

CONSULAT GENERAL DE FRANCE A WASHINGTON DC

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LONG STAY VISA FOR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR ARTISANAL ACTIVITY IN FRANCE
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- **Missing document or photocopy = incomplete visa file = high risk that the visa could be denied ;**
- Fees (non-refundable) : 99 euros ;
- No commercial business can be run by a foreigner in France without this permit, whether or not the person resides in France.

LIST of REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

	A. – GENERAL DOCUMENTATION :
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 <u>ORIGINAL</u> : 3 long stay visa application forms duly completed and signed by the
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 3 identical ID photos.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 <u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> : Passport : a national private passport valid for at least more than 3 months beyond the validity of the requested visa, with 2 blank visa pages with the mention « visa » to affix the visa sticker. It should be issued less than 10 years ago. The copies of the passport must contain personal identity information including one copy containing the validity extension information, note on remarks page and all the pages which contains Schengen visas.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 <u>ORIGINAL + 1 COPY</u> : CERFA n°13473*01 Form.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 <u>ORIGINAL + 1 COPY</u> : Criminal record from the country(ies) where the applicant has lived in the last three years.
	6 <u>ORIGINAL + 1 COPY</u> : sworn statement of non conviction in the countries where the applicant has lived during the last ten years.
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 <u>ORIGINAL + 1 COPY</u> : Sworn statement of non bankruptcy in the USA and in the countries where the applicant has lived during the last ten years.
<input type="checkbox"/>	8 <u>ORIGINAL + 1 COPY</u> : « Quitus fiscal » (final discharge) if the applicant has lived in France during the last ten years (IRS).
<input type="checkbox"/>	9 <u>ORIGINAL + 1 COPY</u> : supporting documents regarding the capacity of the applicant to have a commercial, industrial or artisanal activity. (diplomas...)
	B.- DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE ACTIVITY :
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pour l'exercice d'une activité en nom propre
<input type="checkbox"/>	10 <u>ORIGINAL + 1 COPY</u> : presentation of the project in French with a provisional budget for the coming years.
<input type="checkbox"/>	11 <u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> : proof of the commitment to caution the project from a bank or an insurance company authorized to do so and established in France OR a proof of a credit balance of a bank account at the name of the applicant open in a company established in France.
	■ En cas de création d'activité
<input type="checkbox"/>	12a <u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> : commercial lease pledge with the indication of the activity OR sublease contract with mention of the activity and if applicable the authorization of the landlord.
<input type="checkbox"/>	13a <u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> : contract of the registered address.
	■ En cas de reprise d'un fonds de commerce / takeover
<input type="checkbox"/>	12b <u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> : commercial lease pledge.
	■ En cas de location-gérance / lease-management
<input type="checkbox"/>	12c <u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> de la promesse ou du contrat de location-gérance.

<input type="checkbox"/>	13c	<u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> : contract of the registered address.
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	<u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> du bail établi au nom du propriétaire du fonds.
		• Pour l'exercice d'une activité en société
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	<u>ORIGINAL + 1 COPY</u> : presentation of the project in French with a provisional budget for the coming years.
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	<u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> : proof of the commitment to caution the project from a bank or an insurance company authorized to do so and established in France OR a proof of a credit balance of a bank account at the name of the applicant open in a company established in France.
		■ <u>En cas de création d'une société de droit français : business creation</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	12a	<u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> : commercial lease pledge with the indication of the activity or sublease contract with mention of the activity and if applicable the authorization of the landlord.
<input type="checkbox"/>	13a	<u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> : project of articles of association with the capital shares.
		■ <u>En cas de création d'une société de droit français, filiale d'une société étrangère / creation subsidiary :</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	12b	<u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> : letter of appointment by the organ competent for the appointment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	13b	<u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> : articles of association of the foreign company and the financial assessments of the last two years or, if applicable, an attestation of a bank in the country where the foreign company has its headquarters attesting that an account is functioning at the name of this company.
<input type="checkbox"/>	14b	<u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> : commercial lease pledge with the indication of the activity or sublease contract with mention of the activity and if applicable the authorization of the landlord.
<input type="checkbox"/>	15b	<u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> : project of articles of association mentioning the capital shares.
		■ <u>En cas de création d'un établissement d'une personne morale étrangère / Nomination of subsidiary :</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	12c	<u>ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES</u> : letter of appointment by the organ competent for the appointment.
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