » (\* refer to the article as below)
    - \* Start date / End date of the program: Input the dates mentioned in the official acceptance letter
- 3) Motivation letter (Write your study project/ professional project)
- 4) Upload the official acceptance letter (PDF or JPG format)
- \* Certificate of (pre) enrollment delivered by a French higher education institution mentioning start date/end date of program. While completing your Campus France account, the French institution has to send directly the scanned version of certificate of (pre) enrollment by email to Campus France (fr@kr.ambafrance-culture.org).

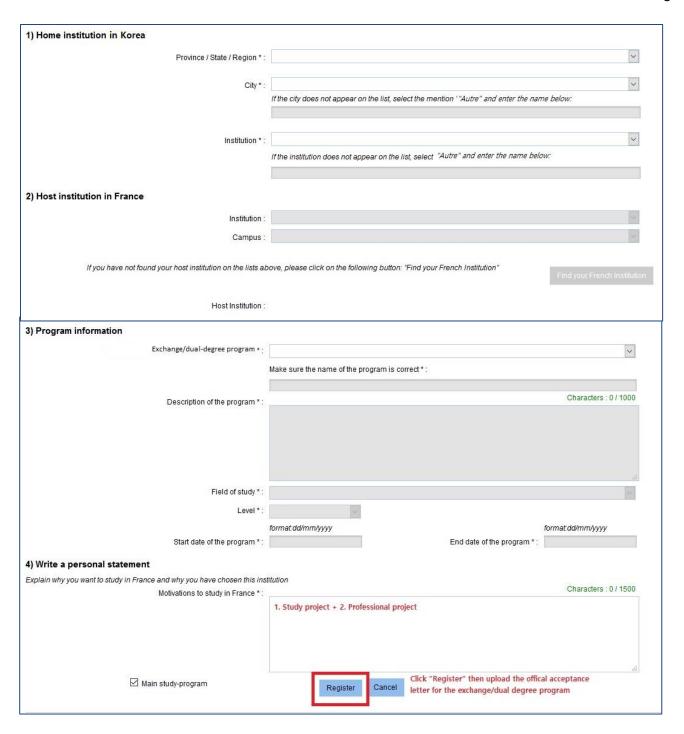
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- In case that you are going to France as exchange/dual-degree program:
- 1) Select : « Je suis accepté » « Une acceptation pour un programme d'échange avec un établissement français » then click « Ajouter » and input the infos:
  - (\* refer to the articles as below)
  - \* Start date of the program/ End date of the program: Input the dates mentioned in the official acceptance letter
- 2) Motivation letter (Write your study project/ professional project)
- 3) Upload the official acceptance letter (PDF or JPG format)
- \* Certificate of (pre) enrollment delivered by a French higher education institution mentioning your name, start date/end date of program. While completing your Campus France account, the French institution has to send directly the scanned version of certificate of (pre) enrollment by email to Campus France (fr@kr.ambafrance-culture.org).
  - It is <u>very important</u> that you bring the copy of the acceptance letter on the day of Campus France interview.

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- 3. "Je saisis mes informations personnelles"
- 1) Ma situation personnelle actuelle: Are required to scan and upload <a href="headshot">headshot</a>, <a href="passport">passport + Campus</a>
  <a href="passport">France registration fee receipt</a> and input mobile phone number as well as home address. (\* refer to the article as below)
- \* When uploading copy of passport (expired date must be superior to 15 months from your departure date), please upload Campus France registration fee receipt as well as a copy of Residence card if you are

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### not a Korean citizen



### 2) Special status

- ① Exempted from Campus France regisration fee payment + Campus France interview
  - Eiffel scholarship
  - Erasmus scholarship
  - France Excellence scholarship
  - Baccalauréat français moins de 4 ans ou lycéen en classe terminale inscrit dans un lycée français
- 2 Exempted from Campus France interview
  - SAI (selected in Korea)

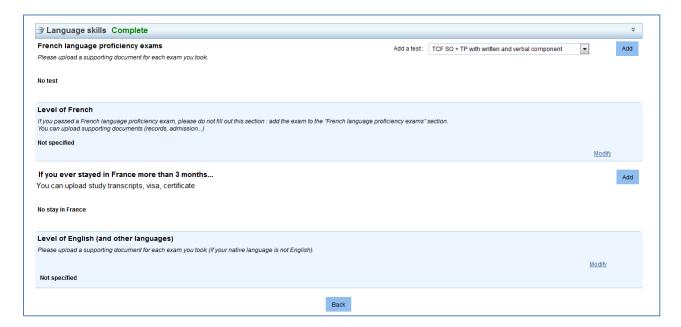
### 3) Mon parcours et mes diplômes :

- ① Mon curriculum vitae : Upload your curriculum vitae (to be downloaded from the Campus France site)
- ② Mon cursus: Select your academic situation among following options
  A year of higher education/ A diploma of higher education/ High school diploma or equivalent
  A year in high school/ An entrance exam/ Another activity

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- + upload Enrollment certificate (or last obtained diploma)
- \* It is very important to bring the original one on the day of Campus France interview.
- 4) Mes compétences linguistiques : Language skills (\*refer to the article as below)
  - ① Please upload the document if you ever took French / English language proficiency exam.
  - ② If you ever stayed in France more than 3 months

    Proof of your previous studies in France if you stayed in France more than 3 months. (If applicable),
    if you don't have it, please upload a justification letter written in En or Fr.



4. Je vérifie que tout est complet et je confirme mon choix : Once you review the infos that you've input, submit the file to Campus France Korea by clicking as following:



\*Please remember: Your Campus France application is complete once you submit your files in Etudes en France.

If your application is not proceeded within 7 days after the final submission of your files in Etudes en France, please send an email to fr@kr.ambafrance-culture.org

### 3> Make a reservation for Campus France interview in Etudes en France

Once Campus France has reviewed your online and found them to be complete, you will receive a confirmation message in your Etudes en France system/ in your personal email box as well. If your Etudes en France application has not been validated, (a) you will not able to get a Campus France interview **and** (b) the visa services will not be able to start processing your visa application.

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## 4> Campus France interview / Schedule an in-person appointment at the French consulate

- \* On the day of Campus France interview, you have to bring the following documents:
  - 1. Certificate of enrollment (or last obtained diploma) uploaded in Etudes en France
  - 2. Copy of the certificate of (pre) enrollment uploaded in Etudes en France

During the interview, it is important to explain study project/ professional project in French or in English.

The Campus France procedure and the French consulates' visa procedure are two distinct steps, and you have to make sure to complete the Campus France application (Etudes en France system) before you start your visa application. We encourage you to check the website of the French consulate in order to find out which documents you will need to present when you apply for the visa.

Applicants are required to **appear in person** (a) for Campus France interview **and** (b) for taking an in-person appointment at your consulate via its official website. You will need to take your appointment individually to the French consulate after Campus France interview and print out the confirmation page of your appointment. You can change the appointment if you have to, but should bring the final confirmation of your consulate appointment when you request the visa at the French consulate. Please note that your visa appointment must take place (a) 3 days posterior to the Campus France interview, except weekends and holidays. The French consulate's website also provides the information about student visas as well as a list of documents that you are required to bring to your visa appointment. During periods of peak activity in the consulates, especially in the summer and winter, available slots fill up very quickly, and sometimes it may be up to several weeks until the next appointment is available.

Please contact the consulate service visa visas.seoul-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr with any further questions about the visa procedure.

Thank you for your attention!

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