

**Client Alert
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**Extension of validity of three months for residence permits
Schengen Area borders are closed for thirty days**

In a press release published on 16 March on the website of the Prefecture of Police, measures concerning the validity of residence permits are announced.

In order to secure the presence on the territory of foreigners in a regular situation, and to avoid any questioning of rights in a health context which does not allow the prefectures to process their requests under normal conditions, the period of validity of several permits to reside in France will be extended.

The validity of the following documents, which expire on 16 March and further, will be extended by three months:

- long-stay visas;
- residence permits, whatever their nature, with the exception of special residence permits issued to foreign diplomatic and consular staff;
- provisional residence permits;
- asylum application certificates;
- receipts for residence permit applications.

This measure is applicable on the national territory, it is accordingly recommended not to leave France with an expired residence permit.

The borders of the Schengen Area are closed during thirty day : non European nationals will not be able to enter during this period of time.

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