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INTRODUCTION

If you are reading this Welcome Pack then you may be considering applying to work or study at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), possibly from abroad. Relocating to another country is a big decision for you, and possibly your family, and we hope that the information you will find in this pack, which has been put together based on our experience, will enable you to make an informed choice about joining IARC and coming to live in Lyon.

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INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER

In 1963, 13 prominent French public figures transmitted to General de Gaulle, then President of France, a request addressed to the French government and to the governments of the largest powers to “do everything they can to reach a mobilization against one of the worst plagues to afflict humanity: cancer”. General de Gaulle entrusted his health minister, Monsieur Marcellin, with taking every initiative towards reaching this goal. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) was therefore formally established in May 1965, through a resolution of the 18th World Health Assembly, as an extension of the World Health Organization (WHO), after a French initiative. On 15 September 1965, the five founding members (the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Italy, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the USA) formally accepted its statute, which is summarized as follows: “The objective of IARC shall be to promote international collaboration in cancer research. The Agency shall serve as a means through which Participating States and WHO, in liaison with the Union for International Cancer Control and other interested international organizations, may cooperate in the stimulation and support of all phases of research related to the problem of cancer.” IARC’s headquarters building was provided by its host country and is located in Lyon, France.

Today, IARC’s membership has grown to 24 countries (the five founding states plus Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, India, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Turkey).

Governance

IARC follows the general governing rules of the United Nations family. It is, however, governed by its own governing bodies, the IARC Governing Council and the IARC Scientific Council.

Governing Council

IARC’s general policy is directed by a Governing Council, composed of the Representatives of the Participating States and the Director-General of WHO. Its research programme is regularly reviewed by the Scientific Council. The Governing Council elects IARC’s Director, who normally serves for a 5-year term. The Council elected Dr Christopher Wild in May 2008, to serve for a 5-year term; he took office on 1 January 2009. Dr Wild was re-elected in May 2013 for a second 5-year term.

The IARC Governing Council meets every year in ordinary session during the week prior to the World Health Assembly.

Scientific Council

The Scientific Council consists of highly qualified scientists from institutions of the Participating States, who are appointed for 4-year terms by the Governing Council. The main purpose of the Scientific Council is to make periodic evaluations of IARC’s activities, to make recommendations on the programme of permanent activities, and to prepare special projects to be submitted to the Governing Council.

The IARC Scientific Council meets every year in ordinary session in late January/early February.

Secretariat

The Secretariat is the administrative and technical organ of the Agency. It consists of the Director and the technical and administrative staff. The Director of IARC is elected by, and reports to, the Governing Council. The Director is responsible for the development and implementation of the scientific programme and oversees the day-to-day operation of the Agency.

IARC membership: <http://www.iarc.fr/en/about/membership.php>

WHAT TO DO BEFORE AND AFTER ARRIVAL IN FRANCE

NB: These are general guidelines – of course, each case is different.

Before arriving at IARC, **you should take care of all matters related to your stay as early as possible, to make the stay as pleasant as possible for you and your family:**

- administrative formalities before and during the stay
- housing
- insurance
- documents to bring with you
- opening a bank account
- French classes, and more...

Before your arrival in France

Make sure you complete all the required **administrative formalities**. These will vary according to nationality and duration of stay. Future staff members should contact the IARC Human Resources Office for advice on visas. Non-EU students and scientists who plan to stay for more than 90 days (3 months) must obtain a long-stay visa from the French consulate nearest to their place of residence after receiving a “Convention d’accueil” (hosting agreement) from IARC. Contact the French consulate to check which documents are needed for the visa application. This process may take some time and should be started some time in advance of the period during which the candidate will be based at IARC. For further information about the procedures, see the “Residence Permit” section.

Documents you will need in France

The following is a list of **original** documents you should bring with you to France to facilitate completing your administrative formalities:

- A passport that is valid for the duration of the stay, or your identity card if you are a European national
- Visa (if required)
- The hosting agreement (“Convention d’accueil”), stamped by the French consulate (if you are a scientist)
- A certificate that proves you have health insurance valid for France for the duration of your stay
- Proof of adequate financial means during your stay (in the case of scientists, the “Convention d’accueil” is considered a statement of financial responsibility by the hosting institution and can be used as proof when applying for the visa and residence permit)
- Your marriage certificate (if applicable)
- The “livret de famille” (an official family record book; may be replaced by birth and marriage certificates)
- A birth certificate for each member of the family (for the residence permit)
- Your vaccination certificates
- Health and vaccination records for each child
- Children’s school records
- Your diplomas, in particular your PhD diploma, if applicable
- ID photos (full face, not smiling, and head uncovered)
- In case of special family circumstances (e.g. divorced with accompanying children), please check the requirements with your local French consulate and/or the Human Resources Office/Fellowship Programme Office.

It is highly recommended that you bring certified French translations of these documents, **translated by an accredited translator**, and that you make copies of the most important documents in case of loss or theft.

We recommend that you ask the French embassy or consulate about certified translations. We recommend that you carry with you at all times the addresses and telephone numbers of people and organizations that may help you in France in case of an administrative or health problem or an accident.

For drivers: If you wish to drive in France, remember to bring with you a valid driver's licence and check whether a reciprocity agreement exists between France and your country. See the "Driver's Licence" section.

The following information concerns non-European nationals who must apply for a visa to come to France.

If you are a doctoral student, you can have "Student" or "Scientist" status ("étudiant" ou "scientifique"). If your host institution provides you with a "Convention d'accueil" (hosting agreement), this will entitle you to request a "Scientist" visa at the French consulate. You should be clear on this point before leaving because once you are in France your status will depend on the type of visa with which you enter France. If you are a scientist or university teacher, you will have "Scientist" status.

If you come with your spouse, he or she will have to apply for a long-stay visa mentioning "conjoint de scientifique". If you come with your family (spouse, children), you must request a visa for each family member at the time you apply for your own. Children must travel with their own passports.

It is also possible for you to take **French classes** before you leave. Addresses of French cultural centres, institutes, and Alliances Françaises that provide courses are available at your nearest French consulate and are listed in the "Further Information about Living in Lyon" section.

At the end of your stay

Before leaving France, remember to:

Cancel any policies and subscriptions you may have taken out, such as gas, electricity, telephone, Internet access, water, home insurance, and car insurance.

NB: You should not close your bank account immediately because you may have to make payments or receive reimbursements. For example, the owner of your rental property has 2 months to return your deposit (if necessary, after deducting a certain sum for repairs of damages for which you may be responsible). Also, if you were in your apartment on 1 January, you will also need to pay the "Taxe d'habitation" (housing tax), usually in November, for the current year.

Notify everyone concerned of your change of address: the post office (to forward your mail for 6 months or 1 year), your friends and family, and your bank, among others.

ROLE OF THE IARC RELOCATION ASSISTANT

Before your arrival

You will be in touch with the IARC Relocation Assistant by email (Ms Christine Astier, email: astierc@iarc.fr) in order to deal with questions about your future accommodation and anything to do with day-to-day living. She will reply to any questions you may have and will send you information about various topics, including a list of websites advertising accommodation for rent.

She will send you the list of recommended hotels (and will give you advice about the most suitable, if necessary), so that you can rent temporary accommodation for at least 3 weeks, in order to have enough time to find permanent accommodation.

In order to facilitate the search for a flat/house, it is advisable to carry out your own online searches to have an idea of what accommodation is available and at what price. In the week preceding your arrival in Lyon, you will be able to send the listings you are interested in to the IARC Relocation Assistant so that she can make appointments for you to visit.

You will need to have a good idea of the type of lodging you are looking for (flat, house, hotel, or student residence), its requirements (size, furnished or unfurnished, location), and the price you wish to pay.

Upon arrival

The IARC Relocation Assistant can help you with any questions about day-to-day living and can, for example:

- Help you to select the most suitable local accommodation listings
- Help to put together all the papers you will need to rent a property
- Help you if necessary when signing a lease/completing an inventory for your permanent accommodation
- Help you to take out compulsory home insurance, and help you with contracts for local services: electricity, gas, water, ISP (telephone, television, and Internet), subscriptions to local bus, metro, and tram services, and/or Velo'v (local rent-a-bike service)
- Help you to search for and contact local schools and day-care facilities ("crèches").

During your stay

The IARC Relocation Assistant can provide information or help you with any questions related to your accommodation, or your family, in particular local property taxes, television licence, insurance, or any problem you may encounter.

Upon departure

When you leave your accommodation, the IARC Relocation Assistant will accompany you during the various formalities and will help you to:

- Write the registered letter informing the agency/your landlord of your departure (at the latest 3 months beforehand if the property is rented unfurnished, 1 month if furnished or if departure is for professional reasons)
- Carry out the inventory before departure
- Cancel your home insurance (except if it was taken out via the Kastler Foundation)
- Cancel the various contracts you may have taken out during your stay
- Ensure that your mail is forwarded to your new address

NB: Please remember that any official letters sent out for any reason should be sent **signed**.

RESIDENCE PERMIT (“TITRE DE SEJOUR”)

Nationals of the 27 European Union (EU) member countries (except Bulgaria and Romania), of the European Economic Area, Monaco, Andorra, and Switzerland no longer require a residence permit for France.

Ms S. Sibert (room 219, ext. 8687, email: siberts@iarc.fr) in the Human Resources Office will register staff members and their dependants with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and obtain special cards for them (“Titre de séjour spécial” or “Attestation de fonctions”). Registration at the national embassy or consulate may be compulsory in some cases, but is a private and personal matter.

Non-European friends and other family members who plan to stay for more than 3 months require a residence permit (“Carte de séjour”). Obtaining such permits is the responsibility of individual staff members.

Non-French short-term staff members and consultants recruited for more than 6 months will also receive a special identity card from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Non-EU students and scientists who plan to stay for more than 90 days (3 months) must obtain a long-stay visa* from the French consulate nearest to their place of residence before coming to France (see below).

Currently, two types of long-stay visa are issued: (1) Long-Stay Visa Equivalent to a Residence Permit (“Visa de long séjour valant titre de séjour”; VLS-TS), which exempts the holder from applying for a residence permit for the first year; (2) Long-Stay Visa D, which requires a Temporary Residence Permit (“Titre de séjour temporaire”) to be requested within 2 months of arrival.

On arrival, the Fellowship Programme Office will arrange for non-EU students and scientists to validate their Long-Stay Visa Equivalent to a Residence Permit (VLS-TS) with the Office français de l’immigration et de l’intégration (OFII), or to request a Temporary Residence Permit (“Titre de séjour temporaire”) from the Préfecture du Rhône. They should apply to Ms E. El Akroud (room 1109, ext. 8448, email: elakroude@iarc.fr).

*Non-EU students with a master’s degree, including doctoral students and above, who plan to stay for more than 90 days can request a Long-Stay Visa D with “Scientist” status for France, after receiving a “Convention d’accueil” (hosting agreement) from IARC.

Non-EU family members who plan to stay for 90 days or less should request a Short-Stay Visa C for the Schengen area.

Non-EU family members (spouses and children) of scientists who hold a “Scientist” Temporary Residence Permit and who plan to stay for more than 90 days should request a Long-Stay Visa D with “Vie privée et familiale” (private and family life) status. If staying for a minimum of 12 months, they will be required to sign a “Contrat d’accueil et d’intégration” (integration and welcome contract) after arrival and take compulsory courses (French language/French society, free of charge) to help their integration into French society.

NB: The Temporary Residence Permit with “Vie privée et familiale” status allows the holder to work in France.

Non-EU children (under 18) who plan to stay for more than 90 days will require a “Document de circulation pour étranger mineur” (DCEM) to facilitate travel outside of France (even if

accompanied by their parents). This enables the child, after a trip abroad, to justify the legality of their stay in France and to be readmitted to France or to the Schengen area without a visa. This document is to be requested from the Préfecture du Rhône once the parent's Temporary Residence Permit has been obtained, and is valid for 5 years.

For details of how to proceed, please contact Ms E. El Akroud (room 1109, ext. 8448, email: elakroude@iarc.fr).

More information regarding visas and residence permits can be found on the Alfred Kastler Foundation website: http://www.fnak.fr/dn_Theguide/?setLang=E.

HEALTH INSURANCE

In accordance with WHO procedures, and as a French Government requirement, trainees, students, postdocs, fellows, and visiting scientists (Early Career and Visiting Scientists) are required to take out privately an appropriate illness and accident insurance policy to cover themselves and their accompanying dependants for the duration of their stay in Lyon, as from day one.

IARC staff members have compulsory coverage with WHO Staff Health Insurance (SHI). For more information (in-house access only), you can consult the [IARC Intranet](#) or the [WHO Intranet](#).

Early Career and Visiting Scientists are **free to choose** their health insurance provider.

However, if it is not possible for them to obtain health insurance valid for France in their country of origin or in France, foreign postdocs and visiting scientists can take out health insurance for themselves and their families (spouse and children) with the AXA insurance company via the Kastler Foundation, after having first obtained a “Guest Researcher Card number” by registering on the Foundation’s website (www.fnak.fr). Foreign doctoral students can also apply for themselves and for their dependants. French doctoral students and above who are not entitled to coverage by the French Social Security can also apply.

The application form can be filled in online on the Foundation’s website in English or French.

Two options are available:

- **“Formule 1” option:** possibility of taking out insurance for periods ranging from 1 month to 1 year, renewable. The costs of childbirth are not covered, but expenses during pregnancy are.
- **“Santé+” option:** subscription of a minimum of 1 year, extendable. Higher reimbursement, plus coverage of expenses during pregnancy and for childbirth (need to have paid into the scheme for a minimum of 10 months before claiming for costs of childbirth).

Rates depend on the person’s age (0 to 65 years) and the length of stay in Lyon. All members of the same family must be insured at the same level (either the “Formule 1” option or the “Santé+” option). In most cases, health insurance premiums are reimbursed to Early Career and Visiting Scientists within the IARC ceiling rates.

For all related questions, you can consult the Kastler Foundation website (www.fnak.fr) or Ms E. El Akroud (room 1109, ext. 8448, email: elakroude@iarc.fr), or contact AXA (agence.cabinetbaume@axa.fr).

A brochure covering the reimbursement of health expenses in France is available in the “Chroniques de la FnAK” no. 47 (in French and English; pages 9–11; http://www.fnak.fr/images_messages/image1/617.pdf).

Useful links

- Kastler Foundation: www.fnak.fr
- AXA email: agence.cabinetbaume@axa.fr
- Information about Staff Health Insurance (SHI): <http://intra.iarc.fr/Pages/SHI.aspx> (in-house access only)
- WHO Staff Health Insurance (SHI) website: <http://intranet.who.int/homes/ins/staffhealthinsurance/> (in-house access only)

ACCOMMODATION

There are various possibilities for accommodation, depending on the length of your stay.

- If you are only staying in Lyon for a few days, the best solution is to stay in a hotel.
- If you are staying in Lyon for less than 8 months, the best solution, depending on how much you want to spend, is to stay in either a serviced apartment or a student residence, as it is difficult, if not impossible, to draw up a lease for a rental for a short period and carry out all the associated formalities (contacting service providers, taking out insurance, etc.).

In these types of accommodation, you can rent either a studio or a small two-room apartment, with bathroom, toilet, and kitchenette. Overall, the comfort and services will be of higher quality in a serviced apartment, but this will be reflected in the price.

The Agency works with various serviced apartments, of varying levels, and with several student residences, all situated close by.

You can also choose to stay in furnished accommodation with a rental contract specifically for short lets. However, this will be considerably more expensive than the options described above.

Whatever your decision, the IARC Relocation Assistant will provide all the information you need and will help you decide what is best for you.

- If you are staying in Lyon for more than 8 months, you may consider renting a flat (apartment). If you are staying for less than 18 months, we advise renting a furnished flat.

Whatever type of accommodation you would like to rent (furnished or unfurnished), the IARC Relocation Assistant will help you to look for suitable accommodation and will take care of all the necessary paperwork.

When you leave Lyon, the IARC Relocation Assistant will also be on hand to help with all the formalities.

NB: You should not pay anything before signing the contract. Apartment visits are always free (if not, this can be fraud). If in doubt, please contact the IARC Relocation Assistant (Ms Christine Astier, email: astierc@iarc.fr).

Useful links

Hotels: http://www.iarc.fr/en/about/welcome/Hotels_Lyon.pdf

Residences and hostels: http://www.iarc.fr/en/about/welcome/Residences_Lyon.pdf

Various types of accommodation: <http://www.booking.com/>

Serviced apartments:

<http://www.lagrange-city-lyon-lumiere.com/?gclid=CJHq6oXdgbgCFfDMtAodER0ApA>

http://www.appartcity.com/apparthotel-lyon/R_31_16/liste-residence.htm?trk=1&gclid=COzYI-vdgbgCFYtAod2U8A8Q

Student residences:

<http://www.studilodge.fr/international-student.html> – Parc Harmonie residence

www.gestetud.fr – Studios Lumière, Manufac, and Michel-Ange residences

<http://www.suitetudes.com/fr/recherche#> – Albert Thomas and Carré Villon residences

WATER, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTRACTS

When moving in

You will have to set up contracts for water, electricity, and/or gas, and for Internet, telephone, and television (especially for cable television).

Each provider will need your surname, first name, and address, the exact location of the property (including number and floor for a flat), the latest meter reading, and bank details if you intend to pay by monthly direct debit (advisable but not compulsory).

Water

The main company is Veolia: www.veolia.fr (0 810 000 777).

The contract is established on the basis of a monthly estimate of your consumption, and once a year an employee from the water company will come and read the meter. You will then receive a bill based on your actual consumption.

Water consumption (hot and/or cold) is sometimes included in the rental charges that you pay as part of your rent. The principle is the same: you pay a monthly estimate of your water consumption, and the balance (positive or negative) is paid or reimbursed once a year.

Electricity

The main company is EDF: www.particuliers.edf.com (0 810 050 333 or 09.69.39.33.05).

The contract is established on the basis of an estimate calculated according to the type of equipment installed, including or excluding the heating of the property. Meter readings are made twice a year; payments are made monthly, with an annual payment made to adjust for actual consumption. Various contracts are available (e.g. day/night rates), depending on the type of electricity meter.

Gas

The main company is Gaz de France (GDF Suez): www.gdfsuez-dolcevita.fr (0 810 800 801 or 09.69.324 324).

The contract is established on the basis of an estimate of your gas consumption (kitchen and/or heating and hot water), with an annual payment made after the meter reading.

NB: For safety reasons (checking of equipment), the opening and closing of a gas contract can necessitate the visit of a company technician.

Whatever energy provider you choose, you will be warned in advance that technicians are coming to read the different meters. If you are absent, the technician will leave a card on your door or in the letter box, which must be filled in once you have read the meter yourself. It is important to do this and return the card to your energy provider with the actual meter consumption; otherwise, you might receive a hefty final bill.

Internet/telephone/television

In France, various providers offer these services in the following packages: Internet, Internet plus telephone, or Internet plus telephone plus television. The "Internet plus telephone plus television" package costs about €40 per month.

The main providers are:

- Orange – France Télécom (original monopoly in France): www.orange.fr
- SFR: www.sfr.fr
- Bouygues Télécom: www.bouyguetelecom.fr
- Numericable: www.numericable.fr
- Free: www.free.fr
- Darty: www.dartybox.com

The majority of providers will also offer mobile phone contracts as an extension of your main contract and therefore at a preferential price.

In order to take out a contract, you will need to provide your surname, first name, address, bank details, and the France Télécom number of the property (original provider when the network was a monopoly) or the name of the person who previously rented the property, so that France Télécom can identify the right line.

Modalities to cancel a contract differ across companies. You will need to refer to the conditions in the contract. More often than not, you will have to send a registered letter to the company a certain period before the date on which you wish to cancel (this will be indicated in the contract). If payments have been made by direct debit, you should ask your bank to cancel them once the last bill has been paid.

NB: Some packages are particularly attractive because they are based on the length of the contract (usually 2 years). However, be warned that cancellation in advance of this type of contract can then be very expensive.

Mobile phones

It is preferable to buy a SIM card in France on arrival. If bought prior to arrival, SIM cards should start with a 06 or 07 number; otherwise, international rates may be charged.

The main providers of prepaid SIM cards are:

- For travellers in France/Europe: <http://www.lefrenchmobile.com/en.html>
- Lebara mobile: <http://www.lebara.fr/>
- SFR: www.sfr.fr
- B&You: www.b-and-you.fr/
- Orange: www.orange.fr
- laposte: www.lapostemobile.fr/

When moving out

You must send the last meter readings (made during the final inventory) to your energy providers. You can then request the closing of the contracts, and the final bill is sent to the address indicated, which can be the Agency's address.

If payments have been made by direct debit, you should ask your bank to cancel them once the last bill has been paid.

MULTI-RISK HOME INSURANCE

In France, it is compulsory to take out personal liability insurance. This insurance can be taken out separately, but it is most often included in multi-risk home insurance (“assurance multirisques habitation”; MRH) taken out on your main residence, which is also compulsory. This home insurance will not only cover personal responsibility and that of other occupiers of your home but will also cover personal effects and your place of residence against fire, flooding, burglary, etc.

You are free to choose your insurance company; however, three possibilities are usually offered to people coming to the Agency:

- Via the **Kastler Foundation** for doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows, and for scientific visitors coming from abroad, after having first obtained your “Guest Researcher Card number” by registering on the Foundation’s website (www.fnak.fr). The AXA insurance company provides this type of insurance at an annual cost of €75 to insure three main rooms (excluding kitchen and bathroom) and €112 for four main rooms (excluding kitchen and bathroom). The requester must fill in the first three pages of the application form entitled “Demande de garantie” online on the Foundation’s website and send it to the local insurance company taking care of the policy (AXA Assurances, Cabinet ABC Assurances, Place Saint-Martin, B.P. 44077, 25114 Baumes-les-Dames Cedex).

The contract is established on an annual basis and must therefore **be renewed** upon request.

- Via **Cabinet Assurnoo**, 9 rue de la Claire, 69009 Lyon (Tel: 04.72.53.98.98; www.assurnoo.com). Insurance is provided by the GAN insurance company at an approximate annual cost of €145 for a studio, €195 for two main rooms, and €270 for three main rooms.

The contract is taken out for 1 year, with tacit renewal from one year to the next. It is therefore advisable to **cancel the contract** before leaving your residence, and include a copy of the inventory carried out upon arrival or any similar list established with the landlord.

- Banks can also provide multi-risk home insurance. You can make enquiries with your bank on arrival.

Useful links

Kastler Foundation: www.fnak.fr

Cabinet Assurnoo: www.assurnoo.com

BANKING

It is very important to open a French bank account as soon as you receive confirmation of your stay in France.

You are free to choose your bank.

The banking system in France has its peculiarities.

You have to go to a bank, either at the counter or to an ATM, to carry out day-to-day banking, although it is becoming easier to carry out these operations via the Internet.

Bank opening hours vary from branch to branch, but banks are usually open on Monday to Friday from 8.00 or 9.00 to 12.00 and from 13.30 to 18.00, and on Saturdays from 9.00 to 12.00. Banks are closed on Saturday afternoons, and some are closed on Mondays.

All banks offer the usual services, such as opening a bank account and obtaining a chequebook and credit card. You can also take out loans, open savings accounts, and make financial investments. Nowadays, most banks can also provide car insurance, home insurance, and insurance on loans.

A chequebook is important in France because you will pay your first month's rent as well as the deposit for your rented accommodation by cheque.

Remember to ask for your RIB ("Relevé d'Identité Bancaire" or bank account details) and IBAN (International Bank Account Number) as soon as possible as you will need these when you sign the lease for your accommodation as well as for all your service providers.

Trainees, students, postdoctoral fellows, and visiting scientists (Early Career and Visiting Scientists) who come to France for a minimum of 3 months can ask for a bank account to be opened with Le Crédit Lyonnais bank (LCL) before their arrival in France. To do this, you just need to send a copy of your passport to the Fellowship Programme Office (Ms E. El Akroud; room 1109, ext. 8448, email: elakroude@iarc.fr).

As LCL is the Agency's bank, an employee from LCL is available at the Agency once a week. The LCL service is available on Wednesdays from 9.00 to 17.00 (room 504, ext. 8303). Services provided include opening bank accounts, issuing credit cards, making bank transfers, and providing advice about bank loans.

The LCL headquarters (18 rue de la République, 69002 Lyon) is open non-stop on Monday to Friday from 8.45 to 17.30. You can contact the bank directly at 04.78.92.21.77 or via ext. 8100.

Doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows, and foreign visiting scientists who come to France for more than 6 months can ask for a bank account to be opened with Société Générale bank via the Alfred Kastler Foundation before their arrival in France. For the terms and conditions for the bank account, please consult the Foundation's website (http://www.fnak.fr/dn_open_bank_account_france/). You should obtain a "Guest Researcher Card number" beforehand by registering on the Foundation's website (www.fnak.fr).

A branch of Société Générale is located just across the street from the Agency.

Useful links

Le Crédit Lyonnais: <https://particuliers.secure.lcl.fr/index.html>

Société Générale: <http://www.societegenerale.fr/>

BNP Paribas: <http://www.bnpparibas.com/en>

Writing a cheque: <http://www.frenchentree.com/fe-finance/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=21241>

<http://www.lost-in-france.com/living-in-france/finance/115-how-to-write-out-a-french-cheque>

DRIVER'S LICENCE

If you are moving to France and you have a non-European driver's licence, you can use this for up to 1 year after you acquire your residency in France. Make sure you change your driver's licence into a French one within the 1-year period allowed.

Conditions of using a foreign driver's licence in France

If your driver's licence was issued by a country outside the European Economic Area (EEA), this non-European driver's licence must meet the following three conditions for you to be able to drive in France, regardless of your nationality:

- It must be valid
- It must have been issued by the country in which you normally resided before moving to France
- It must be written in French or be accompanied by an official translation.

You **must** meet the following conditions:

- You must be over the minimum driving age in France (18 years)
- You must not have had your right to drive suspended in the country where your licence was issued
- You must not have had your right to drive in France cancelled or revoked before obtaining your foreign licence
- You must comply with any medical notes listed on your licence (e.g. must wear glasses)
- If you are a European national, you must have obtained your non-European licence while residing in the country of issue
- You must have obtained your non-European licence before your visa was validated by the Office français de l'immigration et de l'intégration (OFII, or French Office for Immigration and Integration).

Warning: If you drive in France with an invalid foreign licence, you are committing a 4th class contravention.

Validity period of a foreign licence in France

For a non-European holder

If you are moving to France, your non-European licence is valid for **a maximum period of 1 year** after the date your "Visa de long séjour valant titre de séjour" (Long-Stay Visa Equivalent to a Residence Permit) is validated by the OFII.

For a European holder

Your non-European driver's licence is valid for a maximum period of 1 year after you acquire your residency in France – in other words, **up to a maximum of 18 months** in total, i.e. the first 6 months of your residency in France plus 12 months.

For a French holder

Your non-European driver's licence is valid for **a maximum period of 1 year** after you arrive in France – in other words, 12 months.

For a non-European holder who is also a student

If you are studying in France and you have a driver's licence that was issued by your home country (or by another non-European country), you can drive with this foreign licence **for the duration of your studies in France.**

Exchanging your foreign licence for a French one

Within 1 year after your arrival in France

You must apply to exchange your non-European licence for a French licence (at your local Préfecture, or at the Préfecture de Police de Paris if you live in Paris).

If your licence is not exchangeable, or if you do not apply to exchange your licence within the maximum period of 1 year, you will lose the right to drive in France. In order to then start driving again, you must take the French driving test (theory test on the French highway code plus practical driving test).

For a non-European student

At the end of your studies, after your change in status to a Carte de séjour "Vie privée et familiale" ("private and family life" residence permit), Carte de séjour "Salarié" ("employee" residence permit), Carte de séjour "Compétences et talents" ("skills and talents" residence permit), etc., you must apply at the Préfecture to exchange your driver's licence for a French licence **within 1 year** after the date on which your new residence permit commences, in order to be able to continue to drive in France.

Issuance of your French licence

Exchanging your licence

Upon issuing your French licence, the Préfecture will withdraw your foreign one.

Delivery time

The time it takes for a licence to be delivered varies; it can take anything from a few weeks to several months.

- If there is any doubt as to the authenticity of the licence being exchanged, the procedure can take more than 6 months.
- If there is no response within 6 months from the authorities who issued the licence, you will be denied a French licence.

Date of issue

The date of issue printed on your French licence will show the date your original licence was issued. If you have had your foreign licence for less than 3 years, the French licence you are issued will be a probationary licence until the end of the 3-year period.

For more information, please visit the French Public Service website: <http://www.service-public.fr/>.

Queries concerning driver's licences can also be addressed to Ms S. Servat in the Administrative Services Office (email: servats@iarc.fr).

SCHOOLING

In Lyon, you can choose to follow the French programme (compulsory to attend school until the age of 16 in state or private schools, which can be either free or fee-paying, and most of which are under contract to the French State). The choice of a state school will depend on where you live, although exceptions to the rule can be made.

French schooling begins at nursery school between the ages of 3 and 5, followed by elementary or primary school from ages 5 to 10, followed by secondary school (“collège”) from ages 10 to 14. At the end of “la troisième” (the last year of “collège”), children can opt for either the general or technological programme (with the aim of sitting the French Baccalaureate at age 18) or the professional programme (from ages 14 to 16).

NB: The Cité scolaire internationale (CSI) offers the International Option Baccalaureate (OIB). This diploma consists of traditional French examinations accompanied by oral and written tests in a foreign language (languages, literature, and history–geography).

It is also possible to follow an international programme in Lyon accredited by the International Baccalaureate Organization in Geneva, leading to the International Baccalaureate (IB), at either the Ombrosa School or the International School in Lyon.

There are a variety of schools in Lyon offering different foreign diplomas and certificates.

For all information concerning education and teaching, consult the website www.aderly.com, click on the British flag for the English language option, and then click on “Setting Up”, “Customized Solutions”, “International Schools”.

If you have very young children, various options for childcare are available:

- Collective childcare: These are the most common options in Lyon. Day-care facilities (“crèches”) are either public or private. Some are managed by a group of parents (“crèches parentales”). Collective childcare is in general the most affordable option; however, waiting lists can often be long. More information (in French): <http://www.lyon.fr/page/enfance-et-education/la-petite-enfance/laccueil-collectif-.html>.
- Individual options: Registered childminders are also quite common. Some take care of the children at their place, some at your home. The latter is more expensive, but childminders can sometimes be shared with other parents. More information (in French): <http://www.lyon.fr/page/enfance-et-education/la-petite-enfance/laccueil-individuel.html>.

Useful links

Education and schooling in Lyon: www.aderly.com

Childcare: <http://www.lyon.fr/page/enfance-et-education/la-petite-enfance.html>

School Levels by Age in Different Countries									
Age	France	USA	UK	Italy	Spain	Japan	Germany	Sweden	Poland
0 year	Crèche	Nursery school		Asilo nido	Educación infantil 1° ciclo		Krippe/Kinderkrippe	Day nursery	
1 year					Educación infantil 2° ciclo				
2 years	Maternelle		Kindergarten	Nursery school Year 1	Scuola materna	Kindergarten	Kindergarten		
3 years									
4 years		Kindergarten	Year 2	Prima elementare	Educación primaria 1° ciclo	Elementary school	Grundsichule/Volksschule Grades 1–4	Kindergarten	Primary education
5 years									
6 years	CP	1st grade	Year 2	Seconda elementare	Educación primaria 2° ciclo	Elementary school	Grundsichule/Volksschule Grades 1–4	1st grade	Swiactwo ukonczenia szkoly podstawowej (certificate of end of primary school studies)
7 years	CE1	2nd grade	Year 3	Terza elementare					
8 years	CE2	3rd grade	Year 4	Quarta elementare					
9 years	CM1	4th grade	Year 5	Quinta elementare	Educación primaria 3° ciclo	Elementary school	Grundsichule/Volksschule Grades 1–4	3rd grade	
10 years	CM2	5th grade	Year 6	Prima media					
11 years	Sixième	6th grade	Year 7	Seconda media	1° ciclo 1° curso	Junior high school	Hauptsichule/ Realsichule/Gymnasium Grades 5–9	4th grade	Lyceum S.D./S.U.L.
12 years	Cinquième	7th grade	Year 8	Terza media					
13 years	Quatrième	8th grade	Year 9	Prima liceo	2° ciclo 1° curso	Junior high school	Hauptsichule/ Realsichule/Gymnasium Grades 5–9	5th grade	
14 years	Troisième	9th grade	Year 10	Seconda liceo					
15 years	Seconde	10th grade	Year 11	Terza liceo	2° ciclo 2° curso	High school	Gymnasium/Obersichule Grades 10–12	6th grade	Lyceum S.D./S.U.L.
16 years	Première	11th grade	Year 12	Prima liceo					
17 years	Terminale Bac	12th grade	Year 13 A level	Seconda liceo	Bachillerato	High school	Gymnasium/Obersichule Grades 10–12	7th grade	
18 years				Quarta liceo					
19 years				Quinta liceo Esame di maturità				8th grade	Lyceum S.D./S.U.L.
								9th grade	
								1st grade gymnasium	
								2nd grade gymnasium	
								3rd grade gymnasium	

ENGLISH-SPEAKING DOCTORS IN LYON AND SURROUNDING AREA

Important Note: Before making an appointment to see a medical professional in France, ask about the consultation fees in advance, in order to avoid issues concerning payment for services. The website <http://ameli-direct.ameli.fr/> is useful to check the level of fees charged by a general practitioner/specialist.

A more complete list of physicians can be found in the French Yellow Pages. General practitioners are listed under “médecins généralistes” and specialists under “médecins qualifiés” and their specialty (pédiatrie, cardiologue, etc.)

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

- Dr Jean-François PLASKOWSKI, 17 rue Trarieux, 69003 LYON, Tel: 04.78.77.54.29
- Dr Thomas SAUTIER, 105 cours Albert Thomas, 69003 LYON, Tel: 04.37.91.24.24
- Dr Alain GAILLARD, 30 rue des Remparts d’Ainay, 69002 LYON, Tel: 04.78.38.00.31
- Dr Marcel TOCCO, 18 rue Servient, 69003 LYON, Tel: 04.78.60.05.07
- Dr Emmanuel RASKIN, 33 rue Vendôme, 69006 LYON, Tel: 04.78.94.02.42
- Dr Laurent NEGRELLO, 44 avenue Lacassagne, 69003 LYON, Tel: 04.72.07.37.54
- Dr Dominique FAYSSE, 25 rue Garibaldi, 69006 LYON, Tel: 04.78.93.13.25
- Dr Marc JOUFFROY, 134 rue de Sèze, 69006 LYON, Tel: 04.78.36.38.78
- Dr Martine CHOPIN, 22 rue Saint Maximin, 69003 LYON, Tel: 04.78.53.63.93
- Dr Ruth ROUACH, 25 rue Bugeaud, 69006 LYON, Tel: 04.78.52.25.48

DENTISTS

- Dr Joseph BENAMRAN, 25 rue Bugeaud, 69006 LYON, Tel: 04.78.52.25.48
- Dr Alexandre BAROUD, 74 rue Pierre Corneille, 69003 LYON, Tel: 04.78.60.36.68
- Dr Sophie VEYRE-GOULET, 7 rue Grolée, 69002 LYON, Tel: 04.78.42.11.57
- Dr Robert FERMANIAN, 19 cours Lafayette, 69006 LYON, Tel: 04.78.24.35.24
- Dr Carole HAGUENAUER, 18 rue Boileau, 69006 LYON, Tel: 04.78.93.38.03
- Dr Caroline MORISSON, 8 rue Jean Perréal, 69008 LYON, Tel: 04.78.74.90.65 (needs written instructions)
- Dr Alain CREZ, 38 quai Jayr, 69009 LYON, Tel: 04.78.83.76.81

Emergency dental treatment:

Edouard Herriot Hospital, Pavillon A (next to entrance), 5 place d’Arsonval, 69003 LYON. No prior appointment required, but be prepared to wait! Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 8.45–11.00 and 12.45–15.00; Saturday, 8.45–11.00; Tel: 04.72.11.03.61

DERMATOLOGISTS

- Professor Michel FAURE, Hôpital Edouard Herriot, Pavillon R, 5 place d’Arsonval, 69003 LYON, Tel: 04.72.11.03.24 (if private consultation)
- Dr Chantal GAVAUD-KENNEDY, 73 rue Vauban, 69006 LYON, Tel: 04.72.74.23.18; email: gavaud-kennedy@wanadoo.fr

EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT (ENT)

- Dr Jean-Jacques NAVILLE, 5 cours Franklin Roosevelt, 69006 LYON, Tel: 04.78.89.51.25; email: naville-pivet@wanadoo.fr
- Dr Jean Louis DEGRAIX, 176 cours Emile Zola, 69100 VILLEURBANNE, Tel: 04.78.68.14.84

EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- SOS Doctors, 10 place Dumas de Loire, 69009 LYON, Tel: 04.78.83.51.51/36.24

GYNAECOLOGISTS

- Dr Catherine CORTEY, 28 avenue Rockefeller, 69008 LYON, Tel: 04.78.93.15.58
- Dr Anna LA MELA-JUMEL, 28 avenue Rockefeller, 69008 LYON, Tel: 04.72.78.65.66
- Dr Sylvie REDDOCK, 73 avenue de la République, 69160 TASSIN-LA-DEMI-LUNE, Tel: 04.78.57.37.67

OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

- Dr Jean-Marc RUBAN, 50 cours Franklin Roosevelt, 69006 LYON, Tel: 04.72.83.49.12
- Dr Eric SELLEM, 50 cours Franklin Roosevelt, 69006 LYON, Tel: 04.72.83.49.09
- Point Vision Lyon, Natecia Hospital (5th floor), 22 avenue Rockefeller, 69008 LYON, Tel: 04.82.53.81.69; appointments to be made online: <http://www.pointvisionlyon.fr/>

ORTHODONTISTS

- Dr Muriel GALLOY, 54 avenue Maréchal de Saxe, 69006 LYON, Tel: 04.72.83.93.60; email: dr.galloy@wanadoo.fr
- Dr Philippe H. TARTAIX, 23 rue Centrale, 38230 PONT-DE-CHÉRUY, Tel: 04.72.02.33.23; email: dr.tartaix@wanadoo.fr

PAEDIATRICIANS

- Dr François PAYOT, 143 rue de Sèze, 69006 LYON, Tel: 04.78.24.85.09; email: francoispayot@wanadoo.fr
- Dr Jean STAGNARA, 46 cours Franklin Roosevelt, 69006 LYON, Tel: 04.78.24.47.68 (Consultations in English only between 14.00 and 18.00!)
- Dr Marc LAFONT, Cial Centre, 20 rue de Chavril, 69110 STE-FOY-LÈS-LYON, Tel: 04.78.25.65.70
- Dr Wolfgang SCHREYER, 43 rue Villon, 69008 LYON, Tel: 04.78.00.22.98
- Dr Denis TALLON, 12 rue du Plat, 69002 LYON, Tel: 04.78.92.96.16

PSYCHOLOGIST

- Dr Emmanuelle NIOLLET, 2 rue Abbé Lemire, 69300 CALUIRE, Tel: 06.73.66.22.34; website: www.counsellinginfrance.com; email: eniolletmetcalfe@yahoo.fr

PSYCHOTHERAPISTS

- Dr Diane WEBB, 18F résidence Rose l'Haye, 90 avenue Clémenceau, 69230 ST GENIS LAVAL, Tel: 04.72.24.11.61; Fax: 04.72.31.04.87; email: d.webb@free.fr
- Ms Kristin DUNCOMBE, 26 place Bellecour, 69002 LYON, Tel: 06.30.13.48.82; website: <http://www.kristinduncombe.com>; email: kristinlouiseduncombe@gmail.com

SURGEONS

- Dr E. LIARAS, 4 avenue des Frères Lumière, 69008 LYON, Tel: 04.78.75.03.61 (gynéco-obstétrique)
- Dr DONNE, clinique Saint Louis, 100 rue du Bourbonnais, 69009 LYON, Tel: 04.72.19.29.29 (chirurgie digestive)
- Dr Yves FRANCOIS, CHLS (Centre hospitalier Lyon sud), chemin du Grand Revoyet, 69310 PIERRE BENITE, Tel: 04.78.86.13.73 (chirurgie générale)
- Professor BERARD, Hôpital Femme-Mère-Enfant, 59 boulevard Pinel, 69670 BRON, Tel: 04.27.85.57.99 (chirurgie orthopédique et traumatologie)

MAIN HOSPITALS IN LYON

GENERAL

- HOPITAL EDOUARD HERRIOT, 5 place d'Arsonval, 69003 LYON
- HOPITAL DE LA CROIX-ROUSSE, Centre LIVET, 103 grande rue de la Croix-Rousse, 69004 LYON
- CENTRE HOSPITALIER ST JOSEPH ET ST LUC, 20 quai Claude Bernard, 69007 LYON, Tel: 04.78.61.81.81; website: <http://www.ch-stjoseph-stluc-lyon.fr/>
- HOPITAL DESGENETTES (Hôpital d'Instruction des Armées, not only for military personnel – open to everybody), 108 boulevard Pinel, 69003 LYON, Tel: 04.72.36.60.00
- CENTRE HOSPITALIER LYON SUD, chemin du Grand Revoyet, 69310 PIERRE BENITE

CARDIOLOGY

- HOPITAL CARDIOVASCULAIRE ET PNEUMOLOGIQUE LOUIS PRADEL (heart and respiratory reanimation), 28 avenue Doyen Lépine, 69500 BRON

DENTAL

- SERVICE DE CONSULTATIONS ET DE TRAITEMENTS DENTAIRES, 6–8 place Depéret, 69007 LYON

MATERNITY AND PAEDIATRICS

- HOPITAL FEMME-MERE-ENFANT, 59 boulevard Pinel, 69500 BRON

NEUROLOGY

- HOPITAL NEUROLOGIQUE ET NEUROCHIRURGICAL PIERRE WERTHEIMER, 59 boulevard Pinel, 69500 BRON

The telephone number to call for **all these hospitals** (except Centre Hospitalier St Joseph et St Luc and Hôpital Desgenettes) is **0 820 0820 69**, and then ask for whichever hospital you need to be connected to.

You can also find more information on each of these hospitals at the following website: http://www.chu-lyon.fr/internet/chu/etablisements/chu_etablis.htm.

PSYCHIATRY

- CENTRE HOSPITALIER LE VINATIER, 95 boulevard Pinel, 69500 BRON, Tel: 04.37.91.55.55 (Emergency: 04.37.91.54.90)
- CENTRE HOSPITALIER SAINT JEAN DE DIEU, 290 route de Vienne, 69008 LYON, Tel: 04.37.90.10.10

CLINICS

- CLINIQUE ST CHARLES, 25 rue Flesselles, 69001 LYON, Tel: 04.72.10.26.26
- CLINIQUE MUTUALISTE EUGENE ANDRE, 107 rue Trarieux, 69003 LYON, Tel: 04.72.68.40.00
- CLINIQUE DU PARC, 155 boulevard Stalingrad, 69006 LYON, Tel: 0826 390 006
- CLINIQUE JEAN MERMOZ, 55 avenue Jean Mermoz, 69008 LYON, Tel: 04.37.53.80.00
- CLINIQUE PROTESTANTE, 3 chemin Penthod, 69300 CALUIRE, Tel: 04.72.00.72.00
- CLINIQUE DU TONKIN, 26 rue du Tonkin, 69100 VILLEURBANNE, Tel: 0826 101 201
- HOPITAL PRIVE NATECIA, 22 avenue Rockefeller, 69008 LYON, Tel: 0826 96 99 99

PHARMACIES (open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

- GRANDE PHARMACIE LYONNAISE, 22 rue de la République, 69002 LYON, Tel: 04.72.56.44.00
- PHARMACIE DE L'HORLOGE, 14 place Vauboin, 69160 TASSIN-LA-DEMI-LUNE, Tel: 04.78.34.26.38
- PHARMACIE DES GRATTE-CIEL, 28 avenue Henri Barbusse, 69100 VILLEURBANNE, Tel: 04.78.84.71.63

IARC STAFF PHYSICIAN

Medical services are provided by:

Dr Pierre Olivier Dondoglio (room R10/R11, ground floor of the tower, ext. 8426).

Secretary: Ms Isabelle Poncet, Medical Services (room 506, 5th floor of the tower, ext. 8027).

Appointments:

Requests for appointments should be sent only to the following address: MedicalServices@iarc.fr. Any request received at another address might not be processed in a timely manner.

Dr Pierre Olivier Dondoglio visits IARC three times a week, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

His activities include the following:

- Medical consultations

The Staff Physician carries out periodic medical examinations of the staff, and provides confidential medical advice and information on a wide range of health matters.

- Periodic medical examinations

You will be informed when your periodic medical examination is due. You will receive the relevant documents and an appointment will be scheduled with the Staff Physician.

- Medical advice on travel

Medical briefing prior to travel: advice on field conditions and health hazards, vaccinations, chemoprophylaxis and disease prevention, medical kits.

- Medical debriefing upon return, feedback, health problems.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT LIVING IN LYON*

Embassies and consulates in Lyon

- Embassies and consulates of the world: <http://www.embassyworld.com/>
- GoAbroad.com: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/>

Help for new arrivals

- Lyon International: <http://www.lyon-international.org/?lang=en>
- Accueil des Villes Françaises – Lyon-Rhône: <http://avf.asso.fr/fr/lyon>
- Alliance Française: <http://en.aflyon.org/>
- Lyon Campus: http://www.lyoncampus.info/International-students_r94.html
- American Club of Lyon: <http://americanclublyon.org/>
- Women’s Professional Networking Group in Lyon: <http://wpng.org/>
- Lyon à la Carte – Expats: <http://lyonalacarte.com/>
- Lyon Tourist Office: <http://www.en.lyon-france.com/>
- Only Lyon: <http://www.onlylyon.org/onlylyon-org-42-2.html>
- Websites in English about Lyon: <http://www.lyon.fr/page/websites-in-english-about-lyon-france.html>

Prepaid SIM cards

- For travellers in France/Europe: <http://www.lefrenchmobile.com/en.html>
- Lebara mobile: <http://www.lebara.fr/>
- SFR: www.sfr.fr
- B&You: www.b-and-you.fr/
- Orange: www.orange.fr
- laposte: www.lapostemobile.fr/

Travel within Lyon

- Rhône Express – tram service between Lyon-Saint Exupéry airport and Lyon Part-Dieu railway station: <http://www.rhonexpress.fr/> and then click on the British flag
- Lyon public transport – bus, metro, tram: <http://www.tcl.fr/en>
- Velo’v – bike rental: <http://www.velov.grandlyon.com/?L=1>

Travel outside Lyon

- Lyon international airport (Lyon-Saint Exupéry): <http://www.lyonaeroports.com/eng>
- Voyages SNCF – Train, Lyon: <http://uk.voyages-sncf.com/en/destination/france/south/lyon>
- BlueLy, electric car-sharing service <https://www.bluely.eu/en/>

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French cultural centres

- Culture.lyon.fr: http://www.culture.lyon.fr/culture/sections/fr/zoom/english_version/the_culture_in_lyon

Foreign cultural centres

- British Council Lyon: <http://www.britishcouncil.fr/en/english/schools-lyon>
- America House: <http://www.americahouse Lyon.org/en/>
- Instituto Cervantes: <http://lyon.cervantes.es/es/default.shtm>
- Goethe-Institut: <http://www.goethe.de/ins/fr/lyo/deindex.htm>
- Italian Cultural Centre: http://www.iiclione.esteri.it/IIC_Lione and then click on “italiano”
- Other cultural centres: http://www.lyoncampus.info/Centres-culturels-etran-gers-consulats_a1470.html

Going out in Lyon

- <http://www.petitpaume.com/> (French only)
- <http://www.lyonpoche.com/> (French only)
- <http://www.lyon.sortir.eu/> (French only)
- <http://www.petit-bulletin.fr/lyon/index.html> (French only)
- OnVaSortir: <http://lyon.onvasortir.com/index.php?Langue=EN>

Shopping

- Part-Dieu shopping centre: <http://www.centrecommercial-partdieu.com/W/do/centre/accueil>
- Confluence shopping centre: <http://www.confluence.fr/W/do/centre/accueil>

French news in English

- The Local: <http://www.thelocal.fr/>
- France 24: <http://www.france24.com/en/france>
- The Connexion: <http://www.connexionfrance.com/index.php>
- Onlinenewspapers.com: <http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/france.htm>

Religious practice

- The Catholic Faith in Lyon: <http://lyon.catholique.fr/>
- Protestant Church of Lyon: <http://www.grandtemple.fr/>
- Lyon Synagogue: <https://plus.google.com/103155637219202208653/about?gl=fr&hl=fr>
- Lyon Mosque: <http://www.mosquee-lyon.org/>