

## Important notice on Health insurance for Long-stay Visitor Visa

Following new instructions received on the issuance of Long Stay Visitor Visas, the requirements regarding the private health insurance has evolved :

### ☐ Temporary Long Stay Visitor visa “VLS-T” Duration of stay 90-180 days/year

<b>Concerned public:</b>	If you will be spending between 90 and 180 days a year in France (cannot be renewed in France).
<b>Requirements on insurance:</b>	Following new instructions on the issuance of temporary Long Stay Visitor Visas VLS-T, <b>UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) or valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) are now accepted.</b> Please provide a copy of your GHIC or valid EHIC.  If you don't hold a UK-GHIC or valid EHIC, <b>you will need to provide a private health insurance</b> , which must cover full requested long stay visa, up to 6 months (VLS-T).

### ☐ Long Stay Visitor visa “VLS-TS” Duration of stay over 180 days/year

<b>Concerned public:</b>	If you will be spending over 180 days a year in France- up to 1 year (can be renewed in France) – resident in France
<b>Requirements on insurance:</b>	Please provide <b>a private health insurance</b> which must cover the full requested long stay visa, up to 1 year.
<b>In case of retirement in France (applies for Retirees receiving a British retirement pension) :</b>	Following new instructions on the issuance of Long Stay Visitor Visas, <b>valid S1 Form is now accepted</b> as evidence of medical coverage. Please provide a copy of your S1 Form.  If you don't hold a S1 Form, you will need to <b>provide a private Health insurance</b> , which must cover full requested long stay visa, up to 1 year.

#### Difference between Travel insurance and private health insurance

Travel Insurance covers treatment in the event of an emergency, whilst a **private health insurance policy also provides cover for routine treatment and ongoing treatment for pre-existing conditions.**

Please note that travel insurances are not accepted, as Schengen travel insurances only apply to short stays up to 90 days.