

Understanding the Professional Certification Photographer RNCP 6

WHAT IS PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION?

Professional certification allows its holder to certify skills and knowledge necessary to exercise an activity corresponding to a professional field. It guarantees its holder to be operational immediately within the professional world.

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

The value of a French higher education diploma is guaranteed by the State when it's a French diploma, a degree certified by the French Ministry of Education ("diplôme visé") or titles registered on the **RNCP** (French Directory of Professional Certifications).

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

Professional certifications registered on the RNCP are thus considered as **national degrees: a guarantee of quality**.

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

All professional certifications are listed in the National Directory of Professional Certifications (RNCP —*Répertoire National des Certifications Professionnelles*) and are subject to validation, registration and modifications by France Compétences, who are equally in charge of renewing certifications:

- The **National Directory of Professional Certifications (RNCP)** aims at making available to individuals and businesses regularly updated information on diplomas and professional titles. It contains the reference sheets of each certification with national value, whether accessible through initial or continuing training.
- This recognition demonstrates that the skills taught correspond to the expectations of the professional world. Since January 2019, the RNCP title is officially issued by **France Compétences** (a public institution, whose mission it is to ensure the financing, regulation and improvement of the vocational training and apprenticeship system), under the supervision of the Ministry in charge of vocational training.

SPÉOS DELIVERS A RNCP LEVEL 6

Spéos International Photography School has received accreditation from the French government with the official **Titre de Photographe RNCP niveau 6** - code NSF 323 t.

Spéos professional photography programs delivering the RNCP level 6 Title are registered in the Répertoire National des Certifications Professionnelles (RNCP) under the reference **RNCP39859** **registered on 28/11/2024, delivered by Spéos**.

- **Direct link to the reference sheet of Spéos on France Compétences:**
<https://www.francecompetences.fr/recherche/rncp/39859/>

THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF CERTIFICATIONS

The French national framework for professional qualifications (RNCP) has 8 levels, like the European Qualifications Framework (EQF):

- The professional certifications listed in the RNCP are classified by levels of qualification.
- The level associated with each certification is based on criteria for grading of the skills required to perform various professional activities.

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

The scale of the classification was modified in order to facilitate accordance with the qualifications of the other EU states (and thereby aligned with the EQF — the **European Qualifications Framework**):

Levels of qualification		Levels Descriptors
Level 1	Basic skills mastered.	-
Level 2	Demonstrates the ability to perform simple activities and solve common problems using rules and tools based on professional know-how in a structured context.	-
Level 3	CAP (certificate of vocational training of adults)	Level 3 certifies the ability to perform activities and solve problems by selecting and applying methods, tools, materials and basic information, in a known context, and the ability to adapt the means of implementation and one's behaviour to the circumstances.
Level 4	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	Level 4 certifies the ability to perform activities requiring the mobilisation of a wide range of skills, to adapt existing solutions to solve specific problems, to organize one's work autonomously in contexts that are generally predictable but liable to change, as well as participating in assessing activities. The national baccalauréat diploma is classified at this level of the national framework.
Level 5	ASSOCIATE DEGREE ("BAC + 2")	Level 5 certifies the ability to master expertise 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'S	Level 6 certifies the ability to analyse and solve complex unforeseen problems in a specific field, to formalise know-how and methods to exploit them. Bachelor degrees (licence) are classified at this level of the national framework.
Level 7	MASTER'S	Level 7 certifies the ability to design and implement alternative strategies for developing professional activity in complex professional contexts, and to assess the risks and consequences of one's activity. Diplomas conferring Master degrees are classified at this level of the national framework.
Level 8	PHD	Level 8 certifies the ability to identify and solve complex and new problems involving numerous fields, by using the most advanced form of knowledge and expertise, to design and direct research and innovation projects and processes. The national diploma of Doctorate is classified at this level of the national framework.

Sources:

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

COMPARE NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORKS ACROSS EUROPE

With the help of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) you can see how National Qualifications Frameworks (NQF) and systems relate to one another.

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