

HOW TO ACQUIRE THE FRENCH NATIONALITY BEFORE TURNING 18 YEARS OLD?

Each child born in France from foreign parents may acquire the French nationality before majority according to certain conditions, by a **French nationality statement**.

The minor aged 13 to 16 years

He or she may become French by statement if:

- Born in France
- Usual residence is France
- **Has lived in France for a continuous or discontinuous period of at least 5 years since the age of 8**

Procedure: The two parents have to carry out common procedures **near High Court to obtain a statement of French nationality**.

DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE

- Two parents' identity
- Child birth certificate, dating less than three months
- School certificate since the 8 years until the age of the request
- 2 proofs of residence (light bill, water, telephone, tax statement...)

The minor aged 16 to 18 years

He or she may become French by statement if:

- Born in France
- Usual residence is France
- Has lived for a continuous or discontinuous period of at least 5 years since the age of 11.

The minor may carry out the procedure alone, without the parental authority, **near High Court to obtain a statement of French nationality**.

DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE

- Child birth certificate, dating less than three months
- School certificate since the 11 years until the age of the request
- 2 proofs of residence (light bill, water, telephone, tax statement)

HOW TO ACQUIRE THE FRENCH NATIONALITY AT 18 YEARS?

Each child born in France from foreign parents acquires, of rights and automatically, the French nationality when 18 years old, according to certain conditions, by a **French nationality certificate**.

The young major

He or she may become French by statement if:

- Born in France
- Usual residence is France
- Has lived for a continuous or discontinuous period of at least five years since the age of 11.

The young major carries out the procedure alone **near High Court to obtain the certificate of French nationality**.

DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE

- Applicant birth certificate, dating less than three months
- School certificate since the 11 years until the age of request
- All proofs of presence on the French territory from 11 to 18 years (medical certificate, all documents...)
- 2 proofs of residence (light bill, water, telephone, tax statement...)

Nota Bene: If the young fulfills the conditions, he or she obtains automatically the French nationality. The step before High Court simply allows to obtain the nationality certificate which will be the only proof of the French nationality and will allow to request a French identity.

Nota Bene: The young born in France from foreign parents, who is regularly incorporated into the army as engaged, acquires the French nationality on the date of his **incorporation**.

ACTUALITE

Request for the French nationality as a brother or sister of a French:

A young major may become French by statement if he or she has got a brother or a sister who became French between 11 years old and majority.

The request to obtain the French nationality as brother or sister of a French must be made at the prefecture.

Conditions:

- Be born abroad with foreign parents
- Be arrived in France before 6 years old
- Have attended school in France between 6 and 16 years old
- Have a brother or a sister having the French nationality through High Court (Procedure is above).

CERFA n°15562*01 to fill in and accessible on the following site:
https://www.formulaires.modernisation.gouv.fr/gf/cerfa_15562.do to be submitted to prefecture.

USEFUL CONTACTS

- **Place of application filed**

High Court

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