Higher Education in France: useful information

WHERE? WHICH SPECIALTIES?
WHAT TO DO BEFORE APPLYING FOR A STUDENT VISA

• You wish to pursue higher studies in France in the French language

You will need to demonstrate, in every case, that your existing level of proficiency in French is at the least, of B2 level, requiring that you obtain a DELF B2 certificate delivered by the Alliance Française affiliates in Sri Lanka.

Alternatively, you may take and successfully pass a specific proficiency test (TCE or TCF) offered by the Alliance Française de Kotte in Colombo

1. You have already obtained, or expect to soon obtain, an A level-baccalaureate, and wish to enrol in Undergraduate studies, in French, in France.

- For university-level studies, you will require a dossier blanc (tentative application file), i.e., a prior request for admission (DAP) for the initial year of authorization to enter a French university for the Academic year of Fall 2014/Spring

For further information, please visit: http://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid20200/etudiants-etrangers-inscriptions-dans-l-enseignement-superieur-francais.html

In French only – Limit of inscription: 22 of January. File “Dossier Blanc to print on line”.

- For further information on other post-A-level studies, see http://www.admission-postbac.fr/

New requirements expected to take effect after 20 January 2014:

2. You are, or will soon be the holder of a Bachelor’s degree, or an equivalent diploma in higher education pedagogy obtained in Sri Lanka or in another country, following three full years of study, and you wish to prepare for a diploma in teaching higher-level French.

You will need to have proof of enrolment, or at least pre-registration in the institution of your choice, and to demonstrate that your capacity in the French language is, at minimum, equal to B2 level

To assist in choosing a specific institution that most closely corresponds to your educational objectives, kindly consult the extensive online information, according to your chosen academic speciality, on the following bilingual (English-French) web site:

www.srilanka.campusfrance.org

3. If you feel that you are in a special situation, apart from the above mentioned categories, please contact Campus France colombo@campusfrance.org by email, clearly indicating those diplomas or degrees which you presently hold; the year that these were awarded to you; the specific nature of your intended academic project; the name of the institution that would likely accept you, and the level of further studies so required.

• You wish to pursue higher studies in the English language in France:

1. You are, or will soon be the holder of a Bachelor’s degree, or an equivalent diploma in higher education obtained in Sri Lanka or in another country, following three full years of
study in the English language, and you intend to pursue a Masters degree or a similar certification, which will be completely or primarily delivered in English:

To assist you in choosing the specific institution that most closely corresponds to your educational objectives, kindly consult the extensive online information, according to your chosen academic speciality, available on the following English-language website, which includes a search engine encompassing some 770 academic programs taught in English, in higher-level academic institutions, public or private, or equivalent educational programs offered by chambers of commerce or equivalent industrial associations:


Note that these pages, which will soon be online, elaborate on no fewer than 25 Master’s degree programs fully taught in English, encompassing the widest range of specialities including engineering, management studies and the creative arts.

2. If you wish to pursue studies in France, in English at a higher-level French institution for a training program that is not specifically intended to result in your receiving a Master’s degree please contact CampusFrance: Colombo@campusfrance.org by email for a preliminary discussion of your academic objectives.

In every such case, you will need to have prepared a detailed written letter of intention/ statement of purpose, in English, which you must personally present, along with all other supporting documentation (e.g.: diplomas and certificates of enrolment) at the time and place of the interview which will be scheduled in order to discuss your situation. In the case of undergraduate studies in English, a B2 level of proficiency in English is compulsory (IELTS/TOEFL results must be presented). An exception can be made for recent A level graduates (no more than two years prior to demand).

For all student visas:

Once you have established your online registration or pre-registration at the chosen academic institution or equivalent instructional establishment, you will then need to request an in-person interview with Campus France by writing to: Colombo@campusfrance.org.

An appointment must be taken one month in advance and at least 15 days before the forecast arrival date in the French Higher Education institution to which you have been admitted.

This request must include your exact name and surname; the highest level diploma or certificate which you currently hold; your contact details (telephone, email, and postal address) and provide copies -where possible- of your correspondence with the specific relevant institution(s), indicating their contact details as well.

A detailed account of the results of your interview with the Campus France representative – on academic aspects- will be transmitted to the Consular section of the French Embassy through the Cultural service; you will receive a certificate indicating the date on which this interview was conducted to allow you to follow through with the « VFS » STUDENT VISA procedures. « VFS » is the centralized visa service agency in Colombo which processes all such requests on behalf of the French Consulate in Sri Lanka http://www.vfs-france.com/