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# What a finished dossier looks like.

David and Margaret Whitcombe do not exist. Their dossier shows what the builder produces for a retired couple from Cheltenham spending five and a half months at their house in the Dordogne.

## BORDEREAU DES PIÈCES

*Document list, in filing order — VLS-T visiteur*

APPLICATION

1. France-Visas application form, printed, dated and signed, with its receipt (récépissé).
2. Appointment confirmation from TLScontact (London, Manchester or Edinburgh).
3. Visa fee of €99 per applicant, plus the visa centre's own service fee (it varies by country and is shown when you book).

IDENTITY

4. Passport issued less than 10 years ago, valid at least three months beyond the end of the visa, with two blank pages. Original and a photocopy of the identity pages.
5. Two recent identity photographs in the official format (35 x 45 mm, plain light background). Photos are often taken again at the centre, for a fee.

YOUR LETTERS

6. **Cover letter in French, one per applicant. Prepared by Bonsejour.**
7. **Sworn statement (attestation sur l'honneur) undertaking not to work in France, one per applicant. Prepared by Bonsejour.**

YOUR SITUATION

8. David: pension award letters or the latest annual pension statements.
9. Margaret: pension award letters or the latest annual pension statements.

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10. **Summary table of resources. Prepared by Bonsejour.**

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11. Bank statements for the last three months for every account in the table (and the marriage or civil partnership certificate if the income or the account is in one name only).
12. Latest statement of the savings account shown in the table.

### ACCOMMODATION

13. Proof that you own the property: the notaire's attestation de propriété or title deed, or the latest taxe foncière notice, plus a recent utility bill at that address.

### MEDICAL COVER

14. Copy of your valid GHIC or EHIC card (both sides).

### BEFORE YOU GO

15. One photocopy of every document, in the same order as the originals. The centre keeps the copies, bank statements included.
16. A second proof of identity with a photocopy, such as a driving licence. Some applicants report being asked for one after the appointment.
17. Compare this list with the personalised list France-Visas gives you at the end of the online form. If the official list asks for something more, the official list wins.

**David WHITCOMBE**
14 Orchard Lane, GL52 6XY Cheltenham, Royaume-Uni

Service des visas
Consulat général de France à Londres

Cheltenham, le 18 janvier 2027

**Objet :** demande de visa de long séjour temporaire « visiteur » (VLS-T) — séjour du 12 avril 2027 au 28 septembre 2027

Madame, Monsieur,

J'ai l'honneur de solliciter la délivrance d'un visa de long séjour temporaire (VLS-T) mention « visiteur » afin de séjourner en France du 12 avril 2027 au 28 septembre 2027, soit 170 jours, pour profiter de notre résidence secondaire et de sa région.

Mon épouse, Margaret WHITCOMBE, dépose une demande de même nature et m'accompagnera pendant toute la durée de ce séjour.

Mon épouse et moi sommes propriétaires depuis 2011 d'un bien situé 3 chemin des Tilleuls, 24310 Brantôme-en-Périgord, où nous résiderons pendant toute la durée du séjour. Le justificatif de propriété est joint au dossier.

Je suis retraité. Les justificatifs de mes pensions sont joints au dossier.

Ce séjour a un caractère strictement privé. Je n'exercerai aucune activité professionnelle en France, comme je m'y engage dans l'attestation sur l'honneur jointe.

Les ressources de notre foyer, détaillées dans le tableau joint, s'élèvent à environ 3 784 € par mois, auxquelles s'ajoute une épargne disponible d'environ 48 300 €. Elles nous permettent de subvenir à nos besoins pendant toute la durée du séjour.

Je suis titulaire d'une carte britannique d'assurance maladie (GHIC ou EHIC) en cours de validité, dont une copie est jointe.

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Je conserve ma résidence principale au Royaume-Uni, à l'adresse indiquée ci-dessus, et je quitterai la France au plus tard le 28 septembre 2027, avant l'expiration de mon visa.

Vous trouverez ci-joint l'ensemble des pièces justificatives, classées dans l'ordre du bordereau qui accompagne cette lettre. Je reste à votre disposition pour tout complément.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Madame, Monsieur, l'expression de ma considération distinguée.

David WHITCOMBE

Signature :

**David WHITCOMBE**
14 Orchard Lane, GL52 6XY Cheltenham, Royaume-Uni

Visa section
Consulate General of France,
London

Cheltenham, 18 January 2027

**Subject:** application for a temporary long-stay “visitor” visa (VLS-T) — stay from 12 April 2027 to 28 September 2027

Dear Sir or Madam,

I respectfully apply for a temporary long-stay visa (VLS-T), “visitor” category in order to stay in France from 12 April 2027 to 28 September 2027, that is 170 days, to enjoy our second home and the surrounding region.

My wife, Margaret WHITCOMBE, is filing the same application and will be with me for the whole stay.

My wife and I have owned a property at 3 chemin des Tilleuls, 24310 Brantôme-en-Périgord since 2011, where we will live for the whole stay. Proof of ownership is enclosed.

I am retired. Evidence of my pensions is enclosed.

This stay is strictly private. I will not carry out any professional activity in France, as I undertake in the enclosed sworn statement.

Our household resources, set out in the enclosed table, come to about €3,784 a month, plus available savings of about €48,300. They cover our needs for the whole stay.

I hold a valid UK health insurance card (GHIC or EHIC); a copy is enclosed.

My main home remains in United Kingdom, at the address above, and I will leave France by 28 September 2027 at the latest, before my visa expires.

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All supporting documents are enclosed, filed in the order of the list that accompanies this letter. I remain at your disposal for any further information.

Yours faithfully,

David WHITCOMBE

# ATTESTATION SUR L'HONNEUR

*Engagement de n'exercer aucune activité professionnelle en France*

Je soussigné, Monsieur David WHITCOMBE, né le 14 mars 1958 à Bristol, Royaume-Uni, de nationalité britannique, titulaire du passeport n° [n° de passeport] , demeurant 14 Orchard Lane, GL52 6XY Cheltenham, Royaume-Uni,

**atteste sur l'honneur :**

- que je n'exercerai aucune activité professionnelle, salariée ou non salariée, sur le territoire français pendant toute la durée de mon séjour, prévu du 12 avril 2027 au 28 septembre 2027 ;
- que je dispose de ressources suffisantes et d'une couverture médicale pour toute la durée de ce séjour ;
- que je quitterai le territoire français au plus tard à l'expiration de mon visa et que je ne solliciterai pas la prolongation de mon séjour.

J'ai connaissance des sanctions pénales encourues par l'auteur d'une fausse attestation (article 441-7 du code pénal).

Fait pour servir et valoir ce que de droit.

Fait à Cheltenham, le 18 janvier 2027

David WHITCOMBE

Signature :

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# SWORN STATEMENT

*Courtesy translation of the French original. Sign the French version.*

I, the undersigned, Mr David WHITCOMBE, born on 14 March 1958 in Bristol, Royaume-Uni, of British nationality, holder of passport no. [n° de passeport] , residing at 14 Orchard Lane, GL52 6XY Cheltenham, Royaume-Uni,

**declare on my honour:**

- that I will not carry out any professional activity, whether employed or self-employed, on French territory at any time during my stay, planned from 12 April 2027 to 28 September 2027;
- that I have sufficient resources and medical cover for the whole of this stay;
- that I will leave French territory no later than the expiry of my visa and will not seek to extend my stay.

I am aware of the criminal penalties incurred by anyone who makes a false statement (article 441-7 of the French Criminal Code).

Signed at Cheltenham, on 18 January 2027

David WHITCOMBE

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# TABLEAU RÉCAPITULATIF DES RESSOURCES

*Summary of resources — foyer de deux personnes / household of two*

| **Nature des revenus**<br>***Source of income*** | **Montant d'origine**<br>***Original amount*** | **Équivalent mensuel**<br>***Monthly equivalent*** |
|---|---|---|
| Pension de retraite de l'État<br>*State pension — David* | 980 GBP / mois | 1 127 € |
| Pension de retraite de l'État<br>*State pension — Margaret* | 910 GBP / mois | 1 047 € |
| Pension de retraite privée ou professionnelle<br>*Private or workplace pension — Teachers' Pension* | 16 800 GBP / an | 1 610 € |
| **Total des revenus réguliers par mois**<br>***Total regular income per month*** | | **3 784 €** |
| Épargne disponible (42 000 GBP)<br>*Available savings* | | 48 300 € |
| **Ressources disponibles pour les 170 jours du séjour**<br>***Resources available for the 170-day stay*** | | **69 430 €** |

Taux de conversion retenus : 1 GBP = 1,15 €. Justificatifs joints : relevés bancaires des trois derniers mois et attestations des organismes payeurs.

*Conversion rates used are shown above. Evidence enclosed: bank statements for the last three months and statements from the paying bodies.*

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# FRANCE-VISAS FORM: YOUR ANSWERS

*Wording on the official site can change. Match the meaning, not the exact label.*

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|---|---|
| **Where you apply** | Your country of residence: United Kingdom. Then the city of the visa centre where you will hand in the file. |
| **Applying together** | When the form asks whether you are applying as a group, say yes and add both of you to the same file. Applicants who filled in two separate files report having to start again. Appointment slots cover the group, so book one slot, not two. |
| **Type of visa** | Long stay (more than 90 days). |
| **Destination** | France, mainland (unless your home is in an overseas territory). |
| **Purpose of stay** | The visitor category: “Visitor” / “Visiteur”. It is the option for a private stay without any professional activity. |
| **Dates** | Arrival 12 April 2027, departure 28 September 2027 (170 days). Use exactly the dates in your letters. |
| **Address in France** | 3 chemin des Tilleuls, 24310 Brantôme-en-Périgord |
| **Occupation** | David: retired; Margaret: retired |
| **Who pays for the stay** | Yourself, from the resources listed in your table. |
| **At the end** | Print the completed form and the receipt yourself, sign both, and keep the personalised list of documents France-Visas shows you: compare it with our list. Visa centres charge for printing a form on the day. |

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## YOUR CALENDAR

*Dates worked out from your arrival and departure.*

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|---|---|
| **12 January 2027** | **Earliest day to submit**<br>Applications are accepted from three months before the start of the stay. Fill in the France-Visas form, then book your appointment. |
| **26 February 2027** | **Our target for the appointment**<br>A suggestion, not a rule: processing is reported at 15 working days or more after the appointment, and spring slots fill early. |
| **12 April 2027** | **Arrival in France**<br>Carry the passport with the visa and a copy of this dossier. |
| **28 September 2027** | **Last day in France on this visa**<br>A temporary long-stay visa cannot be extended or renewed in France. |

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