

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Webinars May 6th and May 11th

ACCOMMODATION:

When do you think is the best time to book accommodation now or closer to the intake?

The sooner the better. If you wait for too long you won't have so many opportunities left.

When do we have to make the payment for the accommodation? Is it possible to get an accommodation contract before the payment?

For the payment: once you have choose your booking, to secure it you will have to pay. For the contract: usually you get it at your arrival. If it is for visa purposes, we can draft an accommodation certificate.

When will I receive further information regarding my choice of accommodation?

First of all you book your accommodation.

Secondly we will contact the residence or the owner for you.

Thirdly to secure your booking you have to pay.

Regarding the 2 new residences API Magnan and Nouvel R, as they are brand new residences it takes more time to deal with the residences managers.

As long as we confirm your booking, you can be reassured it is booked.

How to interpret the lease agreement given in French?

We can assist you with the translation, and if there is something you do not understand, we can explain it to you. Contracts signed with our partners are standard contracts.

In case of Travel Restrictions due to Pandemic, we are unable to travel, will the rent paid in advance for the accommodation be refunded?

If you choose Van Gogh, rents are due from mid August to the end of June. You do not pay rents in advance. Depending on the sanitary situation, we will send you a notification with a deadline asking you to confirm your choice. If you think you will not come because of the virus, you can say that you won't book a flat at VAN GOGH, at API at CROUS and in most of the private flats. If you arrive late you should book your flat anyway because there won't be so many options left.

I have submitted the 3 options in the form sent few weeks ago. But, can the options be changed later if one is not happy with the lease agreement?


Yes you can change but you shouldn't wait for too long as the booking of the flat won't be possible for other students during that time.

If I confirmed my choice in the email sent to me concerning accommodation does that translate to booking the accommodation?

Your booking will be completely secured once you will have sent the payment.

How is life in the student residences? And what are the facilities available at the university and the extra courses (like associations)?

Some residences organize events during the year so students can meet each other. The advantage is to have your own flat (both private bathroom and kitchen) with a student neighborhood.



Regarding the facilities at EDHEC, if the sanitary situation allows it, you have access to a gym room and you will have the chance to practice collective sports. There are also a music hall, a cafeteria, a library, and a student life room.

Otherwise, there are many different type of associations and you will receive the information during your first days at EDHEC.

When will further update be sent on the accommodations from Edhec?

We try to answer every request within 48 hours (working days). May is known in France to have several public holidays.

Are there any specific "unsafe" neighbourhood in Nice to avoid renting?

Nice is quite safe it's just like in every big city you should take care of your belongings. We recommend you book a flat close to EDHEC or in the city center.

What percentage of students live in residences near the campus?

There are several residences near the campus and more than 100 students live in there.

Is there an option of short rental like 3 months at the Van Gogh?

No Van Gogh offers a contract from August 15 until June 30th it won't be possible to leave before that date.

At least how long do I need to have a place to stay in Nice? From the arrival till the end of June?

Student contracts last ten months in general from August until June, but it depends if you have a professional plan or internship, you may need to stay longer over the summer.

There are different kind of contracts:

Some contracts enable you to give a one month notice departure and leave the flat.

Other contracts are from date to date, so you have to pay for the full stay even if you want to leave before the end of the contract.

I have registered to book a studio at the API Magnan residence, however the booking will be confirmed around mid-may as per the feedback of the housing office, my question is: Is the original copy of the reservation required for the visa or a soft copy is sufficient?

A booking certificate or an accommodation certificate is enough to apply for the visa and we can draft one for you.

Where would you suggest we stay if we come mid-august?

Some accommodation are available from the beginning of August, if you need a place to stay because your flat is available only from September please contact us before and we will see if we can propose you other options.

I would like to hear from students who chose to stay with landlords - does it help them have more French practice? What should we look out when evaluating a house? Or is it more popular to stay in a student residence or in an apartment?

We don't have so many offers, as homestay is not very popular. If you want to learn French culture then living in a shared flat with French students can be good. If you choose a student residence, there can be special night events, and you can meet people from all over the world.

Any other platforms that can be used to search for apartments?

Yes you can use other platforms such as Immojeune, se loger.com, Le bon coin.fr, Studapart, ... but be careful as there are a lot of scams on Internet.

Be careful when it's very cheap and very nice it may be a scam.

But we can guarantee the options available on our website as we have personal contact with the owners which is not the case with other platforms.

For special needs which are not offered through our website, the best is that you get in touch with the rental agency Giletta as they have a large range of accommodation for all budget.

What are the bare minimum coverage that a Housing Insurance should provide?

More details regarding housing insurance will be provided in our next communication.

It must include at least the damages below:

- FIRE
- WATER DAMAGE
- CIVIL LIABILITY
- LEGAL PROTECTION
- EMERGENCY REPAIR

We recommend you take the theft option.

Are the home insurance plans based on monthly payment?

It depends on the insurance you choose, but most of them have to be paid for the full year. The price is from 50€ and 80€ depending on the size of your flat and on the options you have chosen.

Some residences work with their own insurance to facilitate the management.

Does EDHEC have any partnerships with rental insurance companies?

- We don't have partnership but we can recommend some insurance, information will be given in our next communication. We recommend that you wait before subscribing so your contract will start for the next academic year.

CAF: (Housing allowance)

What all do you need to apply for CAF?

You need a housing contract and a bank account in France.

NON-EUROPEAN STUDENTS

- Copy of your passport
- Copy of your visa (+OFII stamp) or Titre de séjour
- Copy of your birth certificate (original & official French translation)

EUROPEAN STUDENTS

- Copy of your ID
- Copy of your EHIC or private health insurance certificate
- Copy of your letter of enrollment or school certificate

Be aware that you won't benefit from CAF if you booked your flat through the 'Air Bnb' website. You may not be eligible if you have worked and earned money the past years.

The students who can't benefit from CAF should be working in France, right?

The CAF allowance depends on the incomes you earned 2 years before either in France but also in other home countries.

When can I apply for the CAF benefit? Could you please tell us about the usual expenses for renting a room, considerations for renting, etc

You will have the chance to apply for CAF once arrived in Nice.

We will provide all the details needed for the application which has to be on line.

The expenses depend on the type of housing you choose.

The average rent per month is around 580€ in a student residence and 650€ for a private flat. When you rent a flat by yourself you may have to pay extra charges like building charges, water... Before signing the contract you have to make sure what is included in the rent you have to pay every month.

Other expenses like Internet : 20€/month

Electricity : 50€/month

Charges are most of the time included in students residences. For private flats, other expenses cost around 100€/month.

VISA:

Is it too early to start the Visa procedure, if we start the Program in September? It says on the Visa website that we should not apply before 3 months of the start of the program. Can you apply for your visa at the French Embassy in the country you live in?

There are 2 different visa applications, depending on the country you live in.

1. You must apply through Campus France if you live in one of those 46 countries :

Algeria, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, the Republic of the Congo, South Korea, Ivory Coast, Egypt, United States, Gabon, Guinea, Haïti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mauritius, Mauritania, Mexico, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Senegal, Democratic Republic of Congo, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Taiwan, Tchad, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey and Vietnam.

2. For students from the other countries, you must contact directly the French Consulate and follow its instructions; each French Consulate has its own rules regarding the visa issuance.

We remind you that you need your letter of enrollment at EDHEC and your accommodation certificate to apply.

Has France stopped issuing student visas right now?

This is the case in countries where the virus situation is serious because of new variants, like in India. From April 24th France temporarily suspend issuing visa for studies in France and 'passeport talent'.

What supporting documents would we need for the Visa in Morocco? Is it too early to apply for the Visa if we start in September? We must block an amount of 615 euros per month for Visa purposes? How many months should be considered? The duration of the masters or 1 year?

There are 2 types of application through Campus France and the procedure études en France and you can start the application as soon as possible. The application can be made on line and be started once you have your accommodation certificate.

Documents: letter of enrollment in a higher school, a proof of accommodation in France, expected diploma and the proof that you or your parents can support your expenses during your studies in France. It can be a saving account or a letter from the bank.

BANK ACCOUNT:

What documents are required to open a French bank account?

- A copy of your passport or ID
- Proof of address in Nice : rent receipt (residences / rental agencies) OR housing insurance certificate with your name and full address in Nice
- Your school certificate in French
- Some money

How long does it take to open a bank account a receive a debit card?

It takes around 2 days to open a bank account and 10 days to receive your debit card.

What is the minimum balance to be maintained in a bank account?

1€ is sufficient.

Would you recommend getting an account, or just use your own one you already have?

We recommend to open a bank account in France because you will need it to pay your rent and to apply for the housing allowance if you are eligible and get reimbursed for your medical expenses.

Can you open your bank account before you arrive in France?

In some banks you can do it on line but it's not very common so we recommend that you open your bank account during the integration sessions as banks come to EDHEC on that days.

How much money (in Euros) is it advisable to be brought in cash while coming to Nice? To prepare before the account opens.

You can bring up to 3000€ in cash. Be aware that you must take proof of source of funds.

Can financial securities like stocks be shown as a proof of funds?

You must show the available funds.

FRENCH HEALTH INSURANCE AND TRAVEL INSURANCE:

We will be travelling with travel insurance from India. Can we get insurance before we travel?

What should be the duration of the travel insurance?

You have to get your travel insurance before you reach France, you can get it From India or other country. Your travel insurance has to be valid until September 30th and covers repatriation, hospitalization, medications, and civil liability.

What would the best way to meet the health insurance requirements?

European citizens should have a European health insurance card valid for the duration of their stay. They have to make sure to apply for it before arrival.

Non-European citizens have to register for the French public health insurance upon their arrival in Nice. Also, they must arrive in France with an insurance covering them for repatriation, hospitalization, etc... valid until the end of September. More details will be provided in our next communication in June.

When should we start having a health insurance?

You can start when you arrive in Nice.

The health coverage insurance starts from the date of class starts. You have to apply at your arrival in France.

Depending if you are coming from UE country or not you won't have the same requirement for health insurance. If you come from EU you will need a European health insurance card.

I have heard that every foreign student will be provided health insurance under the "Sécurité Sociale Etudiante" program. Do you recommend a separate medical insurance for the duration of stay? If yes, what student plans or insurance companies would you recommend?

Foreign students can apply for the French health insurance for free. We will send you all the details to apply, in our next communications from June. However you can buy a complementary insurance, which is called MUTUELLE and which covers the expenses that the CPAM (French Health Insurance) does not cover.

The French health insurance covers 70% of your medical expenses.

For the French Health Insurance on the ISO website, there is the "School certificate" as part of the documents, where and when do I get this document?

Once you will be at EDHEC, you can ask this document to the academic MBA team.

I have EU nationality and passport, but I don't have my European Health Insurance Card, because I was born and raised outside the EU. Which or how should I get a health insurance?

We advise you to apply for the French health insurance. More details will be sent in our next communication in June.

For European students, if we have the European insurance card, do we still need to register in the French social security?

As long as your European Card (EHIC) is valid for your entire stay you won't have to apply for the French health insurance.

If I will have a health problem, for example a flu or toothache, the school has a doctor? Or I need to search one?

There is no doctor at EDHEC. However, our service has selected some doctors who speak English so we can recommend you one if needed.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

How can I use the public transportation in Nice?

The best option is the Tram. You can travel very easily between EDHEC and the city center. **TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR TRAM & BUS.**

If your flat is closed to a train station you can take the train as there are 3 train stations in Nice. The main one called 'Nice Ville' is in the city center, there is one also at 8 minutes by foot from EDHEC.

PRICES TO DATE:

1 ticket: 1,50€

10 tickets: 10€

1 day pass: 5€

7 days pass: 15€

Monthly: 20€

I plan to arrive in Nice on Sep 1st, do you recommend me to wait for the first week in EDHEC to have instructions regarding the public transportation options, or the monthly pass is something standard and I could already buy it when I arrive?

The public transportation representatives will be invited on campus for the welcome day so you can get your bus pass on that day. You will need the school certificate you should get during the welcome day.

Do we have monthly or yearly passes for all internal travel in Nice?

As a student you can benefit from a monthly or a yearly pass for buses and tram. Currently the prices are 20 € per month and 145 Euros per year for unlimited trips. The prices may change during summer.

If you live close to the train station, you can benefit from the train pass. It is the ZOU pass and you can travel for unlimited trips by train (regional trains), bus and tram for 33 Euros per month. The prices may change during summer.

PHONE:

What are the requirements to get a French SIM Card, which brand works best for students?

Regarding French SIM card, you need to have a French bank account and proof of address. There are several providers proposed such as SFR, Bouygues, Free, Orange, and they have quite similar offers. It depends on your needs. We recommend Free and Orange.

OTHERS:

When we will need to be in France? What date is recommended to arrive?

We recommend you arrive a few days before the integration sessions so you have time to settle. However depending on the country you come from you may have to make a quarantine so 10 days before the school start is recommended.

Are there any mandatory vaccines (Except COVID) that need to be taken before arrival in France?

Not at this point.

What is the general living costs for students?

You will fill all the details [here](#)

How many Indians are joining the MIM-FE 2021-2024 program?

To date, there are 3 Indians registered in this programme but the selection is not finished yet. We have Indians over international programs: Msc and MBA students.