In France, you have to have a guarantor to rent a place. If you have a guarantor (with a French bank account), you do not need to go any further in your reading. If not, please read carefully the following information and instructions.

What is a guarantor and why do I need a guarantor?

A guarantor is a person that commits to be responsible financially for the tenant in case s/he cannot pay the rent. It represents a rent guarantee for the owner, s/he can be sure the rent will be paid. It is a mandatory procedure in France to have a guarantor in order to rent a place.

Fortunately, the French government gives the opportunity to students who do not have a guarantor to apply to a governmental co-signer program: VISALE.

How to apply to VISALE?

In order to be eligible for VISALE, you need to:

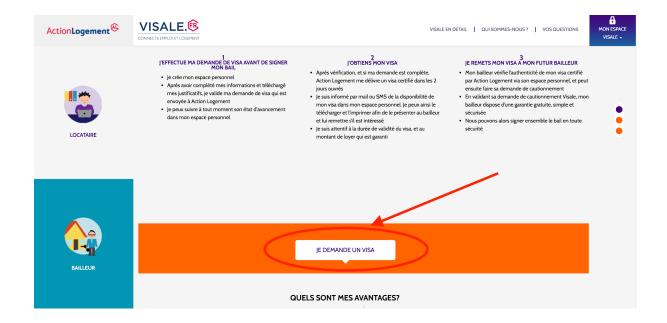
- be 18 years old and over,
- have a Student visa (VLS-TS) or a titre de séjour which mentions you are a student
- having completed your administrative registration to Sciences Po

Please follow the following steps to apply to VISALE:

- Go on <u>www.visale.fr</u>
- Click on "locataire"

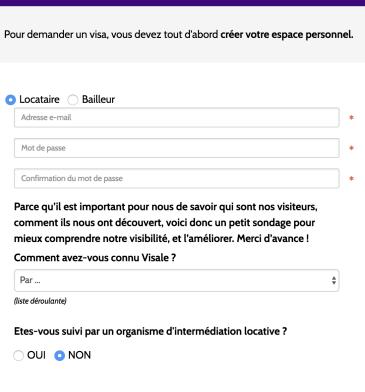


Scroll down and click on "Je demande un visa"



You will have to crate your personal space

JE CRÉÉ MON ESPACE PERSONNEL



L'APAGL, responsable du traitement, met en œuvre un traitement de données à caractère personnel ayant pour finalité la création et la gestion de votre compte personnel. Les informations collectées sont indispensables à la mise en œuvre de ce traitement. En application de la loi informatique et libertés du 6 janvier 1978, vous disposez d'un droit d'interrogation, d'accès, de rectification et d'opposition pour motifs légitimes relativement à l'ensemble des données vous concernant, qui s'exercent par courrier postal auprès du service juridique au 10/16 rue Brancion 75015 PARIS, accompagné de la copie d'un titre d'identité.

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>> Email Address

>> Password (you must have letters + numbers)

>> Confirm your password

This is a survey. They want to know how you discovered VISALE You select "AUTRES" In "Merci de préciser", you

To answer the last question, you select "NO"

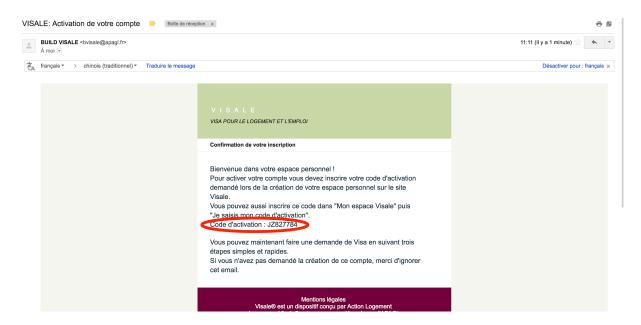
may type in "Sciences Po"

• The following message will appear

Un code d'activation de votre espace personnel VISALE vous a été envoyé à l'adresse mail indiquée. Si vous ne le recevez pas dans les minutes qui viennent, vérifiez dans votre dossier de courriers indésirables, ou demandez à ce qu'il soit renvoyé.

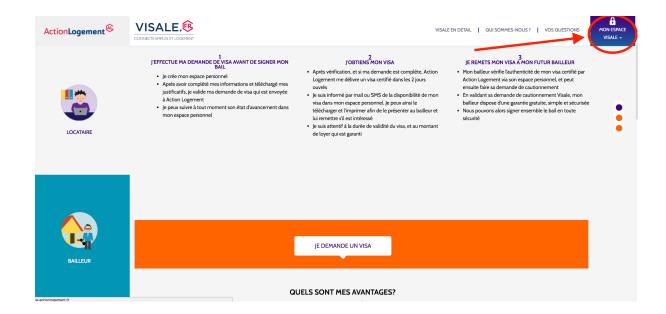
It means a code has been sent to your e-mail address. This code will enable you to activate your personal space.

You will receive the following e-mail



The code needed to activate your space is the one I have circled in red (* please note that the numbers are not the same though).

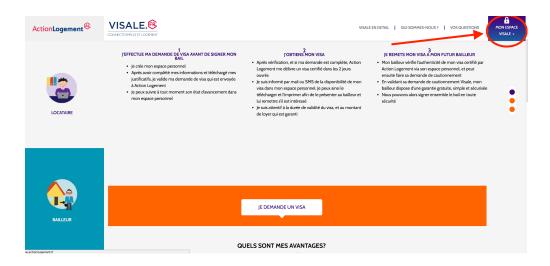
If you go back on the VISALE website, click on "Mon Espace VISALE"



Type in your e-mail address and password Click on "Je saisis mon code d'activation"

You will then have to type in your e-mail address again Then copy/paste the activation code You can click on "Validation" in orange

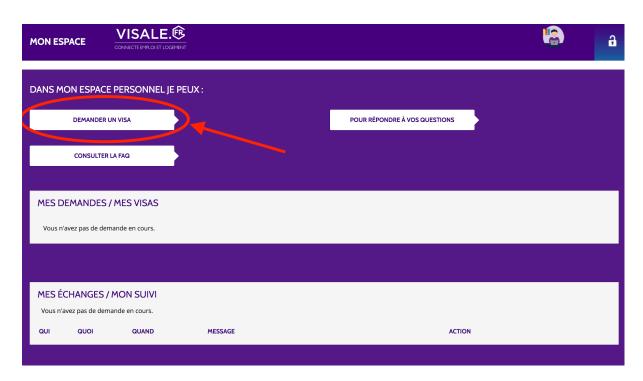
• You can refresh the page and click on "Mon espace VISALE"





You type in your e-mail address and password You can click on "**JE VALIDE**"

You are now on the following page



You can click on "DEMANDER UN VISA"

Now that you have your personal space activated, you can now go to the following page to read and follow the instructions to apply to VISALE.



1. Identify yourself



Cette première étape permet de vérifier votre éligibilité au dispositif VISALE.

Les données que vous saisirez seront sauvegardées, vous pourrez donc quitter cet assistant et y revenir à tout moment.



The first question asked is whether you have signed your contract or not. Depending on your situation, you can tick "YES" or "NO".

If not, they will ask for your identify.

- "Nom d'usage" = SURNAME
- "Nom de naissance" = SURNAME
- "Prénom" = NAME
- "Date de naissance" = BIRTH DATE
- "Ville de naissance" = BIRTH PLACE
- "Nationalité" = NATIONALITY

Then, you will have to choose among various options:

"Française": French

"Union Européenne": EU member state

"Hors Union Européenne avec Carte de séjour valide" : Outside EU with a valid visa

(Do **NOT** click on "Autre")

- "Numéro de tél. principale" = PHONE NUMBER
- "Situation familiale" = FAMILY STATUS ("Célibataire" = unmarried / "Concubin" = XXX
 / "Marié" = Married / "Pacsé" = Civil partnership)

Then, they will ask for your "Situation professionnelle" (Professional status), you type in "Etudiant boursier" ou "étudiant non-boursier" (STUDENT)

When asking for an address, you may type in the following:

-Rue: Place Museux
-Code postal: 99999
- Ville: Pays d'origine
- N° Tél: 06.00.00.00.00
- Notifications: par mail

To finish this first step, you need to click on "JE TESTE MON DROIT A VISALE"

2. Your monthly rent

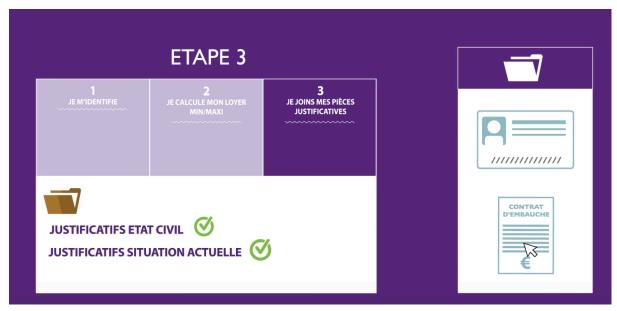


VISALE asks for your monthly ressources. Please type in how much you will have per month to live. Click on "**JE CALCULE MON LOYER**"

VISALE informs you on the maximum amount of rent the program can cover you.

Click on "JE SOUHAITE BENEFICIER DE VISALE"

3. Administrative documents to download



VISALE will ask for your "Justificatifs d'Etat Civil", which means your ID (scanned VISA) and your "Justificatif Situation Actuelle" (your student school certificate).

Once you have downloaded all the documents, you can click on "JE VALIDE".



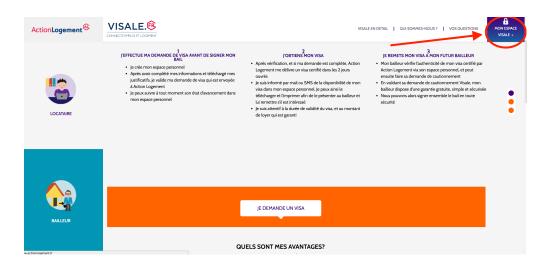
Tick in the box "JE CERTIFIE SUR L'HONNEUR L'EXACTITUDE DES INFORMATIONS RENSEIGNEES ET LA VALIDITE DES PIECES" (= I hereby confirm that the documents I have downloaded and the information I have written down are true).

You can click on "CONFIRMER VOTRE DEMANDE DE VISA"

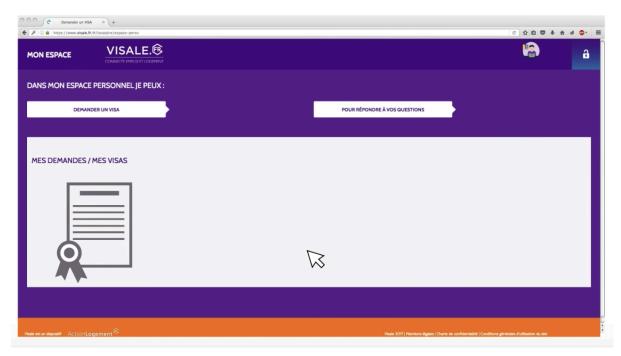
 To finalize the procedure and get your "VISA" (documents that certify you have applied to VISALE).

Please note that VISALE will come back to you in less than 48 hours.

• Log in to your personal space.



Under the section "MES DEMANDES/MES VISAS"



You can click on the document and download or print your "VISA".

This document will have to be sent to your housing residence as soon as possible.

Should you have any question regarding the procedure, please contact annecharlotte.amaury@sciencespo.fr

You also have a short video which explains how to apply (only in FRENCH though) : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q05Hqtas8Ok&feature=youtu.be