French Residency Support Project

This document summarises the project, its services and how you can get involved to help spread awareness of the residency requirements and the practical support available to UK nationals in France. To access our short form to request leaflets click <u>here</u>

Thank you for your help!

WHAT IS THE UK NATIONALS SUPPORT FUND?

Following Brexit, the British government created a fund for UK Nationals in Europe to provide practical support for those who may have difficulty in completing their application for residency. In France, UK nationals must make their residency applications by **June 30 2021**. More information on the support fund for France, including links to the official French government application portal, can be found at: <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-france</u>

WHAT IS THE DIOCESE FRENCH RESIDENCY SUPPORT PROJECT?

The Diocese in Europe is one of the four organisations selected to provide this support in France. The Diocese 'Residency Support Project Team' provides services focused on **Occitanie**, **Bourgogne Franche-Comté, Centre Val de Loire, Corsica, Grand Est and Nouvelle Aquitaine**, (not including Dordogne), however, our online services are available across France, for those applying for residency under the Withdrawal Agreement. There is a website with an online inquiry system and a helpline.

How you can contact us:

Our website: www.frenchresidencysupport.org

Our helpline: 05 32 80 00 05

Monday to Friday: 09:30 -12:00 & 13:30 - 16:00.

Saturday: 09:30 - 12:00.



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HOW WE HELP

Our services include:

- answering questions regarding residency applications
- guiding people in their administrative process, if necessary,
- supporting people facing a language barrier or difficulties in accessing technology
- signposting to other sources of official information and support for issues relating to residency such as healthcare
- enhanced support for UK Nationals experiencing particular difficulties due to complex circumstances, ill health, lack of mobility or access to online services.
- Home visits in extreme circumstances if no alternative solution can be found.
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Our experienced and friendly English-speaking caseworkers are here to support in all aspects related to residency applications in France and the service is free and completely confidential.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT?

As of April around 130,000 British have made their residency applications in France but there are still UK nationals who are not aware of the requirements and are at risk of missing the deadline. After this date UKNs will have to apply as Third Country Nationals and will not benefit from the rights protected in the Withdrawal Agreement. Our particular focus in these last 2 months, before the June 30 deadline, is to reach those who have limited or no online access, or who may be vulnerable due to illness or other circumstances.

We have developed printed leaflets and flyers which we aim to distribute via local networks. Activities you can help with Include:

- Handing out leaflets at local events or gathering places such as markets, mairies, salle de fêtes etc.
- Telephoning UKNs to check if they have applied
- Door-drops and leaflets direct to postboxes in your area
- Engaging local organisations and authorities, such as mairies, who can check-in with British people in their commune.

Complete our short form <u>HERE</u> to ask for leaflets and tell us what support you can provide.