

Your French long-stay visitor visa dossier

Dan & Karen
(sample)
prepared for

2 · married
applicants

Remote employee
+ spouse
profile

March 1, 2027
planned entry ·
Bordeaux

October 16, 2026
report date

The one-minute summary

Your means are comfortably above the benchmark and your housing is solid. Two things do not match the published requirements as the file stands: the insurance certificate is a 90-day travel policy, and Dan's motivation letter describes a French client. A third point (a \$41,000 transfer three weeks before filing) is likely to be questioned. All three are fixable before your appointment.

TAB	SECTION	STATUS
Step 1	Visa category	DOES NOT MATCH THE REQUIREMENT
A	Identity and forms	MATCHES THE LIST
B	Means of existence	LIKELY TO BE QUESTIONED
C	Housing	MATCHES THE LIST
D	Letters and sworn statements	LIKELY TO BE QUESTIONED
E	Health insurance	DOES NOT MATCH THE REQUIREMENT
F/G	Timeline and appointment	MATCHES THE LIST

3 sections match the list · 2 are likely to be questioned · 2 do not match the requirement as they stand.

Your action plan, in order

1. Reassign the Lyon client and get your manager's confirmation in writing (this week).
2. Buy the 12-month health policy and get the insurer's visa letter (by November 15).
3. Request six months of statements and the bill of sale for the car (by November 15).
4. Replace the letters with the suggested versions, adapted and signed by you; copy the sworn statements by hand (by November 20).
5. Book a cross-border tax consultation (before filing).
6. December 1, 2026: book two consecutive TLScontact slots for around December 10.
7. Assemble tabs A to G in order, originals plus copies; no bags at the center.

Section by section

Step 1 · Visa category

DOES NOT MATCH THE REQUIREMENT

Dan's draft letter says he will "continue supporting our Lyon-based client from Bordeaux". Any client or activity in France takes you out of the visitor category. From your intake, this client is invoiced by Dan's U.S. employer and the work can be reassigned.

What to do

1. Confirm in writing with your manager that the Lyon account moves to a colleague before your departure.
2. Remove every mention of French clients from the letter (suggested version below).
3. If the French client cannot be reassigned, stop: you need a work-category visa, and we will refund this review.

A · Identity and forms

MATCHES THE LIST

Both passports valid until 2031, issued in 2021, blank pages available. France-Visas forms complete; purpose of stay "visitor" on both.

What to do

1. Print and sign both forms; bring two 35 × 45 mm photos each.

B · Means of existence

LIKELY TO BE QUESTIONED

Net salary deposits of about \$6,400/month (about €5,700) for two adults: 1.9x the benchmark of €2,956. Strong. But statements are in dollars only, there is no summary, and a \$41,000 transfer appears on September 24 with no explanation.

What to do

1. Put the one-page financial summary below on top of Tab B.
2. Add a two-line note on the September 24 transfer (sale of your Denver car: bill of sale attached).
3. Provide six months of statements, every page, rather than the three you sent.

C · Housing

MATCHES THE LIST

Twelve-month furnished lease in both names, €1,450/month, signed October 2, 2026. The address matches the forms. Rent is about 25% of income: no concern.

D · Letters and sworn statements

LIKELY TO BE QUESTIONED

Karen's letter is clear. Dan's letter mixes the French client (see Step 1) and writes "my salary will remain taxed in the U.S.", a tax question to put to a cross-border tax adviser before you write it. Both sworn statements are typed and signed digitally.

What to do

1. Use the suggested letter below, adapted in your own words.
2. Copy the sworn statement by hand and sign in ink, one each.
3. Book a cross-border tax consultation before filing (not a visa requirement, but it changes what you can truthfully write).

E · Health insurance

DOES NOT MATCH THE REQUIREMENT

The certificate is a 90-day travel policy from your credit card. French law requires health insurance covering the whole stay; in practice the consulate expects the certificate to name France, state the dates and the ceiling, and include hospitalization and repatriation, starting on your entry date.

What to do

1. Buy a 12-month expat health policy for both of you starting March 1, 2027, cancelable if refused.
2. Ask the insurer for the visa letter (template 3 of the guide).
3. Check it names France, the dates, the ceiling and repatriation.

F/G · Timeline and appointment

MATCHES THE LIST

Entry March 1, 2027: the booking window opens on December 1, 2026. Aim for an appointment around December 10 in any of the ten U.S. centers (Denver has none: Houston, Chicago or Los Angeles). Allow at least 15 days, and up to 45 in special cases, without your passports: no international travel in December and January.

What to do

1. Set a reminder for December 1, 2026 to book two consecutive slots from one TLScontact account.
2. ANEF validation deadline: June 1, 2027 at the latest (3 months after entry), €300 each.

Your financial summary (put it on top of Tab B)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - Dan and Karen [Surname], VLS-TS "visiteur"

Prepared on October 16, 2026. Rate used: 1 USD = 0.89 EUR (ECB reference rate, October 16, 2026).

MONTHLY INCOME (net, recurring)

1. Salary, [Employer], Denver CO (Dan) \$6,400 = EUR 5,696 (Tab B1-B3)

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME \$6,400 = EUR 5,696

Benchmark for 2 adults: 2 x EUR 1,477.93 = EUR 2,956 (net SMIC since June 1, 2026)

Ratio: 1.9 x

LIQUID SAVINGS (stable 6+ months)

Joint checking + savings \$52,000 = EUR 46,280 (Tab B3)

HOUSING IN FRANCE

12-month furnished lease, [address], Bordeaux, EUR 1,450/month (Tab C)

NOTES

- Sept. 24, 2026 deposit of \$41,000: sale of our car, bill of sale at Tab B4.
- Karen has no separate income; Dan's income supports both (letter, Tab F).
- No professional activity will be exercised in France (Tab D).

Your motivation letter, suggested version (adapt it in your own words, then sign)

[Dan Surname]

[Address], Denver, CO · [email] · [phone]

Consulate General of France in Washington, D.C. - Visa Section

[City], [day month year]

Subject: Application for a long-stay visitor visa (VLS-TS "visiteur")

Dear Madam, Sir,

I am a United States citizen, employed since 2019 as a senior software engineer by [Employer], a company established in Colorado. My wife Karen and I respectfully apply for long-stay visitor visas to reside in Bordeaux from March 1, 2027 for twelve months.

Why France. We have spent three summers in Nouvelle-Aquitaine and Karen has studied French for five years. We want our two years of planning to become a year of living there.

How we will live. My net monthly income is approximately EUR 5,696, paid by my employer, as detailed in the financial summary at Tab B. We hold savings of approximately EUR 46,280. We will live at [address],

Bordeaux, under a twelve-month furnished lease signed on October 2, 2026 (Tab C). We are both insured by [insurer] from March 1, 2027 to February 29, 2028, valid in France, with hospitalization and repatriation (Tab E).

What we will not do. Neither of us will exercise any professional activity in France. I will continue my employment with [Employer], performed remotely and paid by that company, with no clients or activity in France.

Ties and plan. We keep our home in Denver and our accounts in the United States. At the end of this year we intend to apply for the renewal of our visitor permits.

Sincerely,
[signature]
Dan [Surname]

Your sworn statement (copy by hand, sign in ink)

ATTESTATION SUR L'HONNEUR

Je soussigné [Prénom NOM], né le [jour mois année] à [ville, État, USA],
de nationalité américaine, titulaire du passeport n° [numéro],
demeurant [adresse aux États-Unis],

atteste sur l'honneur que, dans le cadre de mon séjour en France
au titre d'un visa de long séjour mention « visiteur », je n'exercerai
aucune activité professionnelle en France.

Je précise que je conserve un emploi salarié auprès de [Employer],
société établie aux États-Unis, exercé à distance, rémunéré par cet
employeur, sans aucune activité ni clientèle en France.

Je dispose de ressources suffisantes pour subvenir à mes besoins
pendant toute la durée de mon séjour.

Fait à [ville], le [jour mois année]
Signature

Notes

This is a sample report built on a fictional couple. Names, figures and documents are invented.
Your follow-up question is included: reply to the delivery email within 14 days.

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