

FRENCH  CONNECTIONS H-C-B

Your life in France,
made easy

"THE FRENCH AIR
CLEANS UP THE
BRAIN AND DOES
GOOD – A WORLD
OF GOOD."

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Welcome to French Connections HCB

We are a team of French and English bilingual relocation specialists who have lived and worked in many other countries, but who are proud to call France home. It's our love of living here that makes us want to help other people who are looking for a better lifestyle and happier work-life balance.

Whether you want to give your young family the best start or simply enjoy your retirement in a country where quality of life is high on the agenda, we are here to help.



Richard explained all the options for setting up my new business in France and narrowed it down to the one that would be the easiest and most cost-effective for me to manage. I would thoroughly recommend this service.

Christine G

How our story began

French Connections HCB was born out of a friendship between two young rugby players playing alongside each other on the rugby fields of South-West France.

12 years later, after travelling the world in successful business careers, they established **French Connections HCB** with the purpose of using their combined local and global experience to assist English-speakers in moving to France.

The company has grown a lot since then, of course, but the rugby network continues to be a significant part of our story. Lifelong friendships were formed on those muddy fields and, as each of the players furthered their career in different directions, they have remained steadfastly loyal to each other. That's why our founder, Richard, can pick up the phone and talk directly to the local bank manager or insurer on behalf of French Connections clients, cutting through a lot of red tape. We also work closely with the one of the biggest accountancy firms in France (whose manager also played rugby) so our clients have access to the very best tax and business advice.

Today **French Connections HCB** is a strong network of relocation experts who we are pleased to call friends and we have helped hundreds of people start their new life in France.

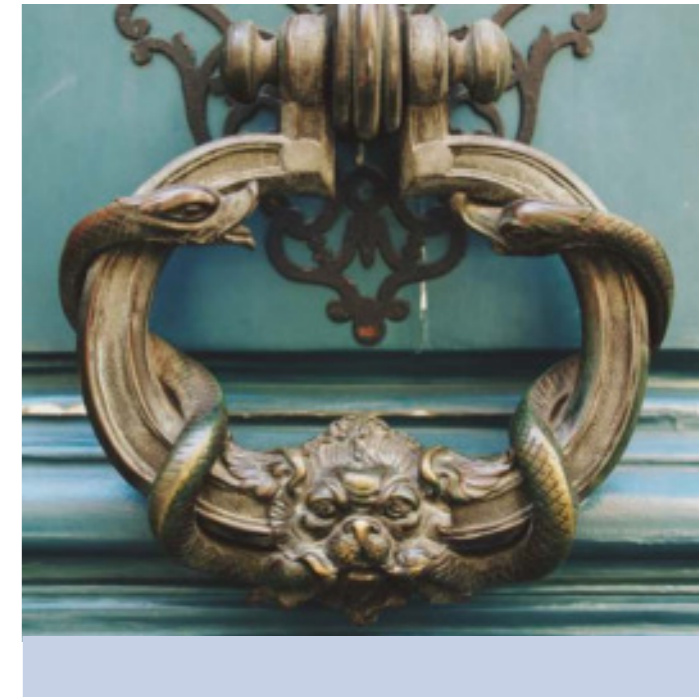
In this brochure, we're proud to present the wide range of services we offer. They all begin with a free phone or video chat about your situation and how we might help, so don't hesitate to get in touch.

A top-notch service in every way. Diana and Charlotte had a professional yet personal approach that was very assuring when planning my and my wife's move.

Peter P

Moving to France

It can seem a daunting task to set up your life in another country, so we've put together a handy checklist of things to consider. Some you need to start organising before you arrive, while others can wait until you get here. The good news is that they are all services we offer, so if you're feeling a little overwhelmed or simply short of time, our experienced team can help.



If you aren't sure what type of visa you need, when to apply for French residency or how to navigate the French Government's online application forms, our one hour Moving To France consultation is perfect for you. Our relocation specialists will guide you through the administrative procedures, provide timelines, brief you on the obligatory interview at the French Consulate and answer all your other questions. It's a great way to prepare for your new life in France.

The consultation includes:

- Tailor-made timeline to prepare your move
- Explanation of the visa application process
- List of the documents you will need to provide
- The difference between a pre-residency visa and a residency visa (Carte de Séjour)
- How to work legally in France
- Essential things to organise before you arrive in France
- Healthcare insurance before you're entitled to French Social Security (Carte Vitale)
- New rules for bringing pets into France
- Including other family members and what will be required
- Your rights once you arrive in France
- When you can apply for residency in France and how the process works

Visa Application

Any move to France begins with applying for a visa, which sounds easy enough but there are many different visas to choose from and it's important to get it right. Advance planning is another important consideration. To allow the French authorities time to process your visa application and request extra documents if necessary, we recommend that you apply three months before you intend to arrive in France - (that is the maximum amount of time that you are allowed to apply in advance). It is also worth noting that visa processing can take longer during traditional French holiday periods, notably summer, Christmas and New Year.

What does our Visa Application service include?

We advise you on the visa type best suited to your situation, guide you through the list of required documents and provide you with an indicative timeline. We then make sure your application is correctly filled in, submit it on your behalf and update you regularly on its status.

We also notify you of the time and date of your obligatory appointment at the Consulate and talk you through that process.

For most long stay (1 year) visas, you will be asked to provide proof of health insurance that covers you for the entire period, starting from the day you arrive in France. Your insurance needs to meet certain requirements and must cover day to day treatment, emergency treatment and pre-existing conditions. For 1 year applications, an S1 form from the UK or any EU country of provenance can be used instead. For 6 month visa applications, a valid GHIC or EHIC card is acceptable. If you have neither of those, we can put you in touch with our insurance partner, Fab French Insurance, for a fast and competitive online quote.

In short, our relocation specialists at French Connections HCB will take care of everything for you. And if for any reason your application is not successful, we'll give you a 100% refund.



French Connections H-C-B made the change of registration from UK to France really easy, took away the hassle and stress of trying to figure out what has to be done. Thanks especially to Laurie for getting it done so quickly and keeping me informed. We're now using the company for our other French admin needs as well.

Jeremy L

Residency

If you hold a long term visa and have been in France for more than 6 months, you can apply for residency. The overall process can take several months, potentially longer, but it is almost always successful if you meet the necessary criteria and produce the correct documents.

Our Residency Application service takes care of your application from start to finish and provides you with regular updates along the way.

The process goes like this. Firstly, our relocation specialist will discuss your current status with you to make sure that you meet all the requirements before you start your application. We will then ask you to provide the documents required by the French administration. These can differ on a case by case basis, but typically include your passport, proof of French residency such as a recent utility bill that is less than three months old, a copy of your Private Health Insurance and/or Social Security Number and proof that you have sufficient funds to support yourself.



Please note that most documents need to be the original, so it is always a good idea to make a copy before handing them over. Your originals will be returned to you by the French administration at your interview, which is the last step in the process and much less scary than it sounds!

When we have your documents in hand we submit your application online and track its progress. Once your dossier has been accepted, you will be invited to an appointment at your local Prefecture, where you will be digitally fingerprinted and asked to provide 3 passport-style I.D photos, plus any additional information that they need. You will receive your residency permit by post a couple of weeks later.

If we are unable to obtain a residency card for you, even for reasons outside our control, we offer a 100% money-back guarantee.



Business Consultancy

Setting up a business is no small job, let alone in another country. One of the most crucial steps is to ensure you select the correct business structure, especially in France where there are so many categories. Our Business Consultant, Richard, has vast experience in setting up businesses for himself and others in France. He will explain the differences between the options and work with you to determine the best solution for you. This is crucial because each option comes with specific benefits and disadvantages, usually related to the amount of tax and social charges you will need to pay. Richard's expert help when you are setting up can save you thousands of euros every year.

Richard can also put you in touch with an accountant or bank to facilitate your new business. If you choose to work with our English-speaking chartered accountant, we will also include all the forms you need to establish your business.

Please note, our fee does not include accountant-related set-up fees which vary as a function of the type of business you select.

French Connections HCB is registered and regulated to give business advice.

Our experience with French Connections has been nothing short of brilliant. From beginning with the wonderful Diana and Laurie who have walked us through, step by step with our residency, health care and small business setup.

Pippa Harrison



Financial Advice

Our in-house qualified financial advisor, Simon, can give you a personal consultation and offer tailored advice to suit your needs, helping with anything from cross-border taxation and inheritance planning to tax-effective investments. Our Financial Advice packages are broken down into three consultation options, depending on what sort of advice or assistance you need.

Simple Package

This offers help with resolving a single issue such as French/UK cross-border taxation, cross-border French inheritance planning, tax efficient investments in France, QROPS, SIPPS, UK pension transfers, life insurance/assurance vie that can be discussed in a consultation lasting up to one hour.

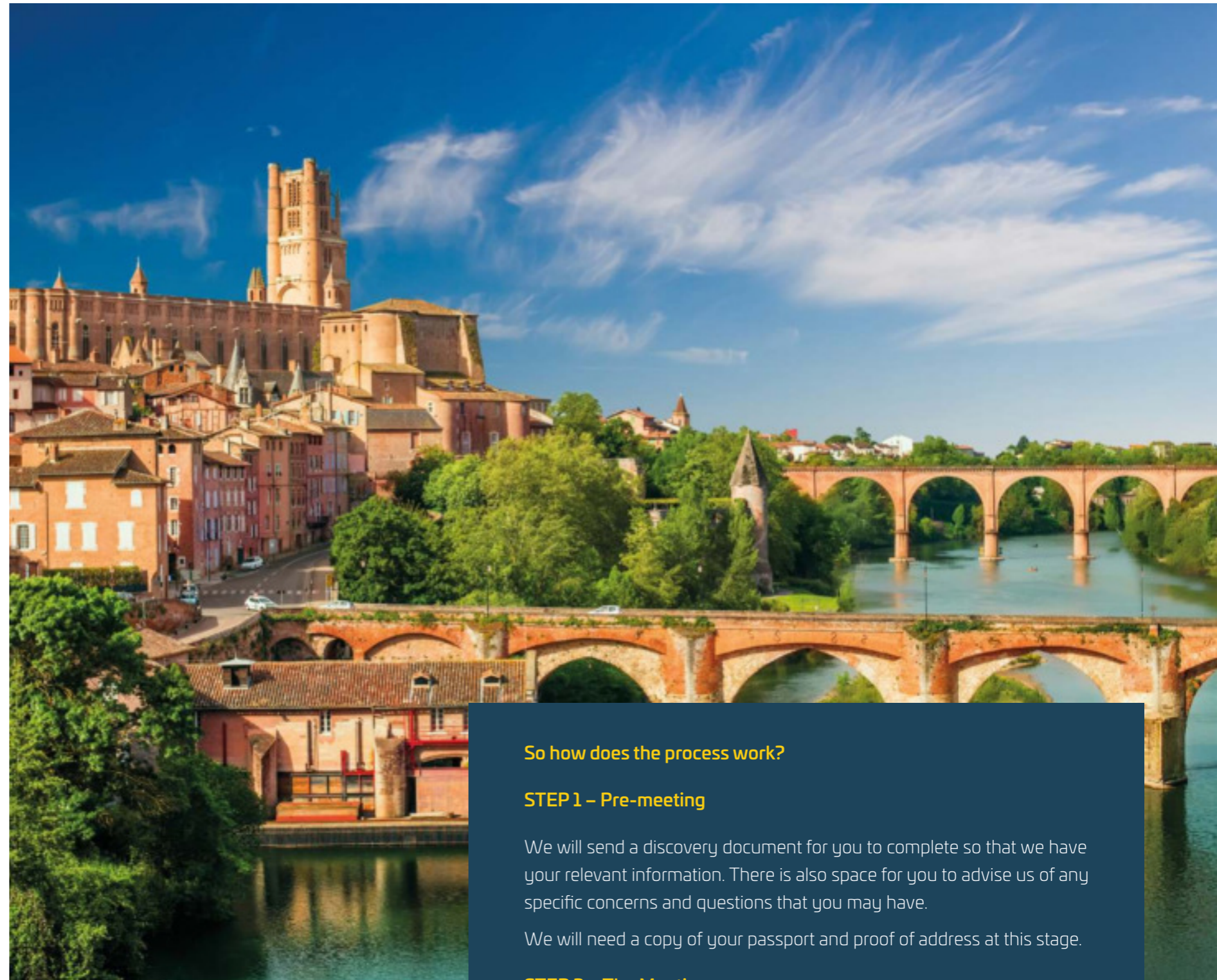
Following the consultation, you will receive an email summarising the outcome and advice. If after the initial Simple consultation you require broader advice or additional time, this package can progress at your request to a fully detailed discussion with applicable charges.

Detailed Package

This is a detailed dive into your personal situation from a financial perspective, taking into consideration French/UK cross-border taxation, cross-border/French inheritance planning, tax efficient investments in France, life insurance/assurance vie, QROPS, SIPPS and UK pension transfers. Subsequent support and research are also included in this package and a full report will be issued with detailed conclusions. This package covers up to four hours of work in total. If we subsequently place investments as part of the solution, then our charges will be offset against any future payment received from financial institutions.

Tax Return

This package includes completing and lodging your tax return and applying for your tax number and relevant codes as required. We can also help with expert financial advice to minimise the amount of tax you pay.



So how does the process work?

STEP 1 – Pre-meeting

We will send a discovery document for you to complete so that we have your relevant information. There is also space for you to advise us of any specific concerns and questions that you may have.

We will need a copy of your passport and proof of address at this stage.

STEP 2 – The Meeting

We will arrange a meeting either via phone or, preferably, video conferencing.

We will discuss your circumstances, needs and potential solutions.

STEP 3 – Post-meeting

We will follow-up on any outstanding questions or advice from the meeting.

We will help you find solutions to your requirements such as completion of wills, investment opportunities, taxation etc.

Healthcare

Social security and the Carte Vitale are top of the worry list for many people when they move to France, and there is a lot of confusion around eligibility and how the system works. Our Healthcare Service is the stress-free way to make sure we navigate through all of the required steps on your behalf.

We always advise starting the process as soon as possible. You'll need to have private health cover in place because, on average, it takes a minimum of six months before you'll receive a temporary social security number to be able to be reimbursed. But don't worry, our team are here to help every step of the way and will make sure that each step is completed in the correct order to speed the process along.



Let's start with a few facts:

1. If you have lived permanently in France for more than 3 consecutive months, you are entitled to apply for a social security number and a Carte Vitale.
2. If you have set up a micro-entreprise, you may have received a Health Insurance number. But even though it sounds promising, this number doesn't entitle you to reimbursement of medical expenses. The only way to do that is to apply for a permanent social security number and a Carte Vitale.
3. An S1 form does not count as social security cover in France. You still need to contact your CPAM (Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie) to obtain a social security number and Carte Vitale to be reimbursed for healthcare expenses.
4. Since the rules changed in 2016, you cannot be linked to your spouse's social security number or Carte Vitale. You need to apply for your own. If all that sounds a little daunting, don't worry.

Our Healthcare Application service includes collecting all the information required and sending all the relevant documents to the CPAM, securing your social security number and Carte Vitale and creating your online Ameli account.

And to make you feel even better, if for any reason your application is not successful, we offer a 100% refund.

Vehicle Registration

There are some very solid financial reasons for bringing your own car with you when you move to France. For a start, foreign cars are considerably more expensive to buy over here than in the UK, US or Dubai. The foreign spec is often higher too, with more sporty options. There's a lot to be said for familiarity. If you're happy with your car and you wouldn't be able to buy it again for the same price once you've moved, it makes sense to consider bringing it with you. However, European administration doesn't make it easy and that's where we come in.

With hundreds of foreign vehicles already successfully registered in France, our dedicated Admin team can handle the entire registration process for you, from classic cars and motorbikes to the very latest models.



When it comes to payment, we can divide the cost over three months interest free and if we are unable to register your vehicle, even for reasons beyond our control, we offer a 100% money back guarantee.

From start to finish, the process usually takes between one and three months and the cost depends on the vehicle's year of registration, horsepower, emissions and local car tax.

When you give us those details, we will provide you with a detailed no-obligation quotation within 24 hours and you can decide if you would like to go ahead.

Once we have received your deposit, we will ask you for all the documents we need. We then contact the French authorities to obtain the obligatory Quitus Fiscal or Certificat de Dédouanement on your behalf.

We'll forward confirmation to you that your registration application has been lodged. You will need to send this to your French insurance company so that you are road legal while you wait for your new French number plate. You'll receive your new registration certificate (Carte Grise) by post. You can now exchange your existing number plate for a French one at any garage, and we will advise you on de-registering your vehicle from its country of origin to complete the process.





We used them to get our Camper registered. With covid we only had a photocopy of the V5 - DVLA would not issue to a French address, we thought we were scuppered. FC HCB took over all the work and today we have our Carte Gris - FC HCB took away all the stress, the approval did take several weeks but just in time for Summer holidays.

Geoff Locke

Classic Car Registration

Registering a classic car or motorbike is a different, much more detailed process than registering a modern vehicle. Luckily, Richard and Laurie are specialists in this so you are in very good hands.

This is the timeline you can expect.

First, we will ask you to provide the documents required for the registration, which include your passport, the European Registration Document (UK V5) and a French utility bill which is less than 3 months old to prove residence.

Classic cars can create an additional layer of complication when the manufacturer that needs to issue the conformity certificate no longer exists. In those cases, as long as your car is more than 30 years old, we work directly with the FFVE (Fédération Française des Véhicules d'Époque) which can issue a French 'attestation' in lieu of the usual certificate.

To do that, we will ask you for 3 recent photos: 3/4 front left, 3/4 rear right and interior of the passenger compartment (seats and/or rear fittings). We will also need a photo of the cold stamped serial number or, if that is not possible, the manufacturer's plate that is riveted to the vehicle. This step can take between 3 and 7 weeks.

Next, we will obtain a Quitus Fiscal from the French authorities. This usually takes between two days to two weeks. Finally, with all paperwork in hand, we will be able to apply to register your classic vehicle in France. This is part of the process will take at least six weeks.

Once your car is successfully registered in France, we will happily put you in touch with our trusted partner, Fab French Insurance, to get a competitive quote.





Property Consultancy

We have access to an unlimited number of vendors, locations and prices. Not only can we help you search for properties that match your criteria, but we can also assist you with the important first step of your purchase in navigating contracts, condition reports and financing arrangements, all of which have to be done in French.

If you're not sure where in France you want to live, we offer a 'Pack Découverte' where we organise a tailored Discovery Brochure of an area or place of interest that you would like to visit so you can find the perfect location to call home. And when you've found a property or two that you like, we can organise viewings on dates to suit you and accompany you via telephone or video to help with translation.

It's one thing combing through French property websites from a distance, and quite another being here on the ground and first to hear about new properties arriving on the market.

That's what makes French Connections HCB the perfect partner when you are looking for your dream home.

We can also advise on negotiations to help you secure your future home in France for a significantly lower price and put you in touch with known and trusted Notaires who have represented our founder Richard's family for the past 35 years.

Upon completion of your purchase and as a welcome gift from us, we offer a free 2-hour consultation with our fully qualified financial advisor, Simon, plus a free 3D re-design of one room in your new home by our in-house graphic artist, Juliette.

Your house-hunting adventure starts with a free fact-finding video call with Melanie. During that meeting you tell us about your project and find out how we work and how our fees are structured.

After paying a holding deposit you are invited to a video call with the team to brief them on the aspects of your new home that are most important to you, and which areas of France you are keen to explore. Based on that discussion we will immediately begin the search and you will receive regular updates. When you are ready and at a time convenient to you, we will book in the viewings.

Once you have chosen the house of your dreams, Richard will help you to negotiate a favourable sale price with a view to saving you a considerable amount of money. He will then handle all the legal and administrative requirements and introduce you to the other services we offer to clients who are homeowners in France.



Monthly Subscription Service

This exciting new offer was created specifically for our Moving To France clients, because so many people have asked us for a hand with ongoing everyday frustrations as well as the big important issues. It is designed to be a flexible, on-demand service covering a vast scope of time-consuming tasks, freeing you up to focus on settling into your new life.

For a small monthly fee, you can call or email us to ask for help as often as you wish for a period of six months. Charlotte, a key member of our Admin Team, will act as your personal secretary and sort out the problem quickly and efficiently.



Below you'll find some of the tasks that other Subscription clients have requested, but if you need help with something that you don't see on this list, we'll happily deal with that too.

Making appointments on your behalf with a doctor, dentist, tax office, hairdresser, optician, hearing centre, mani-pedi, beautician, vet, dog groomer, car garage for a Contrôle Technique, calls to an 0800 number which can only be made from a French phone.

Specific health related tasks include filling in reimbursement forms, booking medical appointments of any sort, booking vaccination or Covid test appointments, helping with Ameli accounts.

Composing official letters in French such as a Lettre Recommandée avec Avis de Reception, letter of complaint, dispute of a road traffic offence, querying an incorrect bill, letters to your bank, insurance claims, warranty set up and claims, communication with schools.

Timely reminders for validating your Visa, registering for a Carte Vitale, exchanging your Driver's Licence and filing your tax return.





After recently embarking on property restorations and importing a classic car I'm so glad I met Richard and his team. Richard is very knowledgeable, bi-lingual and 'understands' the French and UK systems and coupled with his energy, enthusiasm and efficiency he'll get you sorted.

Jonathan Page

COMPENDIUM

Here's a list of all the services we offer. If you don't find what you're looking for, simply ask and we'll be happy to help.

Administrative Assistance	
French Healthcare Application	We process your details and activate your account to receive your Carte Vitale. We then help you find and register with a local doctor.
Private Healthcare Application	Whether you need long-term private healthcare or short-term cover as part of your residency application, we can provide competitive quotations.
Bank Account Creation	Option 1: We can complete this process online if you have proof of property purchase. Option 2: We organise physical appointments with a local branch to prepare everything with the bank and make sure that you have all the paperwork for the appointment. We also offer telephone assistance if required.
Registering for a 'Numero Fiscal' (Tax Number)	We will complete your registration with the French tax administration in order for you to receive your tax identification number.
Driving Licence Exchange	We will complete the application for your French licence on your behalf and provide updates throughout the process.
Vehicle Registration	We take care of the application process for you. In addition we can also offer competitive rates on car, bike or van transport to or from France.
Vehicle Support Package	A full-service package including import tax administration, document checking or completion and vehicle registration support.
Vehicle Purchase Package	Looking for a new vehicle in France? On your behalf, we will help to source, negotiate and purchase any type of vehicle. In addition we can arrange inspection and delivery of your new vehicle to your desired address via our partner Pop Valet.
Moving to France	
20 minute Q&A with our relocation specialist	Time with one of our specialists to tackle your questions.
Moving to France 1-hour Consultation	Everything you need to know before your move to France.
Residency Application	Full guidance through the residency application process and help with completion of required paperwork.
French Nationality Application	Full guidance and support through the paperwork and process of applying for French Nationality.
Visitor Visa Application	Our dedicated team will liaise with the consulate and visa centre to manage the entire visa application for you. This includes checking the adequacy of your documents, submitting your application on your behalf and booking an appointment for you at your nearest visa centre.
MTF (Moving to France) Monthly	For an initial sign-up period of 6-months, we offer help and support when you need it most, finding and booking appointments with medical professionals, form-filling, composing letters to authorities, dealing with accountants and tax office appointments and reminding you about your carte vitale. The list is extensive but we will be with you every step of the way.
Purchasing Consultancy	
Property Consultancy	We help you search for properties that match your criteria, navigate contracts, condition reports and financing arrangements as well as assisting with negotiations to help secure your future home. We will introduce you to known and trusted Notaires and upon completion of the purchase will offer you a free financial advice consultation and produce a free 3D re-design of any one room in your new home.
Property Discovery Package	We will help you to identify and discover your ideal location which includes a one hour consultation with our property specialist and a personalised brochure of your chosen area to discover, before we assist with the booking of your property viewings. Additional service available: Accompanied viewings. One of the property team can accompany you on your property viewings. Supplementary quotation on request.
Property Viewing/Bookings	We will arrange viewings on a shortlist of properties in your preferred area at a time to suit you and accompany you on the viewings via phone. Depending on location, we can accompany you in person for an additional fee.
Notaire Package	Guidance and support to ensure all communication is accurate and all contracts are authenticated.
Property Rental Consultation	We advise on locations and guide you through the process of securing your rental, whether on a short or long-term basis.
Property Rental Contract support	Our fully bi-lingual team can negotiate a rental contract to your advantage and back up your financial credentials to give you the best chance of securing the perfect rental home, primarily used alongside the Property Rental Consultation.
Financing your Property	A support service including introductions to the Credit Agricole team, assistance with paperwork in order to build your financial file for the application of financing your property purchase, taking the legwork out of the process and ensuring you have help from start to finish.
Financial Advice	
Financial Overview Package	We help you to understand your financial situation before you move. A follow-up email report will provide you with the outcome.
Detailed Financial Advice Package	A comprehensive look at your overall financial situation, taking into account all cross-border considerations. Included in the allocated 4 hours is support, research and a full report to present the conclusions.
Tax Return	Providing assistance to complete your tax return and ensure your tax bills are kept to a minimum. Includes online supply of information with a follow up call to discuss your specific situation.
Business Consultancy	
Business Consultation	1-hour in-depth review of your business project and guidance on the creation of your business plan. We will recommend the best available options for your specific situation leaving you ready to complete the set-up with an accountant or bank.
Mico Entrepreneur Application	Support with all form filling and processing including the URSSAF declaration document and creation of the finance publique personal space.

Meet the team

Depending on what you need help with, you'll meet one or more of our friendly team on a phone call, a video chat or in person.

Here's a little bit about each of us, just so you can put a face to the name.



Richard has his own portfolio of businesses and properties in France and has assisted many families in settling here, both in terms of setting up businesses and buying or renting houses. Richard was born and grew up in the Gers and knows the processes inside out. His own personal experience is a great plus when it comes to helping you navigate administrative complexities or negotiate with estate agents. Richard has also built a strong team of trusted partners around him, including builders, renovation experts, pool companies, quantity surveyors, notaries, bank managers and insurance brokers. That means he can offer the very best and most competitive services to all French Connections HCB clients.



Melanie is a French national who has lived and worked in the UK, New Zealand, China and Switzerland. She has a Double Masters degree in oenology, which means she can talk to you knowledgeably about all the different areas of France, their climate, their landscape and particularly their wines! Melanie's passion for finding the right place for our clients to call home led to her creating personalised Discovery Tours matched to each client's likes and dislikes. Fully bilingual and familiar with every aspect of the way things run in France, Melanie is the perfect person to advise and guide you through your move.



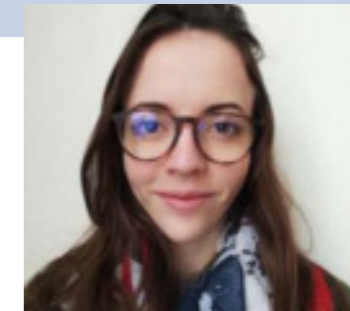
Diana has spent the past 15 years assisting families from over 80 nationalities to minimise the stress of relocating to a new country. During her career, she has lived in 6 different countries on 3 continents where she didn't always speak the local language, so she really understands what it's like to take the plunge abroad! Settled in France for the past 12 years and fluent in both English and French, Diana has a BA in English literature and a Double Masters in Business and Project Management. Diana is perfectly placed to guide you through every aspect of French administration including what type of visa or residency status you need.



Simon first qualified as a Financial Advisor in the UK in 1991 and has been giving cross-border financial advice to British clients in France for the last 18 years. He has extensive knowledge of tax efficient French investments and inheritance planning. In 2018, he also achieved the Chartered Insurance Institute Financial Advisers Certificate and passed the CII Mortgage Advice and Equity Release exams, thus holds the latest UK financial planning qualifications. Simon's understanding of the French financial system makes him an essential person to consult when considering your financial future in France.



Laurie is an expert at pushing French administration to complete documents and approvals faster, so our clients receive everything they need as efficiently as possible. Graduating in International Trade at the University of Aix en Provence, Laurie travelled extensively for work and pleasure, discovering new cultures and honing her language skills. Her 'can-do' attitude and well-organised diary makes her a fantastic bilingual team leader who goes the extra mile for every client. She is also a specialist in vehicle purchase and registration, including classic cars.



Charlotte is the lynchpin of our admin team, equally at home helping clients with their visa, carte vitale, driver's licence or setting up a micro-entreprise. Her diplomat family frequently changed country, so she has hands-on experience of the challenges of moving abroad. Charlotte studied International and European Law in France, then did a Masters in International Relations in London, so she is perfectly equipped to deal with French authorities and handles complex administrative processes with ease.



I selected the Moving to France service and have received all the support and help I needed. I strongly recommend the FC HCB team; they really know the way around all the paperwork.

Victor C



Ryan. Born in the Gers to British parents, Ryan is naturally bilingual and graduated in International Business at the University of Tarbes. He has been part of French Connections from the start. Ryan specialises in new business marketing, helping clients with website designs, social media strategy and digital marketing. Having worked both sides of the Channel, he understands from a first-hand perspective the cultural and administrative differences between the UK and France. If you are thinking of creating your own business here in France, his help is invaluable.



Juliette grew up in Bordeaux and was inspired by its architecture so she's a natural fit to lead our property research team. She will be your eyes and ears on the ground and will focus all her skills in finding your perfect home. She will line up appointments and can accompany you via video link if required. A talented painter and graphic artist, Juliette can also see beyond the existing structure of a building towards the possibilities it holds and will 're-work' free of charge any one room in the property you buy.



Annabelle is the newest member of our admin team. Born and living in the Gers region of France, she graduated with a degree in Business and went on to earn a professional trading licence in French food and wine in Bordeaux. After 7 years honing her administrative skills, she joined the French Connections HCB family because she felt at home with the dynamic way the team works together to solve problems for clients all over the world. Widely travelled in the UK and US, Annabelle has had plenty of opportunity to perfect her English, which is greatly appreciated by many of our clients.



The service we have received from French Connection HCB has been genuinely outstanding.

Jane W

Our Partners



7 Territoires

Acting on behalf of the State and appointed by the Minister of Justice,

Notaires provide local, legal public services for a variety of needs. The team at 7 Territoires have looked after our founder Richard's family for generations. Francoise and Rémy, the principal partners, speak excellent English and have already helped hundreds of French Connections HCB clients with property purchases. They also offer 'DocuSign', which saves time and money if you are not yet resident in the country. 7territoires.notaires.fr



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Offering French people living in the United Kingdom, and anyone or any company with economic interests in France, an

accessible and high-quality legal service in French law. Key services for FCHCB clients include the processing of visa applications to France for business, relocation, or tourism purposes. 186.legal/londres



Burke Bros. Moving Group

Since 1982, Burke Bros Moving

Group has been a leading name for removals to France, operating services to and from all regions and departments of France on a weekly basis. Whether you require a full household or part load, they offer a high-quality professional removal service. They employ the most experienced and professional removals team you will find and have detailed knowledge of customs and the increased rigours for both moving to and from France, so can help you through the maze. Their membership with the BAR (British Association of Removers) and FIDI organisations guarantees your money and move are thoroughly protected. burkebros.co.uk



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CFR Rinkens provides global door-to-door shipping solutions for any cargo.

While known primarily for their expertise in classic car and new vehicle transportation services, they also have vast experience in handling commercial freight, household goods, and complex projects, including oversize and break-bulk cargo. With offices and agents around the United States, Europe and Asia-Pacific, they are well-positioned for any logistic needs. cfrrinkens.com



Fab French Insurance

The ideal partner for French insurance needs, providing dedicated English-

speaking brokers who are also native French speakers, you can rest assured that any pitfalls will be avoided, and headaches remedied while navigating the French insurance systems. The team at FAB work within excess of 30 insurers to be able to find affordable, appropriate solutions for every situation. Providing support with car, home, medical and travel insurance to name but a few they really will have you covered whatever your situation. fabfrenchinsurance.com



FBA – French Business Advice

French Business Advice is an accounting firm providing services in accountancy

(bookkeeping, financial statements), taxation (all tax declarations, including the personal income tax declaration), labour law (pay slips, work contracts), legal (company launches) and is also a specialist in the agricultural sector. frenchbusinessadvice.com



Department for International Trade - France

DIT provides trade and investment

services and practical support, helping UK companies succeed in France, and French companies set up and invest in the UK. They offer expertise and contacts through an extensive network of specialists in the UK, and staff in the British Embassy in Paris, Consulate-General in Bordeaux and Trade Office in Lyon. gov.uk/world/organisations/department-for-international-trade-france



Franco British Chamber

Created in 1873, the Franco-British Chamber of Commerce & Industry – the

Franco-British Chamber – is the oldest international chamber of commerce in France and Europe. Established for more than 149 years in Paris, then in the French regions, they offer members a wide range of tailor-made services to help their cross-Channel development. Today, the Franco-British Chamber supports companies and brings together managers and independents – from entrepreneurs to Executives and CEOs of groups listed on the CAC 40 or Footsie – to meet business and relational expectations in the short, medium, and long term. francobritishchamber.com



French Payroll Expert

French Payroll Expert provides the full range of payroll services. From the registration of your company and

your employees to the deregistration. This includes basic payroll and contributions as well as dedicated reports, electronic pay slips and absence management. A key service for FCHCB clients is the generation of French payroll for a UK enterprise without the need to set up a completely new company in France. frenchpayrollexpert.fr



HCB Automotive

Providing help to source, negotiate, purchase, and deliver vehicles to anywhere in France.



HCB Home Renovations

Whenever work is needed on a property HCB Home Renovations can help, from

support through the planning application process to development and refurbishment projects including 3D visualisations of what your new buildings and rooms could look like.



HCB Services

Providing administration support for FCHCB with a UK base and assisting people wanting

to move to or back to the UK.



Pop Valet

An on-demand valet service, the team at Pop Valet can collect your vehicle from any location in France whether it is an existing vehicle that has just arrived or a new purchase that has just been delivered and deliver it to anywhere in France. You can track the journey from your phone, and it can be checked over and delivered clean and efficiently to your door. popvalet.com



SMC

ShipMyCar are specialists in international car shipping and UK car import. ShipMyCar have shipped thousands

of different vehicles around the world, from beautiful classics to stunning supercars and everything in between! Many of their clients are private individuals who need to bring their vehicle into the UK or export out of the UK, so they are the ideal partner for shipping cars from the UK to France shipmycar.co.uk



Wise

Wise was launched in 2011 with the vision of making international money transfers cheap,

fair, and simple. Today, their multi-currency account helps millions of people and businesses manage their money across the world. wise.com

Banking

French Connections HCB is proud to work with all of the major French banks, including private banking groups in both France and the UK, ensuring that we can provide numerous options concerning finance, investment and savings for our clients.



Introducing Italian Connections HCB, your life in Italy made easy!

Just as with French Connections HCB, Italian Connections HCB was developed to help the English-speaking community to settle in their chosen location, this time of course, it's Italy. Silvia, with the support of the talented team around her, is your first port of call for any support that you need in moving to and settling in Italy. Richard and Silvia knew from early on that the important services French Connections HCB was offering to clients, could also be relevant to individuals, couples and families who want to make Italy their home, but who also just need a little help with the administration of many aspects of moving to and living in a different country.



Italian Connections HCB services include but are not limited to...

Vehicle Registration

From classic cars and motorbikes to modern vehicles, the team can help you through the process of registering your vehicle in Italy. If you are looking for a new car, bike or van, we can also help to source and deliver your chosen mode of transport.

Drivers Licence Exchange

Our experienced Admin team are always up to date with the latest regulations and are best placed to get a successful result.

Healthcare

Italian healthcare (Servizio Sanitario Nazionale and/or Private health insurance) is a system that will probably differ greatly from the one that you will be used to, let the team help you through applications, official documents and ensure that you have everything that you need to streamline the process and save you time.

Residency

Settling abroad requires more work than is usually estimated. Let us handle it and help you through the process from start to settled.

Financial Advice

Our in-house qualified financial advisor Simon can give you a personal consultation and offer you tailored advice to suit your needs.

Translation Services

We act as a facilitator between you and the authorities and can speak to and write on your behalf, in Italian.

Meet the team

Depending on what you need help with, you'll meet one or more of our friendly team on a phone call, a video chat or in person.

Here's a little bit about each of us, just so you can put a face to the name.



Silvia has lived in the UK, France, Austria and Switzerland and speaks six languages. After a degree in Italy, she studied Languages, Law and Admin in France, and earned a Masters in EU Relations and Trans-Border projects in Switzerland. Her career includes customer care, negotiation and business development in EU and non-EU markets, making her the perfect person to head up our Italian office. She is fearless when it comes to dealing with problems and smoothing the way for people moving to Italy.



Melanie is a French national who has lived and worked in the UK, New Zealand, China and Switzerland. Her Double Master's degree in oenology ensures that it's not only wines of the French regions that she can talk with great knowledge about, but Italian varietals as well. In parallel to supporting clients with finding their perfect locations in France, Melanie and Silvia are the dream team when it comes to sourcing locations in Italy for clients looking to move and navigate the purchase process. As with France, Melanie's passion for finding the right place for our clients to call home is reflected in the Discovery Tours that can be arranged to match clients with their ideal locations.



Richard Although Richard's primary expertise is French-based, there's not much he can't turn his hand to when it comes to European business development, property purchases or rentals and sourcing and delivering vehicles cross-border or within Italy itself, having helped many clients to-date. Richard is continually developing key contacts and partners with Silvia in order to be able to provide the best service and support for anyone looking to relocate to Italy.



Simon first qualified as a Financial Advisor in the UK in 1991 and has been giving cross-border financial advice to British clients in France for the last 18 years. He has extensive knowledge of tax efficient French and Italian investments and inheritance planning. In 2018, he also achieved the Chartered Insurance Institute Financial Advisers Certificate and passed the CII Mortgage Advice and Equity Release exams, thus he holds the latest UK financial planning qualifications. Simon's understanding of the European financial systems makes him an essential person to consult when considering your financial future in Italy.



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