

FRANCE ACCREDITATION CHEAT SHEET

Accreditation in France is programmatic. An institution may have *Reconnaissance par l'État*, but that does not mean the program is approved.

Public institutions & *Diplôme national*: Confirm that the student received a national diploma upon completion of program.

- Check in ONISEP if this is a *diplôme national*: onisep.fr
- Can also check *CampusFrance* info to see if the school is public
https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/recherche/categorie/descriptions-des-etablissements-426?sort_by=title

Private institutions: These institutions must apply for academic recognition from the state/government. You must go to ONISEP to determine if your program results in a recognized degree. If the program is recognized, it can be considered the equivalent of US regional accreditation.

Terminology seen on diplomas and on ONISEP for recognized private degrees:

- ***diplôme revêtu d'un visa officiel*** (unknown timeframe terminology) = programmatic accreditation in France
- ***diplôme visé*** (current terminology) = programmatic accreditation in France
- ***diplôme d'état*** (older term for *diplôme visé*) = programmatic accreditation in France
- ***diplôme...au grade de ... [licence, master, doctorat]*** = programmatic accreditation in France
- ***habilitation CTI*** (*Commission des titres d'ingénieur*) = programmatic accreditation in France; special status for Engineering degrees, <https://www.cti-commission.fr/accreditation>
 - ***habilitation commission des titres*** (older term for habilitation CTI)
- ***label CGE*** (*Commission de Grandes Écoles*) = programmatic accreditation, [list of schools \(current\)](#)

Terminology seen on ONISEP/School sites for UNRECOGNIZED programs:

- ***diplôme d'établissement*** = programmatically unaccredited
- ***diplôme universitaire*** = programmatically unaccredited
- ***diplôme d'université*** = usually non-credit program/programmatically unaccredited
- ***qualification de branche*** = usually non-credit continuing education program
- ***titre/certificat d'établissement*** = programmatically unaccredited
- ***certificate/diplôme d'école*** = programmatically unaccredited
- ***diplôme de la FEDE*** (*Fédération Européenne des Ecoles*) = programmatically unaccredited

Terminology which can be either recognized or unrecognized depending on institutional policies

- ***titre de CCI*** (*Chambre de Commerce et Industrie*) = programmatic accreditation **if also designated as a *diplôme national, d'état, or visé***. Otherwise, such a title is not an academic qualification
- ***titre inscrit au RNCP niveau x*** = vocational/professional degrees registered under the Minister of Vocational Training; these programs exist in their respective vocational/professional pathways from secondary level to doctoral level. They do not grant automatic access to the next academic level of studies but alternate admissions pathways between academic and RNCP programs exist in France.
<https://www.francecompetences.fr/>
 - **Regionally accredited, if the title is also designated as a *diplôme national, d'état, or visé***
 - Nationally accredited if title has no other recognized designations and is in a field which could be academic
 - Unaccredited if in a non-academic field
- ***preparation conjointe*** = check status of both institutions for the program