

International students in France: What's changing in 2026?

Several measures affecting international students will come into effect in **2026**. Here are the main changes to help you prepare for your studies in France.

Differentiated tuition fees

Tuition fees for students from **countries outside the European Union** are set at **€2,895 per year for Bachelor's degrees** and **€3,941 per year for Master's degrees**.

These fees contribute to strengthening the resources of French universities, enabling them to provide better services, support, and higher-quality education for international students. They help improve **teaching quality, reception and integration services** (administrative procedures, housing support), **tutoring and academic assistance programmes**, as well as **cultural activities**.

The tuition fees paid by international students remain **significantly lower than the actual annual cost** of higher education for the French government, which continues to cover **nearly two-thirds of the total cost**. They also remain **considerably lower than the tuition fees charged in most English-speaking countries**.

Student visa: updated financial requirement

The **minimum monthly financial resources** required to obtain a student visa have increased to **€877.50 per month**. This threshold had not been updated since **2002**.

This adjustment aims to ensure that students have sufficient resources to meet the actual cost of living in France and to support their academic success.

Housing assistance

Students from **outside the European Union** are **no longer eligible for the French personalised housing allowance (APL)**.

However, they **will continue to have access to university residences** and student support services provided by higher education institutions, which reserve **a specific quota of accommodation for international students**.

Support measures that continue to benefit international students

International students will continue to benefit from a number of measures that directly support their living conditions, including:

- **Access to the French social security system** and the possibility of subscribing to a **student health insurance plan**, ensuring access to high-quality healthcare.
- **One-euro meals** in all university restaurants across France, available to **all students regardless of nationality or financial situation**.
- **Student discounts** on **public transport** and at **cultural institutions**.