

The RNCP level 6 professional certification for photographers

WHAT IS PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION?

Professional certification allows its holder to certify the **skills** and **knowledge** necessary to exercise a profession or activity corresponding to a professional domain.^[1]
It provides a guarantee on the **ability** to be immediately operational in the field of work.

THE LEVEL OF TRAINING IS RECOGNISED BY THE FRENCH STATE AND AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

The value of a French higher education diploma is guaranteed by the State for national diplomas, diplomas approved by the Ministry of Higher Education or titles **registered in the National Register of Professional Certifications** (RNCP – *Registre National des Certifications Professionnelles*).

- Read more on the Campus France website, "French degrees, LMD system and equivalences": <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/French-degrees-LMD-equivalences>

Professional qualifications registered with the RNCP are therefore considered as **national diplomas: a guarantee of quality**.

- Read more on the Campus France website, "How can you evaluate the quality of a diploma or institute": <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/certification-labels-institutes-France>

The professional qualifications listed in the **RNCP** are subject to validation, registration and updates by **France Compétences**:

- France Compétences is the national public institution whose mission since 1 January 2019 is to ensure the financing, regulation and improvement of the vocational training and apprenticeship system; it is a public institution placed under the supervision of the ministry in charge of vocational training.
- The purpose of the Répertoire National des Certifications Professionnelles (RNCP) is to provide individuals and companies with constantly updated information on vocational diplomas and titles. The RNCP contains the descriptive sheets of each certification with national value accessible through initial or continuing education. This recognition shows that the skills taught correspond to the expectations of the professional world.

SPEOS DELIVERS AN RNCP LEVEL 6 TITLE

Spéos has been accredited by the French government with the **certified title of "The Entrepreneurial Photographer" RNCP level 6 - NSF code 323 t**.

The title of "The Entrepreneurial Photographer" 6 delivered by Spéos is registered in the Répertoire National des Certifications Professionnelles (RNCP - level 6).

- Direct link to Spéos' listing on the France Compétences website: <https://www.francecompetences.fr/recherche/rncp/36195/>

THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION ^[1]_{SEP}

The French National Framework of Vocational Qualifications (RNCP) has 8 levels, similar to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF):

- The professional qualifications registered in the RNCP are classified by level of qualification. ^[1]_{SEP}
- This level is associated with each qualification according to criteria of gradation of competences necessary for the exercise of professional activities (cf. the descriptors, see table below).

A new nomenclature was introduced by decree number 2019-14 of 8 January 2019 on the national framework of vocational qualifications, as well as by the order of 8 January 2019 which sets the criteria associated with the qualification levels of the national framework.

The scale of this classification has been reversed in order to facilitate correspondence with the qualifications of other European Union states (aligned with the **European Qualifications Framework (EQF)**):

Levels of qualification		Descriptors
Level 1	Corresponds to the mastery of basic skills	-
Level 2	Attests to the ability to carry out simple activities and solve common problems using rules and tools by mobilising professional skills in a structured context.	-
Level 3	CAP / GCSE	Level 3 certifies the ability to carry out activities and solve problems by selecting and applying basic methods, tools, materials and information, in a known context, and the ability to adapt the means of implementation and behaviour to the circumstances.
Level 4	BACCALAUREATE / A LEVELS	Level 4 certifies the ability to carry out activities requiring the mobilisation of a wide range of skills, to adapt existing solutions to solve specific problems, to organise one's work autonomously in contexts that are generally predictable but likely to change, and to participate in assessment activities. The national baccalaureate diploma is classified at this level of the national framework.
Level 5	BAC + 2 / FOUNDATION DEGREE	Level 5 certifies the ability to master know-how in a field of activity, to develop solutions to new problems, to analyse and interpret information by applying concepts, to communicate know-how and methods.
Level 6	BACHELOR	Level 6 certifies the ability to analyse and solve complex and unforeseen problems in a specific field, and to formalise skills and methods to exploit them. Bachelor degrees are classified at this level of the national framework.
Level 7	MASTER	Level 7 certifies the ability to design and implement alternative strategies for the development of professional activity in complex professional contexts, and to assess the risks and consequences of one's activity. Master's degrees are classified at this level of the national framework.
Level 8	DOCTORATE	Level 8 certifies the ability to identify and solve complex and novel problems involving many fields, using the most advanced form of knowledge and expertise, to design and lead research and innovation projects and processes. The national doctoral degree is classified at this level of the national framework.

Sources:

- <https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/tools/nqfs-online-tool/countries/france-2020>
- <https://europa.eu/europass/en/description-eight-efq-levels>

THE DESCRIPTORS OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL FRAMEWORK^[1]_[SEP]

The national qualifications framework, in coherence with the EQF classification, defines 8 levels of qualifications. **The descriptors associated with the grading criteria of each level are the sole responsibility of the national framework, even if they have been defined in coherence with the European framework.**

LEVELS	KNOWLEDGE	KNOW-HOW	RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTONOMY
Level 2	Basic general knowledge and general knowledge specific to a field of activity.	Performs simple activities and solves routine problems using simple rules and tools, using some professional skills in a structured context.	Work under supervision, with a limited degree of autonomy. ^[1] _[SEP] Report on your contribution to the work group.
Level 3	Knowledge covering general facts, principles, processes and concepts, within a given field of activity.	Performs activities and solves problems by selecting and applying basic methods, tools, materials and information in a known context.	Organise work in a generally stable environment. Adapt the means of execution and one's behaviour to the circumstances. Evaluate one's contribution to the work group.
Level 4	A wide range of practical and theoretical knowledge relevant to the occupational field.	Perform activities requiring the use of a wide range of skills. Be able to adapt existing solutions to solve specific problems.	Organise work independently in contexts that are generally predictable but subject to change. ^[1] _[SEP] Take into account interactions with related activities. Participate in the evaluation of activities.
Level 5	Specialised and in-depth knowledge, regularly updated.	Mastering know-how in a field of activity whose limits are known, in order to design solutions to new problems. ^[1] _[SEP] Analyse and interpret information, using concepts. ^[1] _[SEP] Pass on know-how and methods.	Take initiatives to manage projects or carry out activities in an unforeseen context. ^[1] _[SEP] Manage a team. Manage a unit. Self-assess your own performance.
Level 6	Advanced knowledge in a professional field. Critical understanding of theories and principles.	Analyse and solve complex unforeseen problems in a specific field. ^[1] _[SEP] Identify and argue for solutions. Collaborate with experts. Capitalise and formalise know-how and methods.	Manage complex technical or professional projects or activities, taking responsibility for decision-making in unpredictable work or study contexts; take responsibility for managing the professional development of individuals and groups.
Level 7	Highly specialised knowledge, some of which is at the forefront of knowledge in a field and is at the interface of several fields of work.	Develops alternative strategies for business development. Leading working groups in interdisciplinary or specialist areas, where appropriate in a multicultural context.	Organise and develop activities by integrating scientific, societal and ethical issues. Initiate and lead professional collaborations. Supervise the work of others. Manage and transform complex professional contexts. Evaluate the risks and consequences of one's activity.
Level 8	Knowledge at the forefront of a field of work or study and at the interface of several fields.	Develop alternative strategies for business development. Leading working groups in interdisciplinary or specialist areas, where appropriate in a multicultural context.	Manage and lead organisations or groups in complex or interdisciplinary activities. Manage complex situations that result in significant changes to organisations. Assess and anticipate possible consequences in the fields affected.

COMPARING NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORKS IN EUROPE

The European Qualifications Framework (EQF) allows you to see how national qualifications frameworks (NQFs) and systems relate to each other.

- Read the descriptions of the EQF levels on the **Europass** website:
<https://europa.eu/europass/en/compare-qualifications>