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# Crit'Air

## YOUR VEHICLE'S CERTIFICATE REGISTERED OUTSIDE OF FRANCE



- The air quality certificate makes it possible to differentiate vehicles according to their emissions of air pollutants.
- There are 6 categories of certificate.
- The most polluting vehicles are not eligible for a certificate.
- The certificate is protected by physical security and a digital signature. It is issued from information on the vehicle's registration document.
- The air quality certificate is valid for the entire lifespan of the vehicle as long as it is legible.



***In France, air pollution is responsible for 48,000 premature deaths per year.***

### ***What are the objectives?***

It is a tool for improving air quality and reducing the impact on the health of the population.

The certificate enables towns and cities to adjust their parking and traffic policy in order to encourage the use of the least polluting vehicles. It allows Prefects to ban the most polluting vehicles in certain areas during pollution peaks.

### ***Who does it apply to?***

The air quality certificate applies to all road vehicles: two wheel, three wheel, quadricycles, cars, vans and heavy goods vehicles, including buses and coaches. The certificate is valid throughout the territory, but each town can choose incentives and restrictions (traffic, parking, etc.) as well as the categories of vehicle that apply, depending on the local conditions.

The certificate is mandatory for driving in limited traffic zones established by certain towns or for driving when the Prefect implements traffic restrictions during pollution peaks.

***Nearly half of the French population breathe air in which the air pollutant content exceeds accepted healthy levels.***



**Easier breathing is  
the name of the game!**



## How much does it cost?

The air quality certificate costs €3.11 plus shipping, €4.21 in the European Union and Switzerland, or €4.41 otherwise. This price solely covers the manufacturing, processing and shipping costs. Once it has been acquired, the certificate is valid for as long as it is legible. It is not a tax and it does not constitute revenue for the State budget.

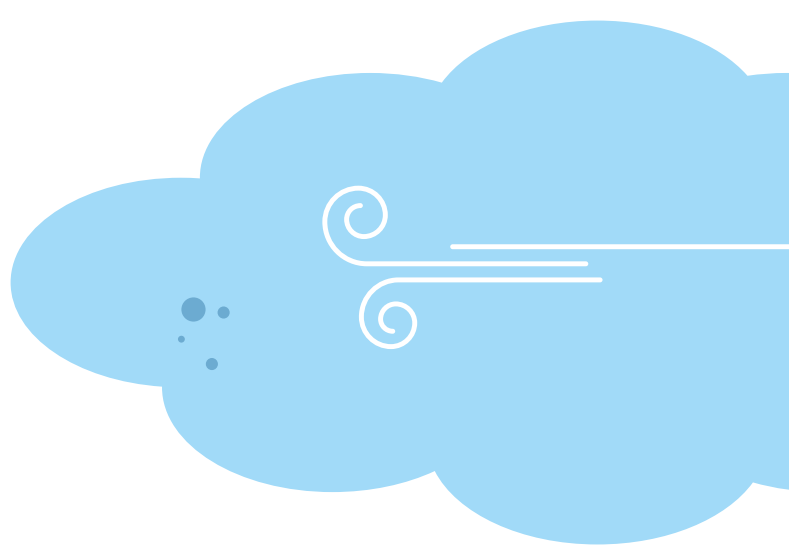


**In France, air pollution costs 100 billion Euros per year**

## How do you get one?

The request can be made in just a few minutes on the site [certificat-air.gouv.fr](http://certificat-air.gouv.fr) using information on your vehicle's registration document.

The request is made on the site [certificat-air.gouv.fr](http://certificat-air.gouv.fr) (available in English, German, Spanish and Italian). Simply enter the relevant vehicle information and attach a scanned copy of the registration certificate. Payment is made by bank card.



## What are the benefits?

As a result of the decisions taken by towns and cities, the air quality certificate offers advantages to the least polluting vehicles:

- > favourable parking arrangements;
- > preferential traffic conditions;
- > authorised driving in limited traffic zones, such as those in Paris. Other cities are committed to considering implementing such zones;
- > authorised driving in the case of traffic restrictions implemented by the Prefect during periods of pollution justifying it.



**In Europe, there are already more than 200 areas reserved for the least polluting vehicles**



## What sanctions are there?

Travelling with a non-authorized vehicle or without an air quality certificate in a limited traffic zone or during pollution peaks in areas with differing traffic, is subject to a 3<sup>rd</sup> class fine for light vehicles (€ 68 basic fine) and 4<sup>th</sup> class fine for heavy goods vehicles (€135 basic fine).

To get a certificate, have your vehicle registration document to hand and make your request on:

**[www.certificat-air.gouv.fr](http://www.certificat-air.gouv.fr)**

