

Finding accomodation in Paris and Marseille



Looking for accomodation

We recommend that you plan ahead.
Finding accommodation can be a real headache!

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Student halls of residence and associations

Households are generally cheaper than market prices. They are intended for young workers, apprentices, work-study students and trainees, but many accommodate students. They are aimed at a specific profile based on religious, gender, age or other criteria. Here is a non-exhaustive list of hostels in Paris:

- [Foyer international des étudiantes](#) - for women from 18 to 25 years old
- [Centre du logement des jeunes travailleurs, étudiants et stagiaires](#) - from 18 to 25 years old
- [Société philanthropique](#)
- [YMCA](#) - for men from 18 to 25 years old
- [L'association Fac-habitat](#)



Be careful of scams !

Numerous frauds ads are circulating.
Be careful!

- Do not send money before signing the rental agreement.
- Do not give a bank statement
- The accommodation must be at least 9m²
- The inventory of fixtures must be dated and signed.

Accommodation search websites

[Crous](#)

[Lokaviz](#)

[Location-etudiant](#)

[Immojeune](#)

[Livin France](#)

[Coop Coloc](#)

[La carte des colocs](#)

[Leboncoin](#)

[Appartager](#)

[PaP](#)

[LocService](#) : paid subscription to the site

Think about intergenerational housing!

[WeShareWeCare](#) is a platform for students in mobility, enabling them to find intergenerational accommodation. The idea is to live with an elderly person on a daily basis, at a lower cost, and keep them company.

It is in no way a question of medical or living assistance.



What is a «garantie» and an housing insurance ? Where can you find them?

Most owners require a «garant» or also called a «caution» The garant is the person who undertakes to the landlord to pay the tenant's debts in the event of unpaid rent. However, it is often difficult for a foreign student to find a garant Please find below two structures offering a rental guarantee service.

- **Visale:** allows you to benefit from a rental guarantee for the duration of your accommodation contract. This means that the organisation undertakes to pay the sums due to the landlord if the tenant encounters problems. It is then reimbursed by the tenant. Visale is a reliable and free guarantee. However, this offer is subject to certain conditions (age and situation)
- **Garantme:** facilitates access to housing for people who do not have a guarantor. Please note that this is subject to a fee and must be renewed every year.
- **Accommodation action:** offers students the option of paying the security deposit required by the landlord immediately. The student can then repay it gradually, without paying interest, over a maximum period of 25 months (limit of the deposit set at 1200 euros). This housing aid is only available to students under 30 years of age who are in paid employment (internship, vocational training, salaried contract with the establishment, etc.).

Housing insurance is an insurance policy that you are obliged to subscribe to when you rent accommodation in France. It covers you for risks such as fire, water damage, etc. Here are several organisations that offer housing insurance: [Heyme](#), [Homebrella](#), [Maif](#), [Macif](#), [Matmut](#), [Axa](#) ...

Financial support for housing

In France, each student (regardless of nationality) can benefit from specific financial support for accommodation. This allowance is granted on a case-by-case basis, estimated according to the price of accommodation and the student's financial resources. It is called «APL» (personalised housing assistance).

Please note that not all accommodation is eligible for APL. Please check with the owner of your accommodation.

If possible, make a simulation on the CAF website to get an idea of the amount of APL you can receive. You will be asked for a lot of information, such as your income for the previous year.

It is necessary to have a bank account in France in order to obtain the APL. Make sure you open one before you apply.

Once the simulation has been completed and the bank account opened, apply for APL on this site. You will find the supporting documents in the «My account» section.

Accepting the application for housing benefit can take some time (sometimes up to 3 months).



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