

UNIQUE FORM FAQ

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1/ What are the conditions to benefit from the temporary admission (TA) regime?

- a.- The owner or user of the vessel :
 - must not be resident in French Polynesia or not become resident during his or her stay in French Polynesia,
 - must not carry out any lucrative activity on the Polynesian territory.
 - b.- The vessel :
 - must be registered outside the customs territory of French Polynesia,
 - must be owned by a natural or legal person established outside the customs territory of French Polynesia,
 - must not be the object of a commercial use, a loan or a rental,
 - may be sold upon justified request to the customs service:
 - to a resident buyer: after the regulatory formalities of sale, the buyer completes the release for consumption,
 - to a non-resident buyer: the temporary admission period is not modified.
- Failure to comply with any one of these conditions will result in the loss of the temporary admission (TA) regime for your vessel.

2/ Do I have to do any other administrative steps to enter French Polynesia?

In authorized ports, bays or roadsteads, you must go to the Border Police or the Gendarmerie to present your passports and/or entry visas, the certificate of nationality of your vessel and the certificate of deposit of your file (single form).

In all cases, pleasure boats must apply for a permission to call at a port and justify their request. Below are the email addresses of the services concerned:

- nautisme.dpam@maritime.gov.pf / affmar@affaires-maritimes.pf

A form requesting entry into French Polynesia must be duly completed and submitted to the maritime authorities (SAM and DPAM) along with the maritime health declaration (DMS).

In all cases, all vessels (cruises, yachts or pleasure craft) must report at least forty-eight (48) hours before arrival, the captain must report the state of health of the persons on board (Port of Papeete and JRCC), specifying any symptoms observed (fever, cough, etc.).

Once the situation justifying the request has been assessed, the documents are sent and in particular the DMS to the Bureau de Veille Sanitaire (BVS) which analyses and decides on the measures to be taken on arrival for all the people on board.

The importation of an animal in French Polynesia is subject to specific mandatory formalities.

The Department of Food Quality and Veterinary Action (DQAAV) is a control department of the rural development service.

Its mission is to ensure the sanitary protection of the territory's livestock for the development of animal production and the protection of public health.

It has two main areas of activity:

- animal health and protection ;
- food security at the borders and at the level of primary production.

Standard telephone: (689) 40 42 35 18 (to be checked)

@: sdr.qaav@rural.gov.pf

www.biosecurite.gov.pf

3/ Which islands in French Polynesia may I enter?

The ports, bays or roadsteads designated below may be used for a first touchdown in French Polynesia by yachts or pleasure boats, to the exclusion of all others:

-Windward Islands: Tahiti, Papeete
Moorea, Afareaitu

-Leeward Islands: Raiatea, Uturoa
Huahine, Fare
Bora Bora, Vaitape

-Marquesas Islands: Nuku Hiva, Taiohae
Ua Pou, Hakahau
Hiva Oa, Atuona

-Austral Islands: Tubuai, Mataura
Rurutu, Moerai
Raivavae, Raima

-Tuamotu-Gambier Islands : Rangiroa, Tiputa
Mangareva, Rikitea

4/ Do I have to pay taxes on the goods to be declared?

The general principle applicable to any vessel entering the customs territory is defined in paragraph 1 of article 160 of the French Polynesian Customs Code. It states that "the provisions on board not exceeding the necessary amount brought by the vessels coming from abroad are not subject to the duties and taxes of entry when they remain on board".

This exemption of all duties and taxes on ship's stores, including quantities of tobacco and alcoholic beverages, only applies if they are included on the entry declaration.

5/ Can I change my information during my stay?

By logging into your account, you can complete your file at any time.

If you do not have access to your file, you can use the messaging system so that the instructor can give you access to your data.

6/ What are the formalities if I want to settle or work in French Polynesia?

You must proceed to the customs clearance of your vessel at the Papeete Port office.

This option allows you to use your vessel in French Polynesia freely and without restriction. It is intended for people who have decided to establish their residence in French Polynesia.

To know what are the required travel documents (validity...), the conditions of entry, stay and work (authorization or work permit) in French Polynesia, you can usefully consult the website of the High Commission of the Republic in French Polynesia (<http://www.polynesie-francaise.pref.gouv.fr>) and in particular the page of the French Polynesian Border Police (<http://www.polynesie-francaise.pref.gouv.fr/Les-services-de-l-Etat/Securite/La-Police-aux-frontieres/INFORMATIONS-ET-DOCUMENTATION-DIVERSES>),

7/ What are the formalities if I wish to leave French Polynesia?

You must fill in your file with the date of your final departure to a foreign port (this step is essential to obtain the "exit clearance" issued by the Autonomous Port of Papeete).

In case of departure to a foreign country from another island than Tahiti, you must complete the immigration formalities with the gendarmerie of the last island where you arrived and fill in your final exit date in your file.

Upon your final departure from French Polynesia, you will benefit from a total exemption from customs duties and taxes on your diesel fuel, upon presentation of the "clearance" exit permit previously approved by the Port of Papeete.

The "clearance" exit permit will also justify the effective date of exit from the regime in the case of a renewal of the temporary admission of your vessel, subject to the conditions explained above.

8/ What are the formalities if I wish to sell my vessel?

The seller must inform the customs service of his or her sale project which will authorize the transaction after checking the legality of the vessel's situation.

After the regulatory sale formalities, the buyer, if he or she is a resident of French Polynesia, will have to pay the duties and taxes due in accordance with the provisions of common law.

The customs clearance of the vessels is to be completed at the customs office of the port of Papeete.

9/ Who should I contact if I have difficulty filling in this form?

a.- Customs part concerning the vessel:

If you have any doubts about the legality of your vessel's situation, or if you have any questions about the regulations, you are invited to contact the "Business Advisory Unit" of the Regional Customs Directorate without delay:

- Office hours: 07h00 to 15h30
- Tel : (689) 40 50 55 58
- Mail : cce-polynesie@douane.finances.gouv.fr

With your help, your file will be examined and, if necessary, regularized.

b.- Immigration part concerning all persons on board :

Border Police (PAF)

Tahiti - Faa'a Airport

✉ : BP 87 – 98713 Papeete

dtpn987-stpaf-poste@interieur.gouv.fr

dtpn987-stpaf-usg@interieur.gouv.fr

Phone: (689) 40 80 06 00

Fax: (689) 40 80 06 18

10/ How to proceed in case of boarding or disembarking of crew members?

By accessing your file you can add new crew members. In the case of a disembarkation, do not delete the previous data, you must only enter the date of disembarkation of the crew member.

11/ What type of visas do I need during my stay?

In order to be admitted to French Polynesia, any foreign national who is not a citizen of the European Union must be able to present a valid visa at the border if his or her nationality is subject to this obligation.

The type of visa required to enter French Polynesia depends on both the duration and the reasons for the intended stay:

- for a stay less than or equal to 90 days (3 months), the visa to be requested is a short stay visa
- for a stay of more than 90 days (3 months), the visa to apply for is a long-stay visa adapted to the duration and the reasons for the stay.

For more information on the conditions of entry, stay and work (authorization or work permit) in French Polynesia, you can usefully consult the website of the High Commission of the Republic in French Polynesia (<http://www.polynesie-francaise.pref.gouv.fr>).

12/ Do I have to fill in the section "planned stopovers in French Polynesia" each time I sail between the islands and archipelagos ?

There is no obligation to fill in this section when sailing between islands.

On the other hand, filling in this section can improve the safety of your navigation in case of concern or need for assistance and rescue at sea. The knowledge of your navigation allows you to better anticipate and facilitate the search in this immense zone.

However, if you do not fill in this section, you are strongly advised to inform JRCC Tahiti (contact@jrcc.pf or phone 16 (free) or +68940541616) or the authority of the island you are leaving, of your navigation forecasts during significant crossings, mainly between the archipelagos.