Consequent to an agreement reached between India and France during Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s visit to France in April, 2015; a decision was taken to extend the “authorization provisoire de sejour” by 12 more months following the first period of 12 months already granted to Indian Masters level and upwards students, thus enabling them to stay on in France for a maximum period of 24 months in all and offering them the possibility of finding suitable employment related to their area of studies.

Indian students may note that it is now possible to renew for another one-year period the temporary stay permit delivered as per article L.311-11 of the CESEDA (Code de l'entrée et du séjour des étrangers et du droit d'asile - referenced APS 1111 in AGDREF - application de gestion des dossiers des ressortissants étrangers en France) to Indian students (Master level) who wish to have a first professional experience in France.

The Indian students who have any difficulty in extending their APS as stated above, are advised to bring the above to the notice of the relevant French Prefecture or other authorities. If the problem remains unsolved, the students may contact the Embassy of India. They can write to edu.paris@mea.gov.in with the details of their grievance.

On the Indian side, the Government of India has already implemented Volontariat International en Entreprises (VIE) scheme for the French students.

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