

Applicants MUST take an appointment through the call center on 17 516544. (From 9 am to 4 pm Sunday till Thursday) or by visiting <http://www.vfsglobal.com/france/bahrain/index.html> . For information call the Embassy on 17 298 660 or 17 298633. Embassy website: www.ambafrance-bh.org

LIST OF REQUIREMENTS for a Long Stay Student Visa :

A long stay visa application is required for studies of more than three month.

A meeting must be arranged prior to the appointment to prepare the requirements, attach the motivated letter mentioned at point 11, and take an appointment with the visa section.

An estimated delay of 2 weeks to 1 month is to be anticipated. 1 to 1,5 months during the summer.

Required documents

1. Original valid passport + 1 photocopy of the passport
 - **Passport must be valid at least 3 month after the end of the planned stay in France**
2. One recent frontal photograph, passport size (face : 32 to 36 mm, clear background, mouth closed) (please don't glue or staple the photograph on the application form)
3. Application form filled and signed by the passport holder (see Attachment 1)
 - **make sure to mention a full address in France**
4. Copy of previous Schengen Visa if any
5. Copy of Air ticket (return ticket if the planned stay in France is from 1 to 6 months) or reservation printout
6. Certificate of housing in France (with full address)
*If staying at the University's Campus: Please request a certificate of housing of the University
(If the visa required has from 1 to 6 months validity, the certificate must be for the whole stay, if above 6 months, just the first 3 months lodging certificate is required)*
7. Means of subsistence :
 - **Certificate of funding by an institution (if relevant) ;**
 - **Student is under the responsibility of his/her parents :**
 - Parental certificate stating that they will take care of all the expenses during the studies in France (with signature of both parents)
 - Means of subsistence of the parents :
 - if Self-employed : copy of the trade license (CR) ;
 - if employee : Employers letter (in English) stating name, job title, job seniority, salary ;
 - if retired : Pension statement (in English) from the SIO.
 - Copy of a parent's recent 3-month bank statement ;
 - Copy of the parents' passports.
8. Certificate of inscription provided by the French school/university

9. Copy of the last diploma

Medical and Repatriation Insurance *(If the visa required has from 1 to 6 months validity, the insurance must cover the whole stay, if above 6 months, just the first 3 months insurance is required)*

10. Letter motivated by the Cultural service of the French Embassy (provided after interview with cultural service of the embassy)

11. Application fees: 44.000 BHD (in cash and Bahrain currency only – this amount may change due to exchange rate)

12. For non-Bahraini nationals:

- a. Copy of the Resident Permit (valid for at least 3 months after the end of validity of the visa required)
- b. Original CPR + Copy of CPR

13. For minors (18 years old) : parental authorization + copy of 2 parents passports