



# MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

## Post Study Prospects in France

According to the clauses of Migration and Mobility Partnership (MMP) Agreement between The Government of the Republic of India and The Government of the French Republic the post study prospects are :

**3.2.1** Indian students wishing to supplement their training with initial professional experience in France after successfully completing a training cycle leading to a diploma at least equivalent to a Master's, either in French higher education institution authorised at national level or in an Indian higher education institution linked to a French higher education institution by a diploma award convention in international partnership, may, in the prospect of their return to India, be granted permission to reside in France, valid for one year, to be extended for another year, following the agreement by exchange of letters between the Parties on 18 September, 2015. During that time they shall be authorised to seek and, take up employment related to their training that is paid at least one and a half times the prevailing minimum monthly wage.

**3.2.2** On expiry of the one or two year period, the persons concerned already in employment or with a promise of employment who meet the conditions set forth above may continue to reside in France for carrying out their professional activity without being subject to the situation of the employment market.

For detailed MMP agreement, check the following link:  
<https://www.mea.gov.in/TreatyDetail.htm?3321>

According to the Embassy of India in France the Post Study prospects in France are as follows:

### Prospect of Extension of visas for interns/job seekers

After finishing the course, students must change the student visa status to work permit. If a student has a paid employment, he or she can apply for a residence visa in France

Internships in France are open to both French nationals and international students and the non-European Union students need a visa to undertake an internship in France. This visa is usually a student visa or a specific internship visa depending on one's nationality, situation and the duration of the internship. All students, regardless of their nationality, need an internship agreement (Convention de Stage) to legally undertake an internship in France. This agreement is a tripartite contract between the student, the educational institution and the host company outlining the details of the internship. (<https://piktalent.com/countries/france/eligibility-and-guidelines/>)

### **Work related opportunities for students completing their graduation:**

To continue their stay in France after graduation, non-European students must have a promise of employment or a work contract and be paid at least one and a half times the minimum wage. Links for the organisations which provides support/guidance to search jobs are given below:

- France Travail lists job ads from all sites. The organization's main missions are to support people in their search for employment or training, to collect job offers from companies and to put them in touch with the applicants. (<https://www.vie-publique.fr/fiches/37983-quest-ce-que-france-travail>)
- Apec (Association Pour l'Emploi des Cadres ) supports, at all key stages of the professional career, executives and young graduates from bac+3 and helps companies, to find the managerial skills they need . Its objective is service and advice to companies and executives, on subjects relating to employment, as well as to young people. (<https://corporate.apec.fr/home/notre-vision/qui-sommes-nous.html>)

As per the bilateral agreement between France and India, Indian students are eligible to get APS visa. Under this scheme there is a provision that after the completion of post-graduation , students can apply for a temporary residence permit (APS Autorisation Provisoire de Séjour ) for a period of 12 to 24 months allowing them to look for a job or set up their own company in France.