

Client Alert

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The processing of residence permit applications is suspended during the state of health emergency, and will not resume until a month after the end of this period.

Summary

Within the framework of ordinance n ° 2020-306 of 25 March 2020, the instruction of requests for residence permits by the State services as well as the validation procedure of VLS-TS will resume after the end of the period of state of health emergency. Such state of health emergency runs until 24 May 2020 but may be extended or shortened by decree.

The processing of residence permit applications is therefore suspended and will not resume until a month after the end of this period, that is, on 25 June. Online validation of VLS-TS should be done within two months of the end of the health emergency plus one month.

Instructions for residence permit applications

Pursuant to Article 7 of the ordinance, the administrative decision-making deadlines - which did not expire before 12 March 2020 - are extended from 12 March to one month after the end of the state of health emergency, ie at the earliest on 25 June 2020. This concerns the complete requests under examination by 12 March 2020. The time periods for examination which should have started running during this period are postponed until the end of the state of health emergency plus one month. Consequently :

The processing of residence permit applications (the deadline of which is 4 months) in progress on 12 March 2020 is suspended. It will not resume on June 25, 2020 and for the time remaining.

Applications for residence permits sent from 12 March 2020 and during the period of the state of health emergency plus one month will only be processed from June 25, 2020.

The same suspension and postponement rules apply to the deadlines allocated to the administration for verifying the completeness of a file or for requesting additional documents as part of the examination of a request.

Validation of long-stay visas equivalent to a residence permit (VLS-TS) during the state of health emergency

Pursuant to Article 2 of the ordinance, holders of a VLS-TS who must validate their visa within three months of their entry into France, must carry out this formality within two months of the end date of the state health emergency plus one month. Thus, if the holder of a VLS-TS had to validate his visa during the period from 12 March 2020 to 25 June 2020, validation will still be possible for a period of two months from June 25, 2020.

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