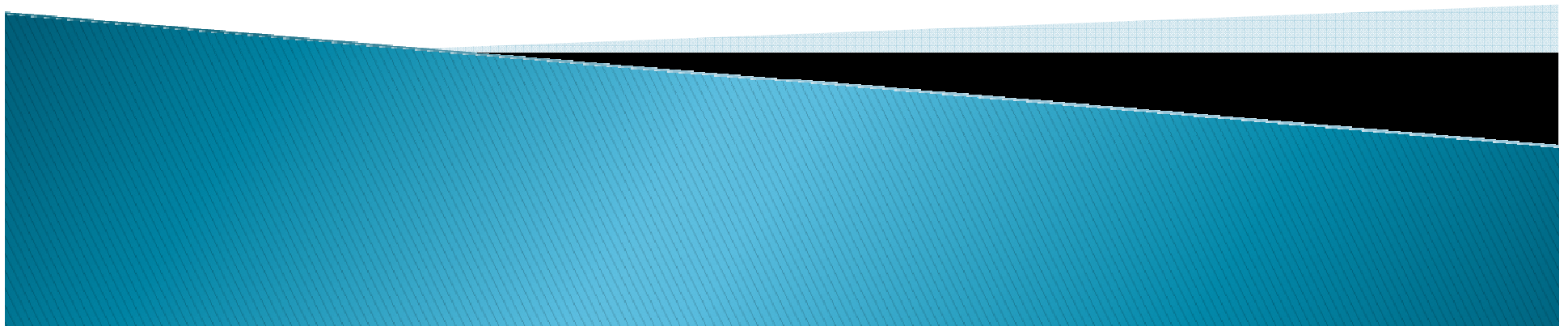


# The French NQF development and referencing to EQF

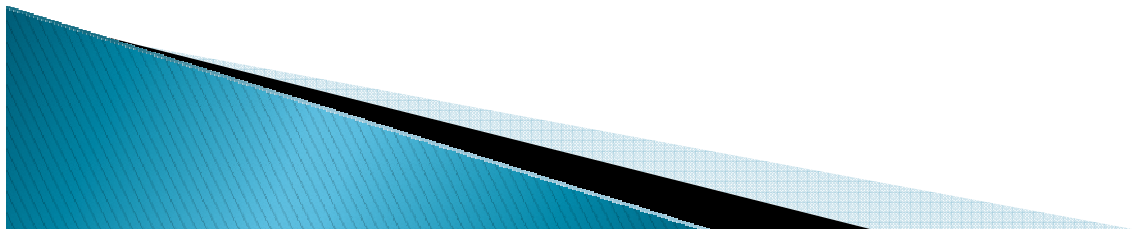
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Formerly CNCP General Secretary



# The « qualification » concept in the French context

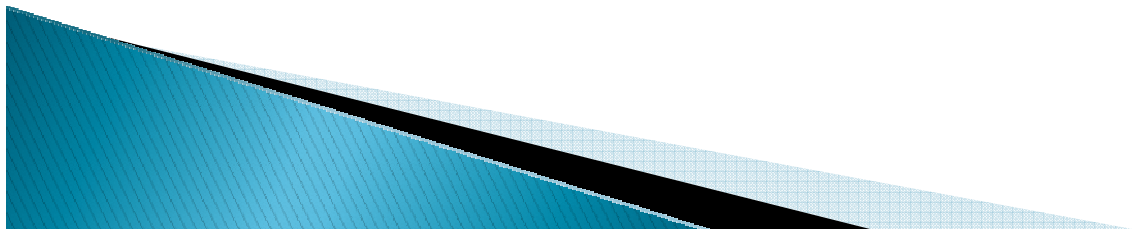
According to the glossary of the Recommendation about EQF  
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- "**qualification**" means a formal outcome of an assessment and validation process which is obtained when a competent body determines that an individual has achieved **learning outcomes** to given standards »
- Translation in French is « **certification** »



# TVET Qualifications specificities

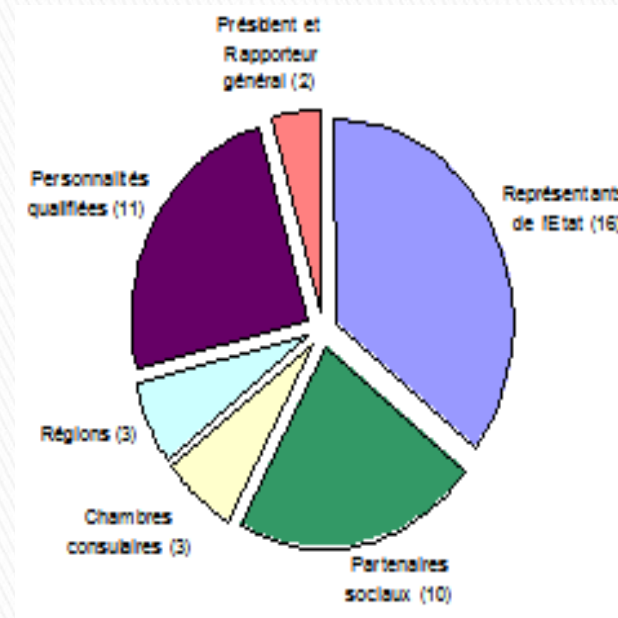
- ▶ Since the 70's Tvet is defined through national programmes and since the 90's implemented through regional plans
- ▶ Qualifications standards have a national value and can be delivered by private as public or sectors authorities for secondary and tertiary levels
- ▶ The qualification value deals with the « competences » evaluated (learning outcomes) according to the labour market needs and not the content of training or curriculum developed by colleges, schools, universities and all kinds of training centers.
- ▶ Qualifications are registered by a National commission in terms of levels and vocational fields and collected in a National Repertory which is considered as the French NQF



# The Authority in charge of the French NQF

## The National Committee for VET Qualification (CNCP)

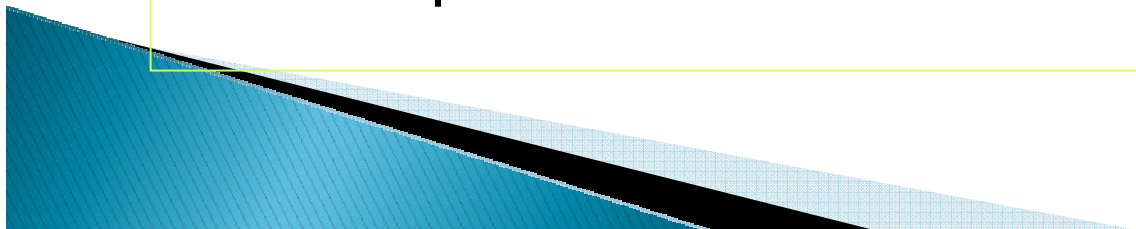
- ▶ Representatives of the state (16)
- ▶ Social partners (5 employees, 5 employees)
- ▶ Chambers of Commerce (3)
- ▶ Regions (3)
- ▶ Experts (11)
- ▶ President and Général secretary



The CNCP was created by a Law in 2002. It is placed under the Prime minister's responsibility for its policies and Ministry of Labour for logistics aspects.

## A common language

- All qualifications must be awarded after initial, continuing as well as work integrated learning or after professional and personal experience through RPL
- They must be described in learning outcomes terms (competence based with a combination of knowledge, skills and attitudes)
- They are classified by a 5 levels grid and 96 learning domains
- They must be related to the « ROME » support (skills and employment descriptions national directory)



# French Certifications Typology

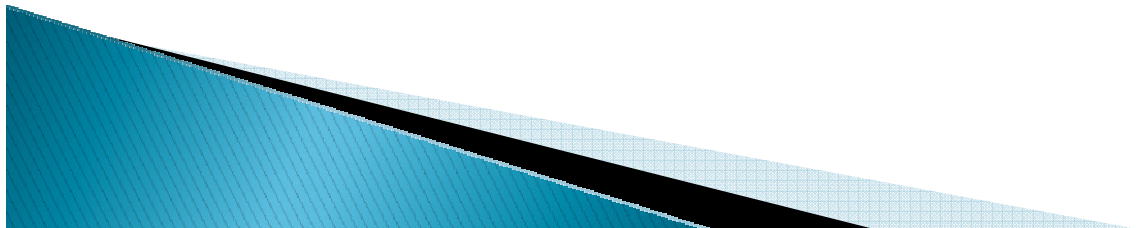
Uses	Authorities	Public	Type of awards
Social Qualification	Ministries	Pupils, students, adults LLL and VAE	Diplômes and degrees registered in RNCP
Vocational Qualification	Ministries Branches Training Centres	Young people and adults LLL and VAE	Diplômes, titles CQP registered in RNCP
Licences for regulated activities	Organismes agréés par un ministère	Skilled workers and self-employed	Habilitation, licences, certification Qualification
Firms awards	Lobbies and Firms organisations	Wide public	Certification given by firms or labels



Selected in NQF

# NQF Settlement since 2002

- Strong links with Europass tools
- Accompaniment of all the authorities in charge of qualification to fulfil the items in terms of learning outcomes
- Involvement of all stakeholders (ministries (i.e. HE), social partners, statisticians, regions, training institutions...) in the settlement through recurrent workshops to define a clear choice about qualifications which will be in and out of the NQF





# The French NQF is used as a communication tool

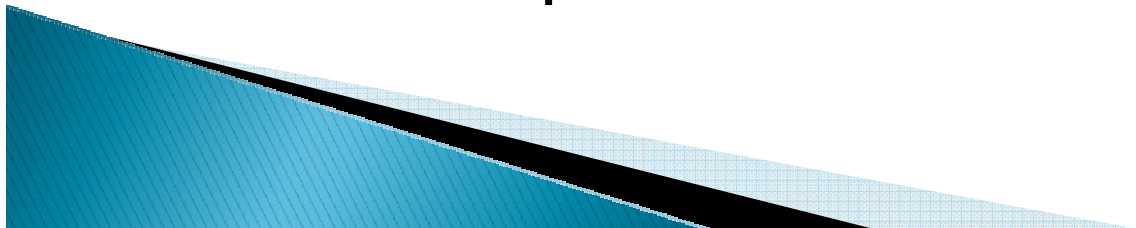
- to permit exchanges and communication between
  - Enterprises, training centres and applicants
  - Countries in order to know what competencies are assessed through qualifications delivrance





# About referencing to EQF

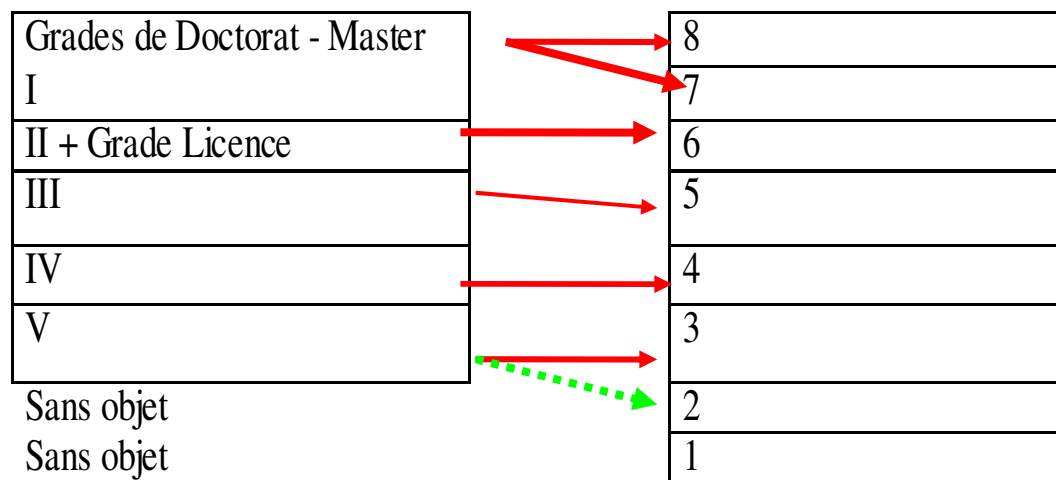
- Main debates organised by CNCP are related to the lack of French qualifications for the EQF levels 1 and 2
- A specific group coordinated by CNCP is in charge of a common methodology with recurrent meetings during 2 years. All stakeholders participated in a Leonardo project in 2006–2008 (EQFnet Testing)
- Statistics institutions are integrated in the workshops



# Referencing to EQF

FRENCH 5 levels grid

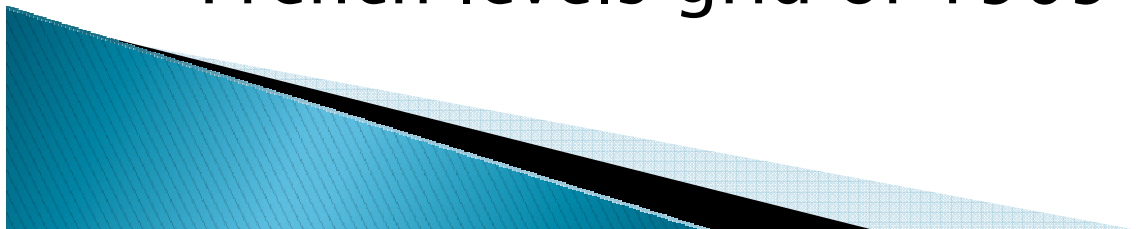
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# The Agenda till referencing

- ▶ A classification approach since 1969
- ▶ A common commitment used since 1972
- ▶ A strong involvement of social partners about VET since the 80's
- ▶ An interinstitutional committee (CNCP) structuring the NQF since 2002
- ▶ The official referencing to EQF since October 2010
- ▶ Actually a strong debate to set up another French levels grid of 1969



# The CNCP Website: [www.cncp.gouv.fr](http://www.cncp.gouv.fr)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the CNCP (Commission Nationale de la Certification Professionnelle) website. The header features the French flag, a photo of people working, and the CNCP logo. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Répertoire, Commission, Inventaire, and International. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains sections for 'Consultation du RNCP' (with a link to 'Accès au RNCP'), 'Procédures d'enregistrement au RNCP' (with links for 'Enregistrement de droit', 'Documents à télécharger', 'Enregistrement sur demande', and 'Documents à télécharger'), 'Avis publics d'opportunité' (with a link to 'Accès aux avis'), and 'Archives de l'homologation' (with a link to 'Consulter les archives'). The right column contains an 'Actualités' section with three articles: 'Présentation détaillée de la nouvelle page d'accueil', 'Lettre d'info CNCP', and 'Rapport d'activité 2010'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Documents de référence' section. The footer includes a search bar and a link to 'Internet | Mode'.

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**Avis publics d'opportunité**

La loi du 24 novembre 2009, relative à l'orientation et à la formation tout au long de la vie, confie à la CNCP la mission d'émettre un avis d'opportunité préalable à l'élaboration des certifications enregistrées de droit

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Le 31 août, une nouvelle version du site Cncp.gouv.fr a été mise en ligne. Plus ergonomique, plus intuitive, celle-ci vise à faciliter l'accès des internautes aux principales fonctions du portail national de la certification.

[Présentation détaillée de la nouvelle page d'accueil \(Format pdf, 237 ko\)](#)

**Lettre d'info CNCP**  
Au cours de la période récente, l'actualité de la Commission nationale de la certification professionnelle a été particulièrement riche et féconde sur le plan institutionnel.

[Consulter la lettre \(Format pdf, 1164 ko\)](#)

**Rapport d'activité 2010**  
Au cours de l'année 2010, la mise en œuvre de la Loi du 24 novembre 2009 et le référencement du Cadre national français de certification au Cadre européen des ont été les principaux axes directeurs de l'action conduite par la CNCP.

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