

WELCOME TO INTERNATIONAL PHD STUDENTS



Practical information guide for international students

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VISA

90 days before your departure for France via the French consular authority in your home country.

Documents required :

Passport (valid for the entire duration of your stay), proof of admission to the University of Lille. You will find the complete list on visas.gouv.fr/fr_FR/web/france-visas

Documents to have on you :

- Valid passport.
- Birth certificate indicating filiation translated into French.
- Most recent diploma and grades obtained in your home country.
- If you are married or have children: family documents and birth certificate for each child translated into French.
- Health records and/or history of vaccines in French (depending on home country).

<https://www.nord.gouv.fr/Demarches-administratives/Etrangers-en-France/Etudiants-etrangers>

BANK ACCOUNT

For many bank transactions you have to open an account; for example: perceive the refund expenses of health, APL,...

Opening a bank account is free but, many bank transactions are charged, for instance credit card transactions, international transfers

Documents required:

- Valid ID (national ID card or passport).
- Proof of residency in France (lease).
- Proof of financial resources (proof of grant).
- Student card.

Online banking example:

- Fortuneo
- Orange Bank
- HelloBank
- Boursorama
- MonaBanq
- Etc.....



Bank counter :

- La Banque Postale
- Banque Populaire
- LCL
- Société Générale
- Crédit mutuel
- La caisse d'Epargne
- Banque CIC

FINDING ACCOMODATION

How to find rental offers?

There are dozens of private university residences:

[Nexity](#), [AppartCity](#), [Estudines](#), [les Belles Années](#), [Fac-Habitat](#), [Nemea Résidence](#)

Other websites put rental ads online: [le Bon Coin](#), [Paru Vendu](#), [Particulier à Particulier](#), [HousingAnywhere](#), [Bienici](#), [LeBonCoin](#), [CRIJ](#), [Colocatère](#), [La Carte des Colocs](#), [Bubbleflat](#), [Whoomies](#).

In need of temporary accommodation ?

Try [Airbnb](#) or [Booking.com](#). There are also 2 youth hostels in Lille: [Gastama Hostel](#) and [Stéphane Hessel Hostel](#).

For any further information, check out the [Complete Housing Guide](#).

Web links

Flatsharing links

(Sharing an accomodation with other people)

www.kel-koloc.com/wordpress/

www.appartager.com/

www.colocation.fr/



Be careful, many dishonest landlords offer fake flats. [Learn how to spot a fake “For Rent” advertisement.](#) Don't pay anything before visiting the flat (except for CROUS residences).

Be attentive when assessing the state of the property with your landlord upon arrival (this is known as the *état des lieux*). Don't be afraid to point out any imperfections or take photos.

You will find more information and advice on the [étudiant.gouv](http://etudiant.gouv.fr) website and on the [Campus France](http://campusfrance.fr) website.

The CROUS (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires) :

You can require accommodation in a CROUS university residence. The room application procedure has to be done online, on the [CROUS website](#). Begin the procedure as soon as possible.

There is a very high level of demand for this type of accommodation, only a few students will be accepted. We suggest that you look for another solution for your accommodation. For more information, see the website of [Crous International Nord-Pas-de-Calais](http://crous-international-nord-pas-de-calais.fr) or trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr.

Contact: service.international@crous-lille.fr

You can also check [Lokaviz](#) out, a Crous platform which offers free consultation and deposit of ads for private student accommodation. Registration to the Lokaviz site is only possible from the [MesServices](#) portal.

Estate agency

You can find some addresses on this link: www.pagesjaunes.fr

An agency looking for you accommodation and make all administrative papers.

The cost is between 1 at 3 rental months per transaction.

ACCOMODATION AT PRIVATE

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Particular to particular?

2 rue Priez – 59800 Lille

Tél. 03 20 55 96 46

Every Thursday, Villeneuve d’Ascq tourist office (château de Flers) offers you the opportunity the list of its accommodations.

Phone number and e.mail addresses: 03 20 43 55 75

www.villeneuve-d-ascq.fr

www.locservice.fr

PRIVATE BULDING

It’s possible to find a flat for student in private home to Lille

More+

Most often the agreement is annual. Sometimes you can have pay charge for reservation. The furnished accommodations are generally equipped with a kitchenette with cupboards, refrigerator, hotplates, a bathroom with mirror, heated towel rail, shelves, a desk, storage (wardrobe, shelves). There is generally one month's notice before departure, except for fixed-date contracts.

Here is a website offering rental ads of that type

www.seloger.com

BEFORE MOVING

Insure your accomodation

For all types of accommodation, upon arrival you will be asked to pay the first month's rent and a deposit (often equivalent to 1 month's rent). All tenants must take out housing insurance, the term is : « Assurance Habitation » which covers fire and water damage.

You can also make sure in more against the theft, the broken glass ; the term is : “Assurance multirisque habitation.

The price depends size of the housing ans on what do you want between the chosen insurance.

Website :

<http://www.lmde.com/services-et-avantages/assurances-etudiants/logement.html>

http://www.smeno.com/etudiants/804_assurance-logement.html

<http://www.assurances-etudiants.com/>

Housing assistance :

you can receive assistance from the State to help pay your rent (APL). To benefit, carry out a budget simulation on the [CAF website](#). You can also get help putting your application together from [LivinFrance](#).



HEALTH CARE

SOCIAL SECURITY (CPAM)

In France the social security system is free and registering is mandatory for all students.

If it's your first stay in France please go to the following website as soon as you are registered in a French university :

<https://www.ameli.fr/assure/english-pages>

Please watch this video :

<https://youtu.be/qEpy9Xr9UKk>

etudiant.gouv.fr





WHERE AND HOW TO BUY MEDICATION?

You can find medication in pharmacies. They are generally closed on Sundays and on public holidays, but in case of emergency, there is always an open duty pharmacy to Lille. You can find it on the website :

www.servigardes.fr

Some medications can be purchased only on prescription ; you must consult a physician.

**Pharmacie 24H/24H - 7J/7J : 99 rue Masséna
59000 Lille 03 20 54 02 74
(Face au parking « supermarché Match » rue
Solferino)**

What do you do in a case of emergency ? :

CALL 112

Hospitals



In France there are different possibilities

The refund of healthcare expenses depend on the type of hospital you are admitted to

- ✓ In public Hospital or private clinics attached to the health system, 80 % of expenses are covered during the first month, then 100 % in case of a disease.
- ✓ In private hospitals only 10% of costs are reimbursed

EMERGENCY NUMBER

URGENCE : QUI APPELER ?

				
 15	 17	 18	 114	 112
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In our University, the Student Health Centre is located at the entrance of the Maison de l'Etudiant – A8 . All students enrolled in Lille can benefit from it.

https://www.cleiss.fr/docs/regimes/regime_france/an_1.html

URGENT REPAIR FOR ELECTROMENAGER AND MORE

- [Plombier \(3\)](#)
- [Electriciens \(8\)](#)
- [Serrurier dépannage \(5\)](#)
- [Informatique conseils, services, formation \(58\)](#)
- [Logiciels, progiciels informatiques \(66\)](#)
- [Magasin informatique \(14\)](#)
- [Garages automobiles \(31\)](#)
- [Stations-service \(15\)](#)

PRATICAL INFORMATION FOR REGISTRATION

Registration at the University is mandatory



The pre-registration letter does not mean you are registered!

Documents required:

- Proof of CVEC payment ([CVEC information](#))
- Admission approval
- Copy of your academic transcript for the current year or most recent diploma (together with a certified translation if the document was not produced in French)
- 1 passport photo
- Copy of your ID card or the page in your passport that indicates your civil status
- If you are a grant recipient: the original document approving your French government grant

Activate your ENT (Environnement Numérique de Travail) :

Once you have successfully registered, you will receive an email to activate your [ENT](#). This will enable you to activate your [ZLY](#) account (for payments at the university restaurant) and a whole series of applications.





PUBLIC TRANSPORT

<https://international.univ-lille.fr/maison-internationale/demarches-et-infos-pratiques/comment-arriver-a-lille/>

<https://www.ilevia.fr/fr/>

ilevia, Lille has a comprehensive public transport network:

2 automatic metro lines (the VAL: automatic light vehicle) the world's first automatic subway (1983), 60 stops covering 45 km.

Line 1 : Villeneuve d'Ascq 4 Cantons <> Lille CHU-Eurasanté (Regional Hospital).

Line 2 : Lomme Saint Philibert (Hospital) <> Tourcoing CH Dron (Hospital)

2 tram lines with more than 35 stops connecting Lille to Roubaix and Tourcoing.

Tramway R : Roubaix Eurotéléport <> Gare Lille Flandres

Tramway T : Tourcoing centre <> Gare Lille Flandres

About 60 bus routes.

The buses, trams and metros run every day (except May 1st).

Standard (single) fare for the entire network: €1.70 for a full-price single ticket.

Set of 10 tickets: €14.90

ZAP ticket (3 tram or subway stations, transfert available): €1.10

Day Pass (available during 24h): €5.00

Evening Pass (after 7.00 pm): €2.35

The buses, trams and metros are free with City Pass.

[Download the map.](#)



Apart from public transport, there are other ways of getting around Lille which are different, fun and ecofriendly.

V'Lille

Rent a bike with V'Lille in the self-service stations situated in Lille and surroundings.

<http://ville.fr>

<https://international.univ-lille.fr/maison-internationale/demarches-et-infos-pratiques/comment-arriver-a-lille/>



COST OF LIVING IN FRANCE

Accommodation: room at the CROUS between 250-400 € ; 20m² studio apartment in Lille: 450 € or more. Room in a private residence: 450 € or more. Housing insurance: 50 € per year.

Food: meal at the university restaurant (RU): 3.25 €. Dish of the day in a brasserie: 10-15 €,

1 soda in a bar : 3 €, 1 coffe : 1.60 €, 1 beer (33 cl) in: 3 €
Typical weekly shopping basket: between 40 € and 70 € (including 1 daily meal at the RU).

Transport: 1 bus/metro journey: 1.; Ilevia subscription for 4-25 year olds: 29.50 € per month; Ilévia subscription for general public: 59 € per month (reduction possible if you are a **CAF** beneficiary). Check the [Ilévia webpage](#) for details.

Utilities: internet 25 € per month, mobile 10 € per month or more, electricity 50 € per month. 1 cinema ticket at student rate: 8.20 € admission to the Palais des Beaux-Arts Museum: 7 € and free on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Provisional average budget for your first month (*housing + food + transport + utilities*):

Between 1200 € and 1700 € depending on rent.

DISCOVER LILLE



The main events, Leisure, visits, cinema, theaters, restaurants, bars, night club, shopping,..

All information on the tourist office website
<https://en.lilletourism.com/>

MARKETS

Wazemmes Market

Place de Wazemmes (rue Gambetta)
Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday (7 am to 2 pm)

Sébastopol Market

Rue Solferino
Wednesday and Saturday (7am to 2pm)

Saint-Sauveur Market

Avenue Kennedy
Tuesday (7am to 2pm)

Fives Market

Place Caullier
Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday (7am to 2pm)

Vieux-Lille Market

Place du Concert
Wednesday, Friday and Sunday (7am to 2pm)



SHOPPING MALLS

<https://www.evous.fr/Les-Centres-Commerciaux-et-Grands-Magasins-a-Lille-et-dans-sa-region-proche,1190771.html>

LA BRADERIE DE LILLE

The most event in lille every year on the 1st weekend of September

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Braderie_de_Lille



OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS IN FRANCE

(En 2023)

Jour de l'an : 1^{er} Janvier
Lundi de Pâques : 18 avril
Fête du travail : 1^{er} mai
Victoire 1945 : 8 mai
Ascension : 26 mai
Pentecôte : 6 juin
Fête Nationale : 14 juillet
Assomption : 15 août
Toussaint : 1^{er} novembre
Armistice : 11 novembre
Noël : 25 décembre



THE UNIVERSITY WILL BE CLOSED !



HOW TO GET TO LILLE AND TO EDSHS

<https://international.univ-lille.fr/en/come-to-study-at-the-university/prepare-your-arrival/how-to-get-to-lille/>

<https://fr.mappy.com/#/0/M2/THome/N151.12061,6.11309,3.0404,50.6453/Z11/>

<https://www.waze.com/fr>

<https://edshs.meshs.fr/ed-shs/venir-a-led>

