

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Academic year 2026-2027

CONTRIBUTION VIE ETUDIANTE ET DE CAMPUS (CVEC)

It is a compulsory national tax, which is used to fund actions to improve living conditions on campuses.

Are exempted:

- grant-funded students or beneficiaries of an annual allowance from the CROUS;
- refugee students;
- students with subsidiary protection;
- students registered as asylum seekers.

Are not concerned by the CVEC:

- students enrolled in a lifelong learning program;
- students with a professional contract;
- exchange students (double-degree students have to pay the CVEC).

How to pay the CVEC:

1. Connect to [MesServices.Etudiant.gouv.fr](https://mes-services.etudiant.gouv.fr) or create your account



To create your account, you will be asked to provide a « numéro Identification National Étudiant » (national student ID). If you do not have this ID, please tick the box « je n'ai pas d'INE ». You may be asked to upload your INSA admission certificate.

2. Enter your city of studies (Rennes)
3. Pay the CVEC online (payment or exemption)
4. Get your CVEC certificate and provide it to the officer on registration day.

Without your CVEC certificate, you will not be able to register at INSA!



HEALTH

French social security

European citizens should hold the European health insurance card. They will get reimbursement of their health expenses in France from the social security system of their home country. Students who do not hold the European health insurance card should register to French social security system.

Non-European students holding a long-term student visa (VLS-TS) or a French resident permit must register to the French social security system, once enrolled at INSA.

**Helpline from Monday to Friday
from 8.30am to 5.30pm**

☎ 3646

**Registration
to Social Security**



Complementary health insurance

Students are strongly advised to take a complementary health insurance for a better cover of their health expenses. Students must also subscribe to a liability insurance (mandatory for registration at INSA).

To find a complementary health insurance, students can search on Internet and type « mutuelle étudiante Rennes ». Most banks also offer this service.

Medical examination

Non-European students must have a mandatory medical examination during their first year in France.

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ADMINISTRATIVE FORMALITIES

Student visa validation

Students holding a long-stay student visa (VLS-TS) » - from a four-month to a one-year stay - can follow the online administrative procedure with the Department for Foreigners in France.

This step must be taken within 3 months after arrival in France.

After choosing « Validate your VLS-TS long stay visa », students enter their visa number and follow the instructions until the submission of their file. They must also buy online with a credit card a virtual excise stamp (sold online in electronic format only). To pay the tax with a credit card, students choose « Buy a virtual excise stamp ». Students without a credit card can pay in some tobacco stores or on machines located in some tax desks.

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Renewal of resident permit

From 20 August 2026, the CMI (Centre de Mobilité Internationale de Rennes) opens a special desk for international students for resident permit renewal. The CMI staff will provide assistance for your online application which can facilitate the issue of your permit. Students must take an appointment online and observe the date and time of the appointment.

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[Make an appointment](#)



For any assistance with administrative and arrival procedures, please contact the CMI (Centre de Mobilité Internationale de Rennes):

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> cmi@univ-rennes.fr

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WELCOME - PRACTICAL INFO

Centre de Mobilité Internationale de Rennes (CMI)

The CMI provides assistance to international students before, during, and after their stay in Rennes. It also provides a practical guide for international students in Rennes, as well as a whole range of services to help them with administrative and arrival procedures. The CMI also offers a program of cultural & tourist activities to discover Rennes and its region as well as practical information to make the stay easier. Finally, the CMI organises intercultural events and highlights international actions and outings in Rennes in order to encourage interactions between international students and students from Rennes.

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La Caisse d'Allocations Familiales (CAF)

The CAF (Caisse d'Allocations Familiales) can grant international students housing allowance under certain conditions.

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Would you like to receive practical information about administrative formalities, student life and events for international students?

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You will receive e-mails from the International Relations Office. Our messages are translated into English.

We promise you will not be overquota !

INFORMATION & EVENTS

> The BEAR club (INSA student association) provides information and assistance to international students. BEAR also organises events for international students all year long. Come and meet them at the K-Fet (Foyer des Etudiants).
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> International students, PhD students and researchers studying in Rennes, the CMI (International Mobility Centre) offers you to join its welcome event on Thursday 3 September 2026 from 1pm to 6:30pm. Come and share a friendly time, get informed and meet other students!

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