This exception is only available to students planning to come over from “red list” countries. To learn more about France’s list of “red-rated” countries.

In either of these circumstances, you will be able to register for membership in the French social security system while still in your home country. This means that you will have French health insurance coverage from the moment you arrive in France as well as easier access to vaccination.

1. Go to https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/

2. Enter the requested information as if you were already physically in France

3. If you don't yet have an official certificate of school enrollment, your certificate of admission will be accepted for your social security registration. All the other documents you will be asked for are mandatory.

What documents are required for registration?

The list of required documents depends on the information previously entered.

1 - Required documents to obtain your certificate of provisional right to Social Security:

- Proof of registration for the current academic year
- Proof of identity
- A student visa (“visa étudiant”)

4. Check the following box in order to continue with your registration

I am in possession, at least, of all the documents necessary for obtaining my certificate of provisional right.
Enter all of the requested information. When you are asked for the start date for your French health insurance coverage, enter the date of your application and disregard the “I have arrived in France” requirement.

You will need to enter your contact information. Make sure to correctly enter the email address you will be using in France as well as your French mailing address.

Upload your documents: As an exception, your certificate of admission to a French institute of higher education and your unstamped visa will be accepted.

Upload your documents

Required documents for your registration

Proof of registration for the current academic year

Complete your online registration. Once you have completed the online registration process as detailed above, you will get a temporary French Social Security number, which will make it easier for you to get vaccinated once you have arrived in France. To finalize your application for membership and get a permanent number, you will need to mail a hard copy of your certificate of school enrollment, along with your temporary French social security number or certificate of entitlement, to your local French health insurance fund once you have come over to France.

You will then receive your French health insurance card (“carte vitale”).