

## Note; Degree (English) = Diplôme (French)



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### [The validation of acquired experience \(VAE\)](#)

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The validation of acquired experience is a measure that allows anyone, whatever their age, level of education or status, to have their experience acquired validated in order to obtain professional certification. At least one year of experience related to the content of the certification concerned is required.

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How the VAE works

**The VAE allows you to obtain, in whole or in part, a degree, a title or a certificate of professional qualification** registered in the National Directory of Professional Certifications (RNCP).

The candidate must **complete a file** in which he describes the main activities he exercises or has exercised, their contexts of exercise and the resources mobilized. The evaluation of this file is followed by an **interview with the jury**. The jury decides to validate all or part of the degree

concerned. In the event of partial validation, recommendations are made to the candidate with a view to obtaining the full degree.

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- employees
- non-salaried
- job seekers compensated or not
- people who have carried out social activities, volunteers, etc.

The only requirement is to have carried out an activity lasting at least one year in relation to the content of the degree concerned.

Which address?

From the professional aptitude certificate (CAP) to the higher technician's certificate (BTS): **contact the academic systems for the validation of prior learning (DAVA)**. There is one per academy.

Resources

### Sites to consult

#### Eduscol

Validation of acquired experience

The VAE , an individual right

VAE for CAP degrees BTS

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#### France VAE

The network of academic systems for validating prior learning from national education experience

Dates of information meetings in DAVA

#### National Directory of Professional Certifications (RNCP)

The certifications registered with the RNCP

[www.cncp.gouv.fr](http://www.cncp.gouv.fr)

#### INFFO Center

Presentation of continuing vocational training systems

[www.centre-inffo.fr](http://www.centre-inffo.fr)

#### Ministry of Higher Education and Research

How VAE works in higher education [www. teaching sup-recherche.gouv.fr](http://www.teachingsup-recherche.gouv.fr)

#### University continuing education

Directories, training offers, etc.  
[www.fcu.fr](http://www.fcu.fr)

### **Reference texts**

Vocational training, employment and social democracy  
[Law n ° 2014-288 of March 5, 2014](#)

Social and solidarity economy  
[Law n ° 2014-856 of July 31, 2014](#)

Decree n ° 2014 of November 12, 2014 in application of the law of March 5, 2014, decree n ° 2017-1135 of July 4, 2017 in application of the law of August 8, 2016

Facilitate the exercise, by local elected officials, of their mandate  
[Law n ° 2015-366 of March 31, 2015](#)

Protection of sportsmen high level and professionals and securing their legal and social situation  
[Law n ° 2015-1541 of 27 November 2015](#)

Work, modernizing social dialogue and securing professional careers  
[Law n ° 2016-1088 of 8 August 2016](#)

Transparency, fight against corruption and modernization of economic life  
[Law n ° 2016- 1691 of December 9, 2016](#)

Recognition of the acquisition of blocks of skills by candidates preparing for the professional baccalaureate exam as part of continuing professional training or of the validation of acquired experience  
[Decree n ° 2016-771 of 10 June 2016](#)

Recognition of the acquisition of blocks of skills by candidates preparing for the examination of the certificate of professional aptitude as part of continuing professional training or of the validation of acquired experience  
[Decree n ° 2016-772 of 10 June 2016](#)

Recognition of the acquisition of blocks of skills by candidates preparing for the examination for the higher technician certificate as part of continuing professional training or the validation of prior experience  
[Decree No. 2016-1037 of July 28, 2016](#)

Recognition the acquisition of blocks of skills by candidates preparing for the examination of the professional certificate, the certificate of craftsmanship or the additional mention within the framework of continuing professional training or the validation of acquired experience  
[Decree n ° 2017-790 of May 5, 2017](#)

Implementation of the validation of acquired experience  
[Decree n ° 2017-1135 of July 4, 2017](#)

### **Documents to consult**

Validation of acquired experience in higher education institutions: increase in the number of beneficiaries in 2017

Continuing education - Information note - N ° 18.23 - September 2018

Academic system for the validation of prior learning: 12,800 degrees issued by the validation of prior learning in 2016

Continuing education - Information note - N ° 27 - December 2017

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**The vae.gouv.fr portal**

[www.vae.gouv.fr](http://www.vae.gouv.fr)

**France VAE, the network of academic systems for the validation of acquired professional experience**

[www.francevae.fr](http://www.francevae.fr)