

## HOW TO ACQUIRE THE FRENCH NATIONALITY?

Naturalization makes it possible to acquire French nationality according to certain conditions linked to the regularity of the stay in France, the integration into French community, the absence of criminal convictions.

Naturalization is submitted to the administration decision who can refuse even if the conditions are met.

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La naturalisation permet d'acquérir la nationalité française selon certaines conditions liées à la régularité du séjour en France, à l'intégration dans la communauté française, à l'absence de condamnations pénales.

La naturalisation est soumise à la décision de l'administration qui peut la refuser même si les conditions sont réunies.

### Common conditions for naturalization request

- Be an adult
- Be legally in France
- Live in France the time of the request.
- Live in France since five years (exceptional case)
- Prove integration into French society

### Conditions for naturalization request after two years or less living in France.

- Have accomplished successfully two years high school in a view to get a degree awarded by a university or a French higher education establishment.
- Have given or being capable to render by the capacities and talents important services to France.
- Present an exceptional journey of integration, appreciated for actions carried out in the civic, scientific, economic, cultural and sports fields.
- Have accomplished military services in a French Army unit or have undertaken a voluntary engagement in the French or allied armies.
- Have rendered exceptional services to France.
- Have obtained the refugee status.

### PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW

The naturalization request form is **cerfa n°12753\*02**, to be loaded on the following link:  
[https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vos\\_droits/R16995](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vos_droits/R16995)

An information notice is available:

[https://www.formulaires.modernisation.gouv.fr/gf/getNotice.do?cerfaNotice=51148%2302&cerfaFormulaire=12753\\*02](https://www.formulaires.modernisation.gouv.fr/gf/getNotice.do?cerfaNotice=51148%2302&cerfaFormulaire=12753*02)

The naturalization' request must be submitted to **prefecture** in Cayenne:

**PRÉFECTURE DE GUYANE**  
**Bureau de l'Immigration et de l'Intégration**

**FRENCH GUIANA PREFECTURE**  
**Immigration and Integration Office**

**rue Fiedmond - BP 7008**  
**97307 Cayenne Cedex.**

## DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE

- Complete copy of the birth certificate
- Residence proof for five or two years, depends on the case
- Complete copy of the minor children birth certificates who live with the applicant
- Complete copy of marriage statement
- Extract from criminal record
- Degree or proof justifying the knowledge of the French language.

**Caution:** If the applicant has **minor foreign children** who live with him (or alternative in case of divorce, separation), he may request naturalization for them too.

When requested, you may ask, under conditions, for the francization of your names, surnames and your children' too.

At the time the naturalization' request is submitted to prefecture, an investigation is led.

The response must take place no later than 18 months upon delivery of all documents necessary for making a complete file of which a receipt is given right away.

**Caution:** Even if the conditions are met, the prefect may reject the request if naturalization appears inappropriate.

In case of rejection, the applicant has a two months period after the notification of that decision **to lodge a prior appeal to the Minister in charge of naturalization.**

If the Minister in charge of naturalizations did not respond to that appeal within 4 months, the appeal is rejected.

The applicant can then, seize the tribunal administrative of Nantes within 2 months following the notification of that decision.

## USEFUL LINKS

French Guiana Prefecture website <http://www.guyane.pref.gouv.fr/Demarches-administratives/Etrangers-en-France/Nationalite-francaise/Demander-la-nationalite-francaise>

**N° SIRET** : 18973003900014 - **Code APE** : 752E Justice  
**Statut juridique** : groupement d'intérêt public  
**RAISON SOCIALE** : ACCES AU DROIT DES POPULATIONS DE GUYANE