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# FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE INSTITUTE | Lyon



- French learning school
- Official Examination Center DELF DALF TCF
- Cultural activities in Lyon and surroundings

[ilcf.net](http://ilcf.net)



## Citizens of the world, welcome home!

The French Language and Culture Institute has been welcoming students from all over the world for over 75 years, with renewed excitement every year! Our university welcomes you to its modern and friendly campuses located in the heart of the international city of Lyon and the magnificent Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region.

When you join the ILCF, you will be accompanied throughout your stay by a dedicated administrative team and around thirty qualified, experienced teachers who will work together to ensure you receive high-quality teaching and support. Your learning will be enriched by cultural activities that will allow you to experience and share French culture through a wide variety of experiences. You will be able to enjoy your time and pursue your passions!

Our teaching methods, programs, and teams have earned our Institute recognition from numerous international institutional and academic partners, as well as from our students. UCLy holds the “Bienvenue en France” label and the ILCF has been accredited for many years with the “Label Qualité FLE” (FLE quality label).

We would like to express our particular appreciation for your interest in our language and our culture and we hope to welcome you among us very soon!

**The ILCF team**

## Summary

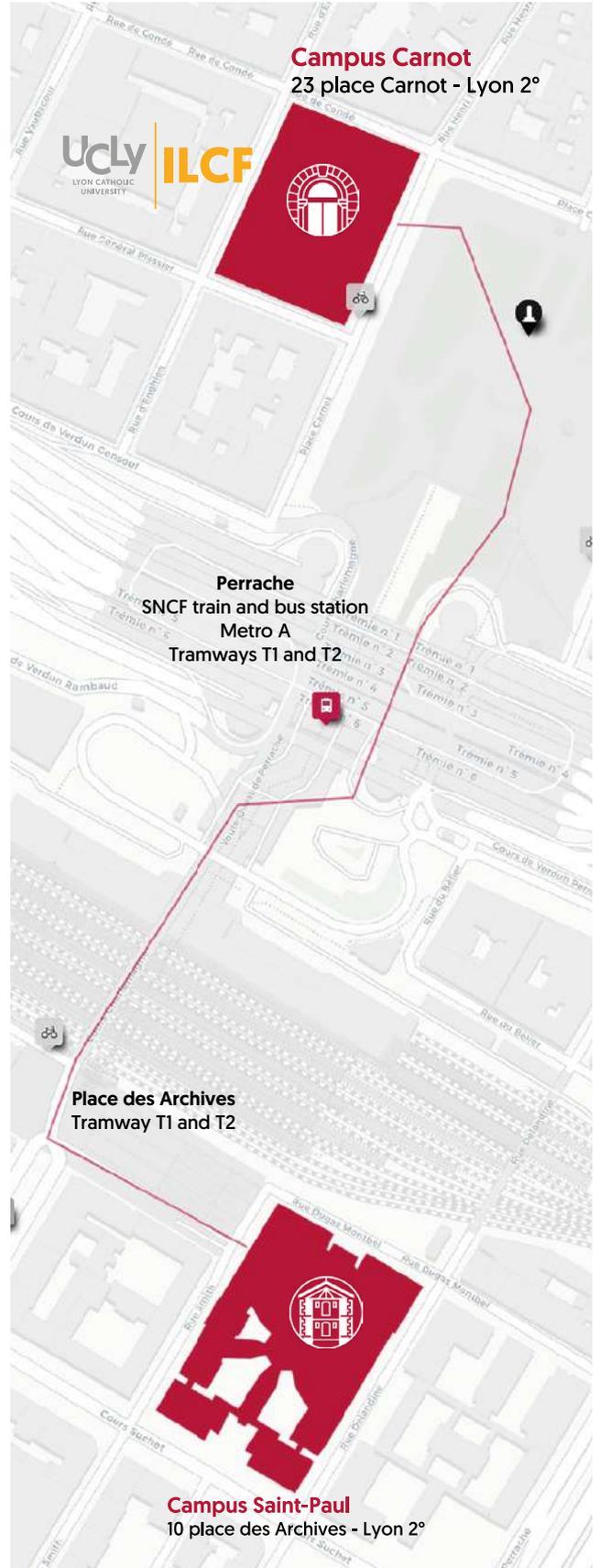
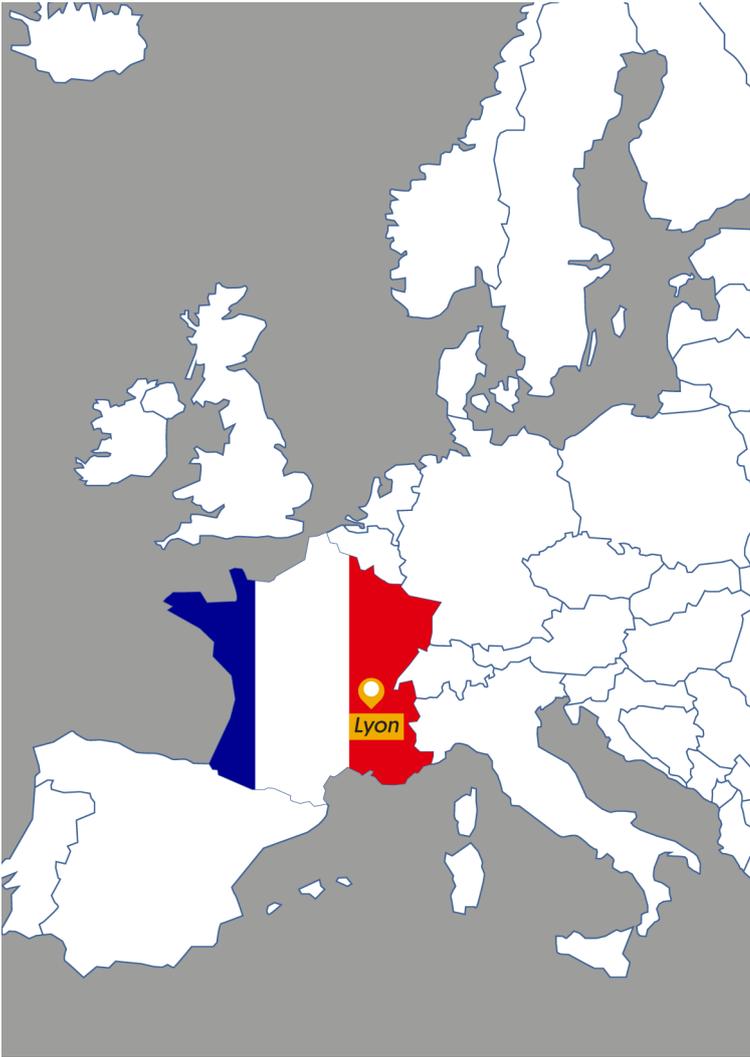
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# GETTING TO THE ILCF



## ACCESS

### In public transportation

Carnot Campus and Saint-Paul Campus



Tramway T1 or T2 (get off at Perrache), or metro line A to Perrache (get off at Perrache metro station), or bus.

### By bicycle

Secure bicycle garages on both campuses, Velo'v stations close-by.

# OUR PROGRAM OFFERS

## Public

These courses are designed for international learners of all levels of French, aged 17 and above, who wish to learn or perfect the French language and discover the French culture in a University.

**Fall Semester (S1): September - December**  
**Spring Semester (S2): January - May**



Check the calendar and the tuition fees

### DUEF curriculum

ECTS equivalence per semester: 30

Semestrial: 200 hours  
 Annual: 400 hours

16 hours per week<sup>1</sup>

#### Organization by level and by semester

A0 to B1	190 hours of FLE 10 hours in the language laboratory
B2 to C1	180 hours of FLE 10 hours in the language laboratory 10 hours of lectures

### September launchpad classes

40 hours of FLE to prepare you for the university year or complete your summer program

### Custom-made program

Customized courses in FLE (French as a Foreign Language), FOS (French for Specific Objective) and FLE+ (science, law, business, arts, and literature), designed for established groups

Includes personalized cultural activities

Contact [ilcf@univ-catholyon.fr](mailto:ilcf@univ-catholyon.fr)

### Complementary classes\*

ECTS equivalence per semester: +5

Semestrial: +40 hours  
 Annual: +80 hours

+4 hours per week  
 Or 20 hours per week<sup>1</sup>

#### Organization by level and by semester

A0 to B1 (acquired level)	1 course of your choosing for every objective: Language & Cultural Diversity Art & Culture
B2 to C1 (acquired level)	1 semestrial course of your choosing: French for University Purposes or Arts & Expressions History & Political Sciences or Cultural Project

\*This curriculum is optional. Check page 5 for more information.

### CLCF intensive summer program

ECTS equivalence per semester: 9

Organization by level and by month	Common curriculum
June	60 hours
July, August	76 hours

### Organization of the programs<sup>2</sup>

DUEF programs: classes from Monday to Friday, in groups, either in the morning or in the afternoon. The annual DUEF curriculum consists of two consecutive semesters.

CLCF programs: classes from Monday to Friday, morning and/or afternoon.

Cultural activities complete the curriculum and are offered during the week and/or on the weekends.

### Tutoring

The semester and annual programs include tutoring. This involves formative support, provided on a one-on-one basis outside the classroom, with a teacher or French student enrolled in a language program.

# DUEF PROGRAM

The DUEF (Diplôme Universitaire d'Études Françaises - *University Diploma in French Studies*) is a diploma recognized by the ADCUEFE (Association des Directeurs de Centres Universitaires d'Études Françaises pour Étrangers - *Association of Directors of University Centers for French Studies for Foreigners*).

It is a real gateway to French higher education: obtaining the B2 level or C1 level gives access to certain university courses. The DUEF curriculum is specially designed to accompany students in their linguistic progress and cultural discoveries.

## UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA

### Public:

Learners preparing the DUEF from A1 to C2

### Objectives:

- Develop oral and written communication skills according to the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)
- Deepen your knowledge of French language and culture
- Becoming familiar with university working methods in France



### Course organisation:

Placement test to join a group of the appropriate level

University diploma upon completion of the program (DUEF)

16 hours per week

### String cultural experience:

- Multicultural classes
- Immersive activities throughout your stay

## IN FRENCH STUDIES

Learners can strengthen their skills through complementary classes for 40 hours, for a total of 240 hours over the semester.

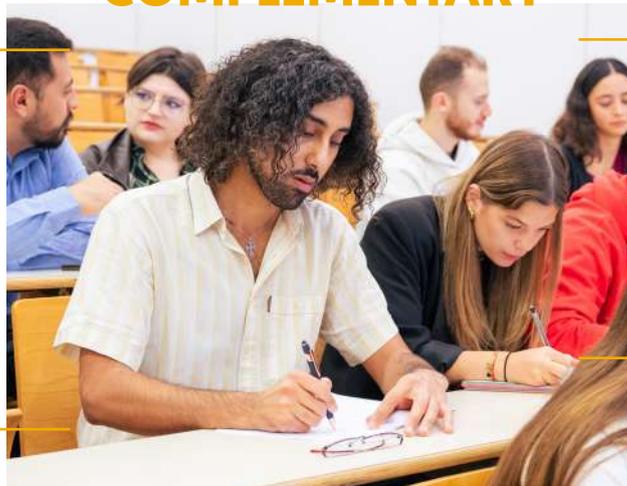
## COMPLEMENTARY

### From A0 to B1 :

- Language & Cultural Diversity (intercultural communication, language reinforcement)
- Arts & Culture (cinema, Lyon heritage, etc.)

### 20 hours per week

[16h of common DUEF classes + 4h of complementary classes]



### From B2 to C1 | Fall at your choice:

- French for University Purposes, complemented by assistance in understanding the French university system
- Arts & Expressions

### From B2 to C1 | Spring at your choice:

- European History & Political Science
- Development of a cultural project

## CLASSES

Outings or events related to the content studied are offered throughout the curriculum. These themes are presented for informational purposes only.

# OFFICIAL EXAMINATION CENTER

## DELF DALF AND TCF

For more than 35 years, the ILCF has been an official examination center for French language diplomas certified by FEI [France Éducation International] and by the French Ministry of National Education.

### DELF and DALF Diplomas

The DELF [Diploma in French Language Studies] and DALF [Diploma in Advanced French Language Studies] diplomas confirm international candidates' levels in French as a Foreign Language (FLE). These certifications can help you study in, work in or migrate to a French speaking country.

### Preparation for DELF and DALF exams

The ILCF offers specific preparation for the DELF and DALF exams upon request.

## DELF/DALF

A2, B1, B2, C1 levels

- 4 diplomas of French
- Assessment of 4 skills: oral comprehension and writing, written comprehension and writing
- Diplomas valid for life
- Recognised in France and internationally



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TCF

### TCF Test

The TCF [Test de connaissance du français] is a general test of French. It allows non-French speakers to evaluate and validate their knowledge in French, in a reliable and acknowledged way, thanks to simple and fast conditions. This test is organized upon request for groups. For more information, please contact us.



All the information you need about  
the DELF, DALF, and TCF exams

# OUR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The ILCF's cultural activities department warmly welcomes you and accompanies you throughout your stay, ensuring you have an unforgettable experience in Lyon, a city listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



## ..... A program that evolves with the seasons

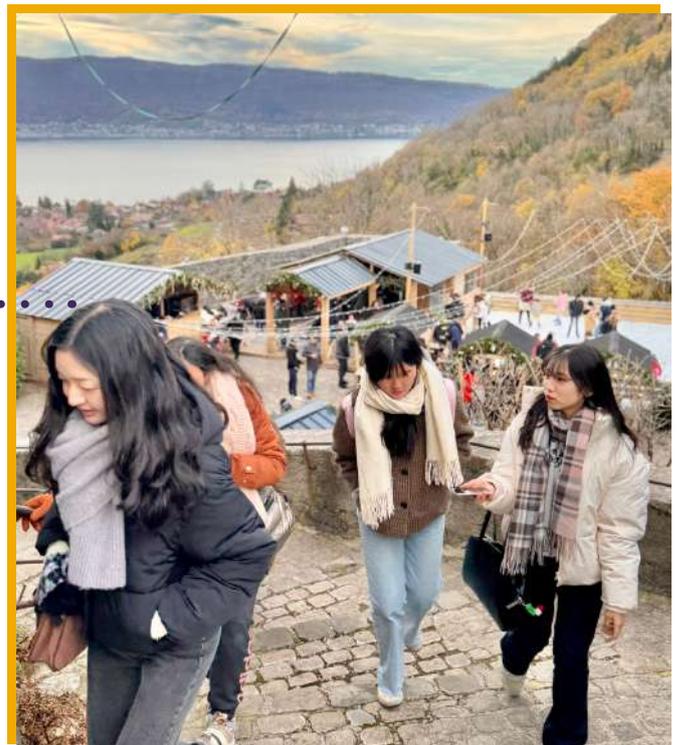
Immerse yourself in the unique atmosphere of Lyon, discover its heritage, traditions, and the magnificent landscapes of the region. Throughout the year, numerous outings and trips are organized and supervised by a dedicated multilingual team.

## ..... Experience French culture through immersion!

Through lively social events at UCLy, family dinners, multicultural gatherings with French students, and mentoring, immersion in French culture is guaranteed.

## Community life

UCLy has a rich community life! Student Committee, UCLy newspaper, environmental commitment—a great opportunity to get involved, work on a team project, and bring your ideas to life!



# LIFE AT UCLy

The ILCF is part of UCLy, EESPIG (Établissement d'enseignement supérieur privé d'intérêt général - *Private higher education institution of public interest*). You will therefore be able to benefit from all the UCLy services available on our campuses.



## International Relations Office

The UCLy International Relations Office is available to all students of the University and will assist you throughout your stay with:

- the ISD (International Student Desk): a question about an administrative matter? Looking for a job? From your arrival to the end of your stay, benefit from personalized support!
- the Pôle International: cultural activities and patronage



## Accommodation

The accommodation service makes your search for accommodation easier and offers multiple plans:

- UCLy Saint-Bernard student residences: from €560 (administration fees not included)
- private student residences: from €600 (administrative fees and electricity not included)
- independent apartments: from €600 (administrative fees not included)
- living with a French family: from €770 per month half board from Monday to Friday + full board at weekends (administrative fees not included)

These 2025-2026 rates are provided for informational purposes only. For further information, please contact the housing service: [uclly.fr/se-loger](https://uclly.fr/se-loger)



## Health and well-being

The UCLy Health Center, which focuses on preventive medicine, counseling, and disability services, supports you in various aspects of well-being and health to promote your academic success.



## University libraries (BU - Bibliothèques Universitaires)

Enrollment at the ILCF entitles students to access UCLy university libraries, located on each campus, as well as all university libraries in Lyon, throughout the year (excluding the summer period).



## Sports Office

A 400 m<sup>2</sup> gym is available on the Saint-Paul campus. Around 25 sports activities are offered throughout the year (excluding the summer period): team sports (volleyball, soccer, rugby, etc.) and individual sports (swimming, taekwondo, badminton, dance, etc.).





### Meals

All CROUS restaurants in Lyon are open during the academic year (excluding school holidays and summer break). There are two cafeterias on our campuses:



#### Campus Carnot cafeteria

Monday to Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.



#### Campus Saint-Paul cafeteria

Monday to Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



### University chaplaincy

The university chaplaincy is a place of meeting, sharing, and reflection, open to all:

<https://www.ucl.fr/en/student-life/campus-life/avenir-university-pastoral-service/>



### Educational counseling

An educational guidance counselor is available to assist you and help you choose the program best suited to your situation: <https://www.ucl.fr/vie-etudiante/services-aux-etudiants/contacter-notre-chargee-de-mission-orientation-a-lucly/>



### Optional internship in a company

ILCF students who wish to undertake internships\* during their studies to supplement their initial or vocational studies may, after an interview with the Institute's management, obtain an internship agreement in accordance with the legislation in force.

*\*The search for an internship in a company is the sole responsibility of the student.*



### Amenities

All of our amenities (campuses and university residences) are secure: video monitoring, security guard, access control and accessible to persons with reduced mobility.



### Extended Learning Department (DFH - Département de Formation Humaine)

As part of the ILCF training program, depending on your level, you can take one or two modules:

<https://www.ucl.fr/en/extended-learning-department/>

## Find all the UCLy services

On our website

[www.ucl.fr/en/](http://www.ucl.fr/en/)

Scan the QR Code



# ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

## 1

### Prerequisites

- To be 18 year old or at least 17 with a written parental consent;
- For the DUEF curriculum, have a highschool diploma
- For the CLCF intensive summer programs, have at least an A1 level

## 2

### Pre-enrollment



To enroll in our programs

#### Step 1: Fill in the pre-enrollment application form

- online: [www.ilcf.net](http://www.ilcf.net)
  - on site: at the ILCF secretariat office: 23 place Carnot, 69002 Lyon
- In case of difficulty, contact the ILCF by e-mail at [ilcf@univ-catholyon.fr](mailto:ilcf@univ-catholyon.fr).

#### Step 2: Pay the pre-enrolment deposit

A deposit will be paid by credit card or bank transfer via **Flywire**. It will be deducted from the total tuition fee using the registration form.

#### Step 3: Provide the necessary documents

Submit the documents requested below on our online registration platform <https://atlas.uclv.fr> by logging in with your ID and password created during your pre-enrollment

- photocopy of your passport
- photocopy of your high school or university diploma, translated into French (no translation needed for diplomas in English or Spanish)
- ID photo
- payment and financial commitment
- copy of your results (front and back) if you have already passed a french exam (DEL/DALF/DUEF)

## 3

### Enrollment

#### Step 1 : Pay the CVEC

Learners enrolled in the DUEF must, upon arrival, pay the CROUS Student and Campus Contribution (€105 - 2025-2026 rate) via the following link: [messervices.etudiant.gouv.fr](http://messervices.etudiant.gouv.fr)

#### Step 2 : Pay the enrollment balance and mandatory fees

All selected programs must be paid for according to the following terms:

- online on the ILCF website, using the login details provided during your online pre-registration
- on site at the ILCF office upon arrival by credit card, by Flywire or by French bank check in euros made payable to "AFPICL"

#### Deadline payment

Payment for registration must be made before or upon arrival, and no later than 15 days after the start of classes for the DUEF, and 5 days after the start of classes for the CLCF.

#### Certificate of enrollment

A certificate of enrollment is at your disposal once your enrollment is finalized. For the DUEF curriculum, a student card will be issued a few days after the start of the semester.

# 4

## Additional administrative procedures

### Visa

To know if you need a visa: <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/web/france-visas/>

Upon receiving your application, the ILCF will send you a pre-registration certificate, which you will need to apply for your visa.

We recommend that you begin the visa application process at least **3 months** before the start of your chosen program.

#### For a stay longer than 90 days

If you reside in a country or territory covered by the “Études en France” procedure, you must submit your application via the platform to apply for a long-stay student visa for more than 3 months (VLS-TS). Feel free to visit <https://www.campusfrance.org/en>, contact the Espace Campus France, and the French embassy in your country for more information.

#### For a stay of maximum 90 days

For short stays up to 90 days and according to your nationality you must, depending on your situation, ask for a short-stay Schengen visa.

For more information: <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/>



*No tourist visa can be converted into a «Student» visa or residence permit. No visa can be issued after your arrival in France. For more information: <https://www.ucl.fr/en/student-life/international-relations-office/international-student-desk/>*

### Mandatory health insurance

If you are a citizen of the European Union, you will need your European health insurance card issued in your country of origin.

If you are not a citizen of the European Union and for a stay longer than 90 days, you must register with the French Health Insurance [CPAM - *Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie*] (free registration) when you arrive in France, on the following website: <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/>

As registration may take several weeks, we recommend that you take a personal and international medical insurance to cover the start of your stay in France.

To supplement the reimbursements provided by the *Assurance Maladie*, you can subscribe to a mutual insurance company.



*For stays of less than 90 days, make sure you have international medical insurance before arriving in France. For more information: <https://www.ucl.fr/en/student-life/international-relations-office/international-student-desk/>*

### Visa/residence permit validation and renewal

No later than three months after your arrival in France, you must validate your visa on the website. To renew your residence permit, you must submit your application **4 months** before the expiration date on the website.

<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

# 5

## Cancellation policy

### VISA REFUSAL

In the event of visa refusal in the country of origin, and upon presentation of the original supporting document, the deposit will be refunded, minus a €160 administrative fee, provided that the administrative office is notified in writing at least 8 days before the start of the course. After this date, the amount corresponding to the course fees will remain the sole property of the ILCF.

### OTHER CASES OF CANCELLATION

For any other reason of withdrawal or abandonment, financial regulations apply.

For more information, see the terms and conditions at <https://www.ilcf.net/en/terms-of-sales/>

# EDUCATION TRACKS AT UCLY

You can enroll in the program by starting with the ILCF and then continuing at one of the institutes listed in the table, provided you meet the prerequisites. This program will allow you to benefit from a preferential rate at ESDES or the faculty of law. For more information, please contact us.

We also offer you the opportunity to participate in a lecture to refine your orientation. This option is available starting at level B1.

ILCF then the faculty of your choice	Prerequisites
ILCF then ESDES (School of Management) <i>course in French or in English</i>	B2 level acquired
ILCF then the Faculty of law <i>course in French or in English</i>	B2 level acquired
ILCF then ESTBB (School of Engineering) <i>course in French</i>	C1 level acquired basics in science required

For any inquiries, you can contact us by mail at [ilcf@univ-catholyon.fr](mailto:ilcf@univ-catholyon.fr).



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