

□ Approval

After all relevant criteria have been fulfilled, the application can be approved.

At the end of the review process, the consulate places a visa sticker on the travel document. This sticker enables your family to travel to France and apply to the Prefecture's services for a residence permit.

□ Denial

The consular services may deny you the visa:

- if the eligibility conditions for the family reunification procedure have not been satisfied;
- if the declared family tie has not been established;
- if the case poses a threat to the public order;
- if you do not abide by the essential principles which govern family life in France and prohibit, for example, polygamy.

The applicant is notified of the visa denial and related grounds.

□ Appeal

Should your application be denied, you or your family members may appeal within 2 months of notification of the decision by writing to:

Commission de recours contre les décisions de refus de visa d'entrée en France [Appeals Commission for those denied entry visa to France]

BP 83.609
44036 Nantes Cedex 1

□ Helpful contact information

Ministère de l'intérieur

Direction générale des étrangers
en France

Direction de l'immigration
Sous-direction des visas
Bureau des familles de réfugiés
[Refugee family Office]

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44036 Nantes Cedex 1
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**Direction générale
des étrangers en France**

**You have refugee, stateless or
subsidiary protection status in France,
you are legally established in France,
and wish to bring your family to France.**



**The provisions presented here are solely reserved for persons
benefiting from the protection of the
French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless persons
(OFPRA).**



Beneficiaries

Articles L. 561-2 to L. 561-5 / R. 561-1 to R. 561-3 of the Code on the Entry and Stay of Foreigners and the Right of Asylum provide that members of your family may benefit from the family reunification procedure. Eligible parties include:

- **Your spouse or partner** with whom you are bound by a civil union. This person must be at least 18 years of age and the marriage or civil union must be prior to the date of submission of your application for protection;
- **Your unmarried partner.** He/She must be at least 18 years old. You must prove, at the date of obtaining refugee status, a prior, stable and sufficiently long cohabiting life;
- **Unmarried children from your marriage/partnership**, before their 19th birthday;
- **your minor children and those of your spouse from previous unions**, up to 18 years old. This includes children:
 - whose family ties are established only with you or your spouse, or whose other parent has died or been stripped of his or her parental rights;
 - entrusted, as the case may be, to you or your spouse, in respect of the exercise of parental authority, by virtue of a decision of a foreign court. A copy of this decision must be shown together with the other parent's permission to allow the minor to come to France;
- if you are a **minor and unmarried, your parents**, accompanied, if applicable, by **your unmarried minor siblings** for whom they are effectively responsible.
Warning: family reunification for refugees does not applied to your siblings if **both your parents** already live in France.

Your family members must have been declared to OFPRA at the time of the application for protection.

No other family members are eligible for family reunification. Spouses and children from a union contracted after the application for protection was submitted are subject to the common family reunification procedure. The procedure must be initiated with the services of the French Office for Immigration and Integration (OFII) in your region.

More details on www.service-public.fr or on www.refugies.info .



The procedure

□ Applying for a visa

Your family members must apply for a long-stay visa at the French Embassy or Consulate closest to their place of residence (by enquiring beforehand about how to secure an appointment on <https://france-visas.gouv.fr> or scan QR-code below). No prior letter is required to the Refugee Family Office.

□ Documents required

Your family members must provide:

- one visa application form per person,
- a valid travel document,
- 2 ID photographs,
- proof of the protection granted to you by OFPRA,
- a full copy of the birth and/or marriage certificate establishing the individual's family tie with you, or failing that, any document that might establish the said tie,
- €99 per person in local currency.



Review of your request may not begin until the complete visa application file is submitted to the diplomatic or consular post.

□ Processing of applications

The case is registered by the consular services and a receipt is provided to the visa applicant(s). The date of receipt shall be taken as proof of the date of visa application submission when verifying compliance with the age condition for the children.

The Refugee Family Office [*bureau des familles de réfugiés*] assists the consular authority in verifying the admissibility of the application for reunification and the membership of your family, as you have declared it to OFPRA. You therefore do not need to ask the latter for a letter attesting to your family membership. Once the visa application has been submitted, the Refugee Family Office will send you a form. In order to prevent any delay in processing your application, this document must be completed with the greatest care and be submitted along with all the documents requested. You must ensure that **your address is up to date** at OFPRA and in the visa application form addressed to the French consular services. If you do not receive any document from the Refugee Family Office, please send us your new address (see **Helpful contact information** on next page).