

RESIDENT PERMIT FRENCH SPOUSE

What are the conditions to obtain a resident permit as a French spouse?

As a French spouse, it is possible to obtain a **resident permit “private life and family”** allowing to stay legally on the French territory.

In all case, the spouse would have come legally on the French territory.

- If the foreigner spouse **holds a long-stay visa** as a resident permit:

The family and private life card is given the 2nd year of the stay. It is given after the long-stay visa had expired as one year resident permit.

This card is conditioned by the maintenance of life community of the 2 spouses (except death or domestic violence).

- If the spouse do **not hold a long-stay visa**:

When long-stay visa is missing, the family and private life card can **be given first exceptionally**.

Several conditions must be fulfilled for the request to be granted:

- The wedding must have been celebrated in France
- The spouse must have kept the French nationality
- No polygamy situation
- **The foreigner spouse must have come legally in France**
- The life community must not have been interrupted since the wedding
- The spouses must live together since 6 months at least in France.

- If the spouse **already holds another permit**

The family and private life card can be **granted at the end of another** (as student or employee...), if the applicant is requesting such a permit while married a French person.

What is the procedure to request a resident permit as French spouse?

The procedure is the same that for all the” family and private life card”.

See legal card “How to obtain a resident permit? “ and the French Guiana prefecture website: <http://www.guyane.gouv.fr/Demarches-administratives/Etrangers-en-France/Titres-de-sejour2/Demander-un-1er-titre-de-sejour/Vous-residez-dans-l-arrondissement-de-Cayenne>

What are the conditions to obtain the French nationality as a French spouse?

A foreigner married a French person can request to become French by statement after being **married four years**, only if the **common life** has not been interrupted.

CONDITION

- To be married a French person since 4 years
- To have its usual address in France
- To be legally in France
- The life community affective and material one has never stopped since the wedding

PROCEDURE

The applicant files an application for a declaration of acquisition of French nationality with all documents required by **prefecture**.

An investigation will be led by prefecture to check the continuity of the common life as affective than material between the spouses since the wedding,

The procedure can last until one year from the receipt delivery.

In case of refusal, the declarant has 6 months limited time to deny the prefecture decision in front of the tribunal of great authority.

DOCUMENTS REQUESTED

- Applicant ID card and its French spouse's
- A common proof of living (light bill, water, telephone, tax...)
- Applicant birth certificate
- Marriage certificate less than 3 months
- Sworn statement from the 2 spouses certifying that, at the date of this statement, the life community has not been interrupted since the wedding.
- All documents proving the common life between the spouses since the wedding the day they apply (children birth certificate, a common tax statement, an act of buying common housing, a common lease contract and the last rent receipt with the names of the 2 spouses, bank account attached in business...)
- Diploma or attestation proving a sufficient level of knowledge of the French language
- Clean criminal record extract, given by judicial authority or administrative from the countries the person has lived during the 10 last years.