

Understand the Professional Photographer Certification RNCP Level I

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 both by the French State and at European level

All professional certifications are registered in the National Directory of Professional Certifications (RNCP - *Répertoire National des Certifications Professionnelles*) and are subject to validation by the National Commission for Professional Certification (CNCP - *Commission Nationale de la Certification Professionnelle*).



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- The **National Directory of Professional Certifications (RNCP)** was created by article L. 335-6 of the Code of Education (law of 17 January 2002). Its purpose is to make available to individuals and businesses regularly updated information on diplomas and professional titles. The RNCP contains the reference sheets of each certification with national value accessible through initial or continuous training. This recognition demonstrates that the skills taught correspond to the expectations of the professional world. The up-to-date directory is available online: www.rncp.cncp.gouv.fr
- The RNCP title is officially awarded by the **CNCP** (National Commission for Professional Certification), placed under the authority of the French Minister responsible for vocational training: <http://www.cncp.gouv.fr/>
- Direct link to the reference sheet of Spéos in the RNCP:
<http://www.rncp.cncp.gouv.fr/grand-public/visualisationFiche?format=fr&fiche=6087>

The different levels of certification

The diplomas and professional certifications listed in the RNCP are classified by activities and levels, ranging from level I to level V. This nomenclature provides information on the **level of skills and responsibilities of the holders of a given certification**:

- Level I: level of skills equivalent to a master's degree or a diploma from a major school (Bac + 5)
- Level II: level of competences equivalent to the bachelor's degree or to an undergraduate degree in higher education (Bac + 2)
- Level III: level of skills equivalent to a DUT, a BTS or an end of the first cycle of higher education (Bac + 2)
- Level IV: level of competence equivalent to a BP (professional certificate), to a BT (Technician's certificate), to the Professional or Technological Baccalaureate
- Level V: skill level equivalent to a CAP or CFPA (certificate of vocational training of adults).

Spéos delivers a RNCP level I

Since 2008 Spéos is accredited by the French government with the **title of photographer RNCP level I** (Fr) and 7 (Eu) - code NSF 323 t:

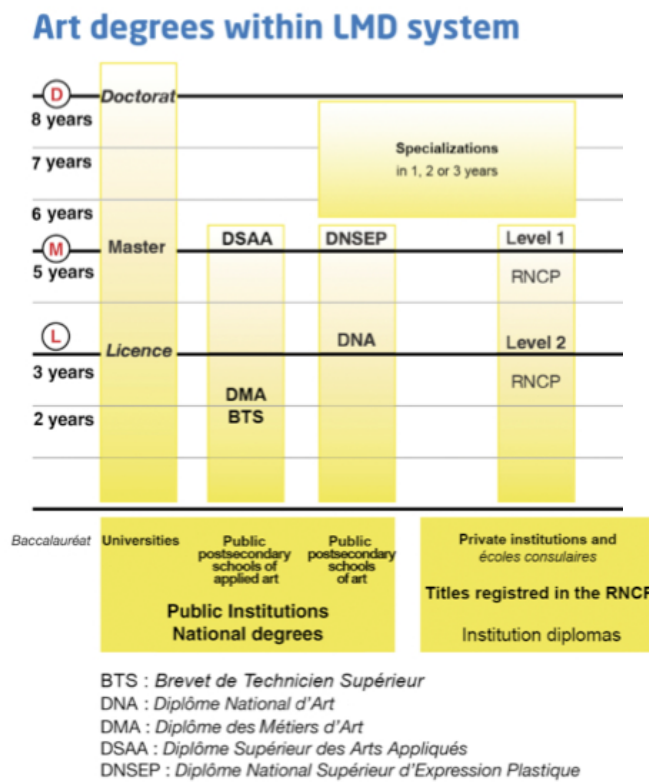
- The highest level of professional training qualification for photographers
- The certifications registered in the directory are **recognized throughout the French national and European territory**: level 7 (Eu).

The Spéos programs delivering a **title of photographer RNCP level I** are registered in the RNCP by successive decrees of 7 August 2008, 17 November 2011, 22 December 2014 and 25 February 2016 - published in the *Official Journal* of 17 March 2016.

This last registration covers 5 years and is valid until March 17, 2021.

The title of photographer RNCP level I awarded by Spéos is therefore equivalent to Bac + 5.

The following diagram also shows that the RNCP level I corresponds to an equivalent of Bac + 5:



Source: Campus France guide

For an overview of all Spéos accreditations, see: <http://www.speos-photo.com/fr/nos-accreditations/>



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