

social security application by a European national or by the beneficiary of a bilateral agreement with social security

A researcher who has social security cover in a European country must apply for a European social security card before coming to France (this card replaces old documents such as the E111 and the E128).

In order to be reimbursed for healthcare and medicine, you need to register (*immatriculer*) with the *caisse primaire d'assurance maladie* (CPAM- health and social security departments) in the area where you live.

The exception to this rule is the city of Paris, where a central department has been set up to process European and international claims.

If you live in Paris, you need to enrol at the **CPAM Relations Internationales**

- send your completed file **by post** to :
CPAM de Paris service des relations internationales
21, rue Georges Auric
75019 Paris
- Enrol **in person with an appointment**. call the CPAM from 8.30 until 17.30 on **3646**. The service will contact CPAM relations internationales who will call you within 48 hours for an appointment at
173-175 rue de Bercy,
75012 Paris
metro: gare de Lyon

Documents required:

- passport
- European card or the form to register in France which should have been given by the social security that has signed the bilateral agreement with social security.
- A proof of residence in France and an address in your country of origin (i.e. where you have social security cover, if you do not live in the country in which you were born)
- A relevé d'identité bancaire (RIB) – a slip giving official details of your bank account.

This enrolment allows you to be reimbursed for part of the medical cover you receive in France, based on a scale fixed by the social security system. You will rapidly be issued with a temporary identification number (starting with a 7 or 8) that will enable you to start sending *feuille de soins* - forms for reclaiming medical expenses - to your CPAM.

Usually, enrolment takes place at the same time as the first reimbursement. However, it is advisable to enrol beforehand in order to obtain a certificate (*attestation*) confirming that you are covered by the social security. This is needed if you choose to apply for complementary health insurance (*mutuelle*). You can either continue to benefit from an existing health insurance in your home country or to take a new one out in France.

There is also a national English-speaking calling centre: 08 11 36 36 46. The speaker might know other languages (German, Spanish etc.), don't hesitate to ask.