

How to become a French citizen by naturalisation: I.e. you are born outside France (colonies and former colonies incl.) by foreign parents.

(You have to consult other rules if you are born in France but one or both of your parents is / are of other nationalities than French, if you are born by minimum one French citizen outside France, if you are adopted by or married to a French citizen living in France.)

Conditions:

- You are older than 18 years.
- You reside in France for at least 5 years without interruption (some exceptions can be accepted) having your life in France: domicile, work, family-connections etc.
 - * The 5 years can be reduced to two if: 1) you have completed two years of higher education in a French establishment or 2) you by your competences and talents can contribute to France in an important way.
 - * The 5 years-rule can be abolished in specific cases predicted by the law : e.g. if you come from a French territory becoming independent or the like
- You have a valid residence permit
- You are assimilated to French common practice
- You have a good knowledge of the French language
- You have *not* been convicted of serious crimes, terrorism or the like

Further information: <http://www.justice.gouv.fr/vosdroit/gnationae.htm>

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