

Educational Credentials of France

A guide to French diplomas



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The Ministry

- France is a country with a **national** education system
- The **Ministry of National Education** is the ultimate authority at all levels
- Its name has changed many times over the years (might include Youth and Sport, Research, Higher Education, etc.)
- It is the country's largest employer (employs more than half of French state civil servants)

Académies

- The **Académies** administer the national education programs, secondary and postsecondary, at regional level
- Academies are NOT teaching institutions
- Keep academic records for secondary & some postsecondary programs



Map of Academies

The DIPLOMA

- The **DIPLOMA** is central to French education
- It is a **legal document**, defined and described by French law, which gives rights to the holder
- Official diploma titles (“Licence”, “Maîtrise”, etc.) are **protected by law**
- Recognized diplomas are always in **French**, the official language

The Law

- For a diploma to be **recognized**, it must be recognized by law
- A recognized diploma will usually list the various laws (and their dates) that apply to that award, such as:
 - The law describing the diploma (Licence, Master, etc.) or its classification
 - The law recognizing the institution
 - The law confirming the institution's right to teach the program
- Luckily, these laws and decrees can be looked up online at www.legifrance.gouv.fr (but you have to be able to read French)

Diploma sample

R É P U B L I Q U E F R A N Ç A I S E

MINISTÈRE DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT SUPÉRIEUR ET DE LA RECHERCHE
UNIVERSITÉ D'AIX-MARSEILLE

DOCTORAT

Vu le code de l'éducation, notamment son article L.612-7 ;
Vu le code de la recherche, notamment son article L.412-1 ;
Vu le décret n° 2002-481 du 8 avril 2002 relatif aux grades et titres universitaires et aux diplômes nationaux ;
Vu l'arrêté du 3 septembre 1998 relatif à la charte des thèses ;
Vu l'arrêté du 7 août 2006 relatif à la formation doctorale ;
Vu le décret n° 2011-1010 du 24 août 2011 portant création de l'Université d'Aix-Marseille et notamment son article 2 ;
Vu les pièces justificatives produites par [REDACTED] née le [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (083), en vue de son inscription au doctorat ;
Vu le procès-verbal du jury attestant que l'intéressée a soutenu, le 12 juillet 2013 une thèse portant sur le sujet suivant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] préparée au sein de l'école doctorale Sciences de la vie et de la santé (62), devant un jury présidé par VALÉRIE MICHOTÉY, PROFESSEUR DES UNIVERSITÉS et composé de FABRICE CONFALONIERI, PROFESSEUR DES UNIVERSITÉS, GAEL ERAUSO, PROFESSEUR DES UNIVERSITÉS, FRANÇOISE FAYOLLE, INGÉNIEUR DE RECHERCHE RF, GUILLERMINA HERNANDEZ-RAQUET, CHARGE DE RECHERCHE, JEAN LORQUIN, INGÉNIEUR DE RECHERCHE RF ;

Vu la délibération du jury ;
Le **DOCTORAT DE L'UNIVERSITÉ MICROBIOLOGIE**, mention *très honorable*
est délivré à [REDACTED]
et confère le grade de docteur,
pour en jouir avec les droits et prérogatives qui y sont attachés.

Fait à Aix-en-Provence, le 24 janvier 2014

Le titulaire [REDACTED]

Le Président

Yvon BERLAND

Le Recteur d'Académie,
Chancelier des universités

Ali SAIB

N° UAM 10234099
/2014201205799

The Ladder



- Programs are ladderred: one program leads to the next, and higher-level programs become more specialized
- Diplomas are often ranked on a “step” of the ladder
- Ranking is usually denoted as “**BAC+**” followed by the number of years of study

Education Chart

The degrees conferred in French universities and other institutions of higher education are certified by the French government.

LEVELS		THE LMD SYSTEM		
		Universities	Grandes Écoles Schools of business Schools of engineering	Schools of art Schools of architecture Other institutions (lycées, specialized schools)
9	18 semesters (+ 9 years)	- State diploma of doctor of medicine		
DOCTORAL DEPARTMENTS				
8	DOCTORATE 16 semesters (+ 8 years)	- Doctorate / PhD		
7				
6	12 semesters (+ 6 years)	- State diploma of doctor of dental surgery - State diploma of doctor of pharmacy	- Specialized <i>Mastère</i> - MS - Master of Business Administration - MBA	- HMONP (professional credential for independent practice of architecture)
5	MASTER 10 semesters (+ 5 years) 300 ECTS	- Research master - Professional master - Engineering degree	- Engineering degree - Master of Science - MSc - Business school diplomas - Degrees of the <i>Grandes Ecoles</i>	- Diploma of art schools (DNSEP) - State diploma of architect - Diplomas of specialized schools (health, social work, tourism...)
4				
3	LICENCE 6 semesters (+ 3 years) 180 ECTS	- Licence (bachelor) - Licence professionnelle (professional bachelor)		- Diplomas of art schools (DNAT - DNAP) - Architecture diploma
2	4 semesters (+ 2 years)	- University diploma in technology (DUT)	- Admission to the first year of a <i>Grande École</i> program - Preparation for admission to <i>Grandes Écoles</i> (CPGE)	- Diploma of art schools (DMA) - Higher technical certificate (BTS)
1				

Completion of secondary school + Baccalauréat or equivalent
(eligibility to enter higher education in home country)
= access to French higher education

Institutions

- Institutional recognition is not as important as **diploma recognition**
- A school might be recognized and allowed to teach programs, but not all its diplomas might be recognized (even for public institutions!)
- This is especially true of **private schools**
- This is why it is usually very important to see the **actual diploma** in order to determine recognition

Grading

Grades are given from 0 to 20, with 20 being the highest

Mark	Classification	Translation	Equivalent
16-20	<i>Mention: très bien</i>	Very good (rare)	A+
14-15.99	<i>Mention: bien</i>	Good	A
12-13.99	<i>Mention: assez bien</i>	Good enough	B
10-11.99	<i>Passable</i>	Satisfactory	C

Secondary Education

Types of Secondary Awards:

- **Brevet des Colleges** (Certificate of Lower Secondary Education) * 9 years
Can lead to:
- **Brevet d'Etudes Professionnelles** (Certificate of Vocational Education) * 2 years
- **Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle** (Certificate of Professional Competence) * 2-3 years
(Professional Baccalaureate stream)
- **Brevet de Technicien** (Technician's Certificate) * 3 years
(Vocational high school graduation, leads to non-university higher technical education)
- **Certificat de Fin d'Études** (Certificate of Completion of Secondary School Studies) * 3 years
Confirms high school graduation, grants access to some postsecondary programs that don't require a Baccalaureate
- **Baccalauréat** (Baccalaureate) * 3 years

The Baccalauréat

- The “**BAC**” is considered the first “degree” in the French university system
- As the final secondary-school diploma, it’s “degree-zero”

There are three types of Bac:

- **Général** (General)
 - **Professionnel** (Professional)
 - **Technologique** (Technological)
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- Students choose a field to specialize in, which will limit their choices in higher education
 - The Bac gives one the right to attend a public university

Baccalauréat Sample

MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉDUCATION NATIONALE

ACADEMIE DE NANTES

DIPLÔME DU BACCALAURÉAT GÉNÉRAL

Vu le procès-verbal de l'examen du baccalauréat général établi le 10 Juillet 2008

par le président du jury, enseignant-chercheur,

Le diplôme du baccalauréat général

en **Série SCIENTIFIQUE SECTION EUROPEENNE ANGLAIS AVEC LA MENTION BIEN**

est conféré à [REDACTED]

né(e) le [REDACTED] à SAINT-SEBASTIEN-SUR-LOIRE (044)

pour en jouir avec les droits et prérogatives qui y sont attachés.

Fait à NANTES, le 09 Septembre 2008



Le Recteur d'académie

G. Chain
Gérald CHAIN

Signature du titulaire :

[REDACTED]

Postsecondary Diplomas (non-university)

Brevet de Technicien Supérieur (BTS)

(Higher Technician's Diploma)

- A national diploma
- Two years after Brevet de Technicien or any Bac
- Taught by specialized technical schools (lycées) in applied fields: technology, business, office work, health professions, agriculture, graphic arts
- Intended for workplace but not necessarily terminal
- can lead to some higher programs

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BTS Sample

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ACADÉMIE DE RENNES

Copie certifiée conforme à l'original

15 AVR. 2013

Pour le Maire,
L'Agent délégué
Christophe Poye
Adjoint Administratif

R É P U B L I Q U E
F R A N Ç A I S E
BREVET
DE TECHNICIEN SUPÉRIEUR
F R A N Ç A I S E
INDUSTRIES DES MATÉRIAUX SOUPLES | OPTION : MÉTALLISME INDUSTRIEL
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né(e) le [REDACTED] É T A T U. à B A U R A Y (056) U E
Conformément au procès-verbal de l'examen établi
par le président du jury

La recteur de l'académie: [REDACTED]

Signature du titulaire: [REDACTED]



JEAN-BAPTISTE CARPENTIER

Postsecondary Diplomas (non-university)

Diplôme d'art

(Diploma of Art)

- 2 to 3 years after Baccalaureate
- Taught at art schools
- Lead to higher programs at conservatories and other fine-art schools

Universities

- Teach traditional academic subjects in the arts and sciences, as well as law and medicine
- Limited focus on applied or practical subjects like **engineering, architecture, business/commerce, public service, or performing arts**, but there are some exceptions
- By law, a private institution cannot call itself a “university”

National University Diplomas

- Following are the national diplomas awarded for studies at the public universities
- All are considered “complete” awards
- They can lead either to employment or further studies

Two-year Diplomas (Bac+2)

DEUG - Diplôme d'Études Universitaires Générales

(Diploma of General University Studies)

General arts & science fields

DEUST - Diplôme d'Études Universitaires Scientifiques et Techniques

(Diploma of Scientific and Technical University Studies)

Science & technology

DUT - Diplôme Universitaire de Technologie

(University Diploma of Technology)

Applied/technical subjects

Three-year Diplomas (Bac+3)

Licence (Licentiate)

- Existed before Bologna
- currently the 3-year “Bologna Bachelor”
- Offered in many fields
- Most often 1 year after DEUG/DEUST/DUT, but sometimes 3 straight years

Licence Professionnelle (Professional Licentiate)

- Usually 1 year after a **BTS**
- More applied in subject matter

Four-year Diplomas (Bac+4)

Maîtrise

- Translates as “Master”, “Mastership”
- 1 year after Licence
- A pre-Bologna award, it is supposed to be phased out, but it is still sometimes awarded if a student requests it

Maîtrise et titre d’Ingenieur-Maître

- Translates as “Master and Title of Master-Engineer”
- A university qualification in engineering

Five-year Diplomas (Bac+5)

Diplôme d'Études Approfondies† (Diploma of Advanced Studies)

- 1-year, old-system diploma for those intending to pursue doctoral studies
- A research degree

Diplôme de Recherche Technologique† (Diploma of Technical Research)

- Similar to the DEA but in technical fields

Diplôme d'Études Supérieures Spécialisées† (Diploma of Advanced Specialized Studies)

- 1-year old-system terminal diploma, more professionally oriented than the DEA
- did not lead to higher studies (e.g. Doctorate)

Magistère (3 years after 2)

- a university diploma with academic and professional focus, often in engineering, designed to compete with Grande École and Engineering school diplomas (see below)

† eliminated under LMD structure

Doctorat

- 3 years or more
- the highest research degree
- usually by research/thesis, no coursework
- There used to be various types of “Doctorat” diplomas:
 - Doctorat de 3eme Cycle,
 - Doctorat d’État
 - Docteur-Ingénieur
- Recent diplomas state “Grade de Docteur” on the diploma

The Bologna System

Official adoption of the Licence, Master, Doctorat system (LMD) in 1999

LICENCE (3 years)

MASTER (2 years)

DOCTORAT (3 years)

Simple, right? The Licence and Doctorat are still there. Not much has changed.

Grade de Master

- In 1999, the “Grade de Master” was created
- This doesn’t refer to the name of a specific award, but the establishment of a Master “grade”, “level” or “rank” within the diploma system
- Generally this rank is reserved for diplomas that are **BAC+5** on the ladder, at least 5 years of postsecondary study
- A diploma doesn’t have to be called a “Master” to be “Grade de Master”

Other University Diplomas

Diplome d'Université/Diplôme Universitaire

(University Diploma)

- Universities are allowed to design and offer their own proprietary programs in various specialized subjects, often with a regional focus
- Normally 2 years at undergraduate level, but no official length
- Officially allowed, but do not seem to hold the same status as other 2-year diplomas
- Might lead to further studies

Diplôme D'État

(State Diploma)

- These diplomas qualify graduates for various professional fields
- Taught by public universities and/or specialized higher institutions

Examples:

- **Diplôme d'Architecte** (Diploma of Architect)
- **Docteur en Chirurgie Dentaire** (Doctor of Dental Surgery)
- **Docteur en Pharmacie** (Doctor of Pharmacy)
- **Docteur en Médecine Générale** (Doctor of General Medicine)
- **Docteur en Médecine Spécialisée** (Doctor of Specialized Medicine)

There are other state diplomas in special areas:

- **Diplôme d'État Santé** (State Diploma in Health) (allied health occupations)
- **Diplôme d'Études Supérieures d'Instituteur** (teaching qualification)

Diplôme d'État d'Architecte sample



Other HEI Diplomas

- Some schools have the right to grant a **Diplôme d'École Spécialisée** (Specialized School Diploma)
- These usually require a 2-year diploma for admission
- Programs are 1 to 3 years
- Offered in fields such as public office/civil service, sales, communication, physical therapy, etc.
- Diploma names will vary – check the diploma for laws regarding recognition
- Check transcripts to confirm program length

Professional State Diplomas

These state diplomas are considered competency-based rather than academic

Accounting Diplomas

- **Diplôme de Comptabilité et de Gestion (DCG)** (ranked Bac+4)
- **Diplôme Supérieur de Comptabilité et de Gestion (DSCG)** (ranked Bac+5)
Replaced the former (**Diplôme D'études Supérieures Comptables et Financières**)
- **Diplôme d'Expertise Comptable (DEC)** after a 3-year traineeship

Other

- **Diplôme d'État d'Assistant de Service Social**
(State Diploma of Social Service Assistant)
This is a Bac+3 diploma issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs

Grandes Écoles

- These are uniquely French institutions operating in a parallel system with universities
- Going back to Napoleonic times, the “grandes écoles” filled the need for high-level education in practical fields that universities did not cover
- Many are public institutions, some are private
- The first were **military** and **engineering** schools, but GEs in other fields started to follow the model: **business schools** (écoles de commerce) and schools for **civil service**
- Some GEs specialize in political science, other subjects
- there is no official list of grandes écoles

Classes Préparatoires

(Preparatory Classes)

- the classic “grande école” pattern is to do **two years** of preparatory studies (**classes préparatoires aux grandes écoles**, or **CPGE**)
- studies will be relevant to the student’s chosen field
- These classes are usually taught at specialized **lycées** (high schools), but sometimes by the GE itself
- Completing the CPGE does not lead to any diploma, although students can get advanced standing for these studies at some HEIs

Concours + 3 years

- After the **classes préparatoires**, students sit for the very competitive **concours** (entrance exam) for admission to the grande école
- The more prestigious the grande école, the more difficult it is to get in
- The lucky few who are admitted then do **3 years** of studies at the grande école itself, leading to one of the following diplomas...

Diplôme d'Ingénieur (Bac+5)

(Diploma of Engineer)

- Some schools offer it in many fields (Polytechniques), but many specialize in a single field (mining, telecommunications, electronics, aviation, etc.)
- The format of the diploma can vary: they might be in an official state format, or in a school's own proprietary format
- As long as the school and diploma are accredited by the **Commission des titres d'ingénieur** (Commission on Engineering Titles), the diploma is recognized
- You can look up the listings of recognized programs here by year

<http://www.cti-commission.fr>

Diplôme d'Ingénieur sample

European higher education area - Espace européen de l'enseignement supérieur - European higher education area

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ET DE LA RECHERCHE
ÉCOLE CENTRALE D'ÉLECTRONIQUE
DIPLÔME D'INGÉNIEUR
GRADE DE MASTER - MASTER'S DEGREE

- Vu le code de l'éducation et notamment son article L.642-1,
- Vu le décret n°99-747 du 30 août 1999 relatif à la création du grade de master, notamment son article 2, alinéa 2,
- Vu l'arrêté interministériel du 29 mars 2005 habilitant l'École Centrale d'Électronique de Paris à délivrer le titre d'Ingénieur diplômé,
- Vu le procès verbal du jury attestant que Monsieur [REDACTED] né le [REDACTED] à Clermont Ferrand (63) - France, a satisfait à l'ensemble des obligations prévues pour la délivrance du diplôme d'Ingénieur.

Le titre d'Ingénieur diplômé de l'École Centrale d'Électronique de Paris est délivré, au titre de l'année universitaire 2010/2011 à Monsieur [REDACTED] à qui est conféré le grade de master.

Fait à Paris, le 22 novembre 2011.

Le Titulaire

[REDACTED]

Le Directeur
Pascal BROUAYE

[Signature]

Le Recteur de l'Académie de Paris
Chancelier des Universités

Patrick GERARD

[Signature]

European higher education area - Espace européen de l'enseignement supérieur - European higher education area

Diplome de Grande École

(“Grande École” diploma)

- Many grandes écoles give only one recognized diploma in a particular field, which is called the “**Diplôme de [name of the school]**”
- Private schools must have their diplomas signed by a representative of the Ministry of Education, or another government Ministry
- A signed and Ministry-approved diploma is referred to as a “**diplôme visé**”
- A school might offer many recognized diplomas, but might also offer other unrecognized diplomas, or recognized professional certifications that are not academic degrees (see RNCP below)

“Beware the MBA”

- Many French business schools offer one-year “MBA” programs to foreign students
- These schools are often highly regarded and ranked by Forbes, have accreditation from EQUIS, AMBA, etc.
- They might claim that these programs are recognized, because the school has been allowed to offer a “diplôme visé”
- BUT while the diplôme visé (or “Grande École” diploma) offered by the school might be recognized, “MBA” is not a recognized academic title in France

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Grande École diploma (recognized)

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EDHEC
BUSINESS SCHOOL

ÉCOLE DE HAUTES ÉTUDES COMMERCIALES DU NORD
ÉTABLISSEMENT PRIVÉ D'ENSEIGNEMENT TECHNIQUE SUPÉRIEUR RECONNU PAR L'ÉTAT

DIPLÔME EDHEC

Vu le Code de l'éducation, et notamment ses articles L. 443-2 et L. 641-5,
Vu l'arrêté du 8 mars 2001 relatif aux diplômes délivrés par les établissements d'enseignement technique privés reconnus par l'État,
Vu l'arrêté du 25 août 2010 autorisant l'établissement à délivrer un diplôme visé par le Ministre chargé de l'Enseignement Supérieur et conférant le grade de Master,
Vu le procès-verbal du jury en date du 5 février 2015 attestant que l'intéressé né le [REDACTED] à SAINT-SÉBASTIEN-SUR-LOIRE a satisfait à l'ensemble des obligations prévues pour la délivrance du diplôme EDHEC.

Le diplôme de l'École de Hautes Études Commerciales du Nord est délivré au titre de la Promotion 2014 à Monsieur

[REDACTED]

à qui est conféré le grade Master (Master's degree).

Fait à Lille, le 6 juin 2015

Le titulaire:
[REDACTED]

Le Directeur de l'École
René GARCIA

Le Président du Jury
Francis SALEIRNO

N° de diplôme : 5914785

Pour la Ministre de l'Éducation Nationale,
de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche,
et par déléation, le Recteur d'Académie,
Chancelier des Universités

Jean-Jacques POLLET



Grande École diploma (unrecognized)



Mastère Spécialisé

(Specialized Master)

- This is a one-year diploma given by Grandes Écoles, usually in engineering
- They require the Diploma of Engineer or Grande École diploma for admission
- The student does further specialization in their field
- Not recognized by the Ministry of National Education
- The diploma title is copyrighted by the **Conférence des Grandes Écoles**

The RNCP

Répertoire National des Certifications Professionnelles

(National Registry of Professional Certifications)

- Established in 2002
- A directory of recognized professional qualifications
- Academic diplomas are recognized separately and do not have to be registered in the RNCP
- Recognition is for each individual qualification, not institutions
- Certificates are usually job **Titles** (“titres”) such as “Manager” or “Expert”
- Titles are “homologué” (“homologated” or ranked) at various levels, from IV to I (**Niveau I** being the highest, likened to Bac+5, **Niveau IV** being lowest, of Bac level)

Credentials can be searched for here: <http://www.rncp.cncp.gouv.fr>

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RNCP qualification sample


Etablissement d'enseignement supérieur technique privé
hautes études des technologies de l'information et de la communication
Cycle d'études en 3 ans de niveau Bac+5

Vu que le candidat a satisfait à toutes les conditions prévues par le règlement pédagogique ;
Vu les notes obtenues aux épreuves écrites et orales ;
Vu le rapport de stage et la soutenance ;
Vu la délibération du jury de fin d'études en date du 26 octobre 2007

Le titre d'**Expert en Ingénierie et Management de la Communication Numérique**
est décerné à
né le 4 août 1984 à Troyes (10)
avec la mention assez bien

Le titulaire:

Le président du jury
Jean-Christophe Beaux



Le directeur
Pascal Brouaye


Promotion 2004-07 n° 00081
Délivré à Montreuil, le 16 avril 2008

Transcripts

- Known as a “relevé de notes”
- No security features
- They do not normally state that the person graduated
- Normally they refer to the diploma by abbreviation and year number
(E.g. DUT 1 & 2 – Licence (L1, L2, L3) – Master 1 & 2 (M1,M2))

Attestations

- Because a final diploma is awarded by the Ministry, universities can only give an “**attestation de réussite**” (attestation of graduation)
- These are like provisional graduation certificates
- If someone graduates but does not go through the process of obtaining the national diploma, this might be all they have
- They are legally acceptable substitutes for the final diploma as proof of graduation

UNIVERSITÉ D AIX-MARSEILLE

ATTESTATION DE REUSSITE AU DIPLOME

Le Président atteste que

le Doctorat de l'Université Microbiologie
a été décerné à

Madame [REDACTED]
née le 29 mai 1982 à FREJUS (063)

au titre de l'année universitaire 2012/2013 avec la mention Très Honorable

Titre des travaux : Etude de la production d'un antioxydant le 3,4 DHPA par *Sulfolobus solfataricus*,
archée hyperthermophile : par des approches multidisciplinaires.

Date de soutenance : 12 juillet 2013

Etablissement soutenance : UNIVERSITE D'AIX-MARSEILLE

Jury : Mme [REDACTED] Président du jury, PROFESSEUR DES UNIVERSITES
UNIVERSITE D'AIX-MARSEILLE
M. [REDACTED] Rapporteur du jury, PROFESSEUR DES UNIVERSITES
UNIVERSITE PARIS 11
Mme [REDACTED] Rapporteur du jury, INGENIEUR DE RECHERCHE RF
Mme [REDACTED] Membre du jury, CHARGE DE RECHERCHE
INST NAT SIC APPLIQU TOULOUSE
M. [REDACTED] Membre du jury, INGENIEUR DE RECHERCHE RF
UNIVERSITE D'AIX-MARSEILLE
M. [REDACTED] Directeur de thèse, PROFESSEUR DES UNIVERSITES
UNIVERSITE D'AIX-MARSEILLE

Ecole doctorale : Sciences de la vie et de la santé (62)

Attestation
sample



Fait à Marseille, le 16 septembre 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink over a circular official seal of the University of Aix-Marseille.

Verification

- For diplomas signed by an Academy with no mention of the school's name (e.g. Lower Secondary, Bac and BTS diplomas), the **Academy** is the best source for verification
- Universities should be able to confirm document authenticity and/or send certified copies of documents (diplomas, attestations, academic records)
- Other HEIs should do the same
- English is widely understood, but writing in French never hurts
- Privacy policies might apply – student's permission might be needed to verify info

Resources

Ministry of National Education, Higher Education and Research: www.education.gouv.fr

Listing of Institutions: <http://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/pid24598/etablissements.html>

Legifrance (Database of French law): <https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/>

ENIC-NARIC France: <http://www.ciep.fr/en/enic-naric-france/>

Commission des titres d'ingénieur (Commission on engineering titles): <http://www.cti-commission.fr>

Conférence des Grandes Écoles: <http://www.cge.asso.fr>

Répertoire National des Certifications Professionnelles (RNCP): <http://www.rncp.cncp.gouv.fr>



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