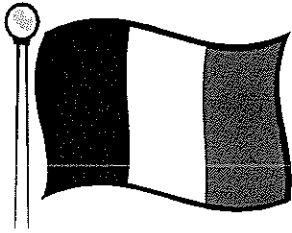


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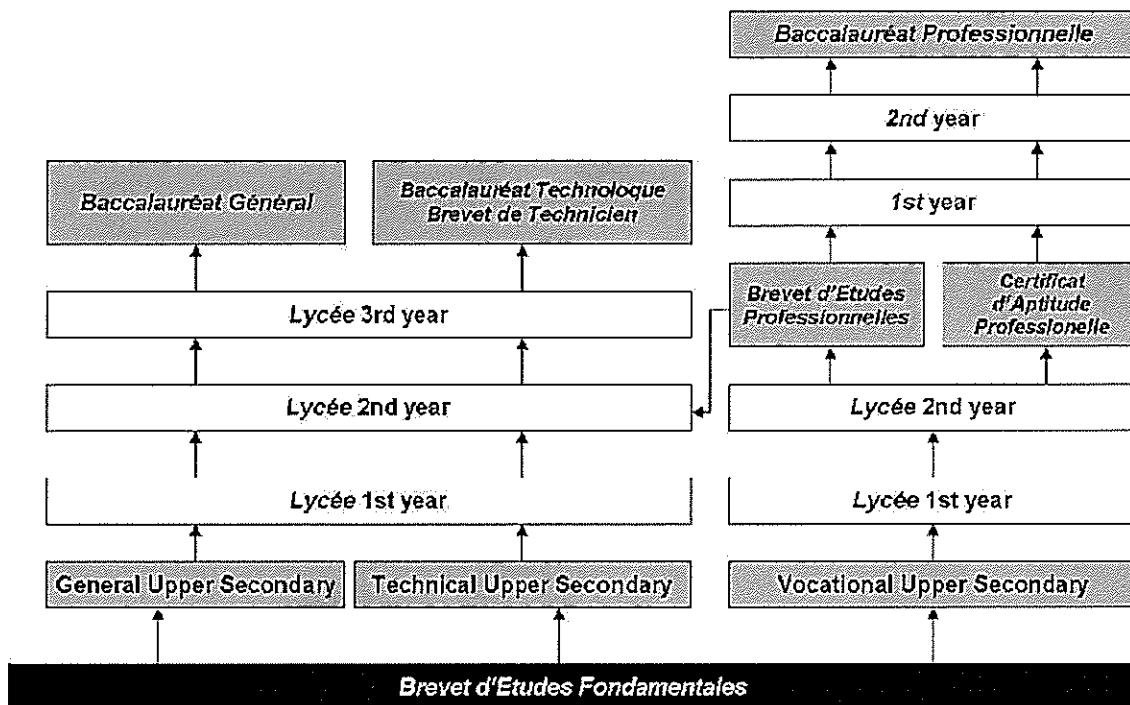


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BRIEF OVERVIEW – SECONDARY EDUCATION



12 years of primary and secondary school

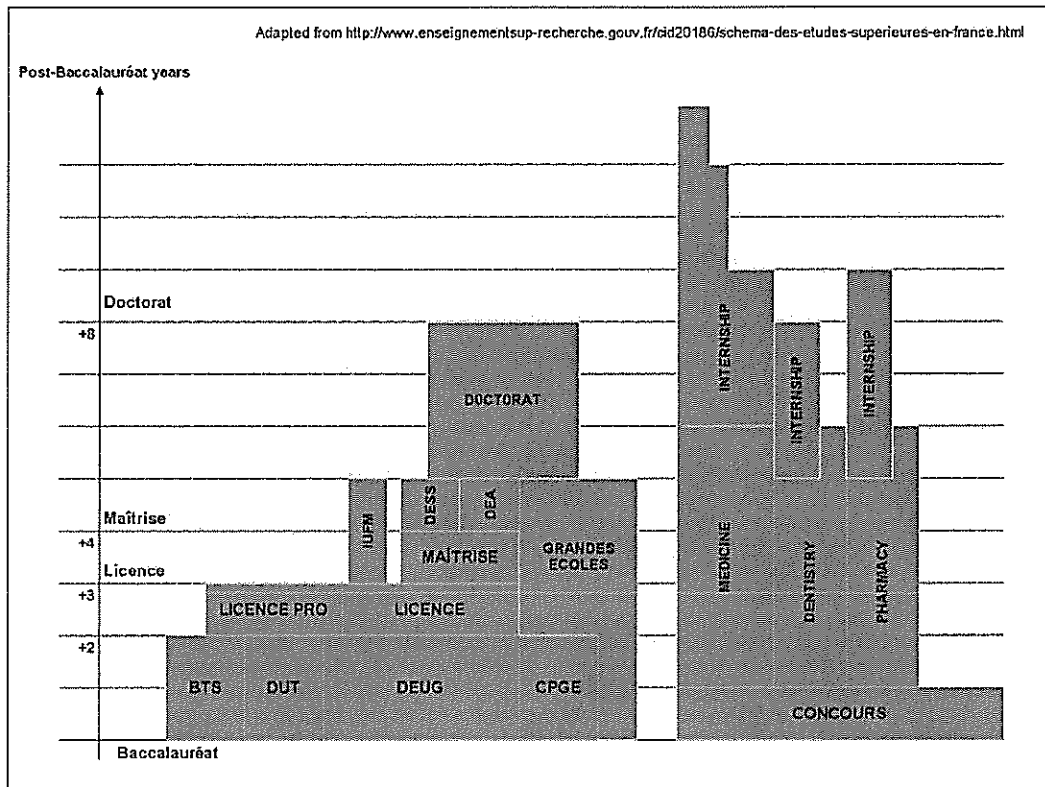
- *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (CAP)* – after 10 years
- *Brevet d'Etudes Professionnelles (BEP)* – after 10 years
- *Brevet Professionnelle (BP)*
- *Baccalauréat*
- *Brevet de Technicien (BT)*

CHANGES – 1980s TO PRESENT

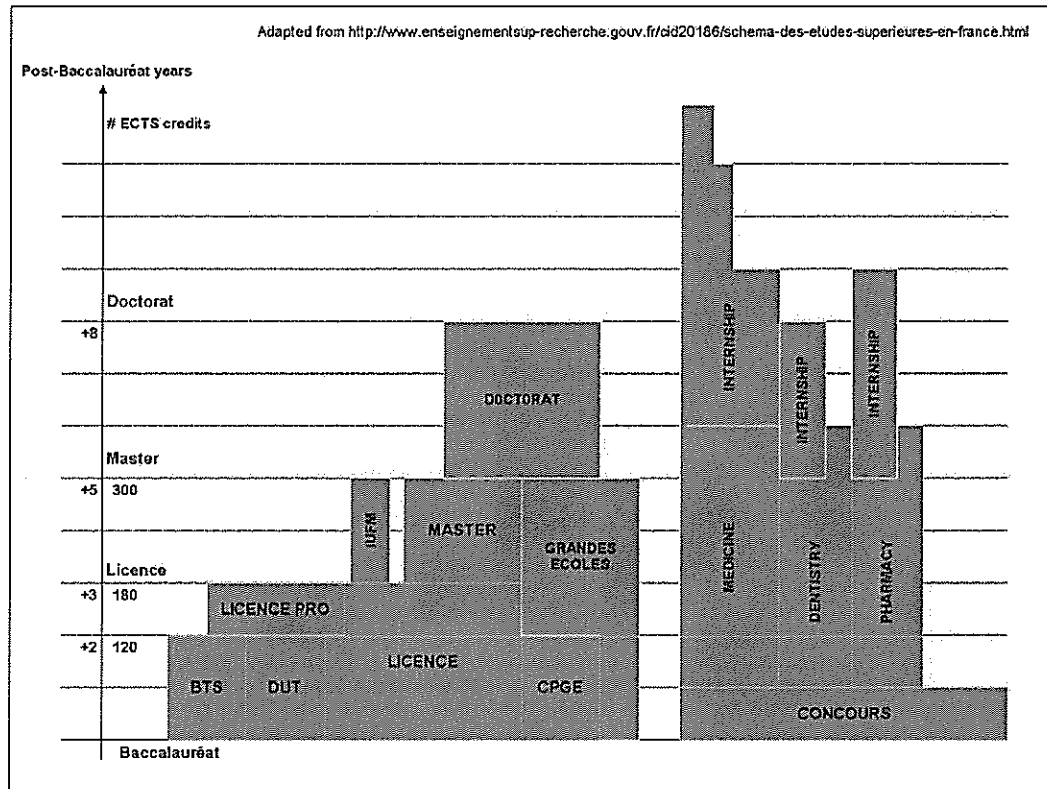
- Rise in *Baccalauréat* passing rates
 - 1985: 65% passed
 - 2003: 83% passed
 - *Baccalauréat technologique* replaced *Baccalauréat de technicien*
- *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (CAP)* introduced in 1987
 - 2-year vocational upper secondary program
- *Brevet d'Etudes Professionnelles (BEP)*
 - 2-year vocational upper secondary program

POST-SECONDARY

Before Bologna Agreement implementation:



After Bologna Agreement implementation:



BRIEF OVERVIEW POST-SECONDARY

- 1st level
 - *Licence* (licentiate)
 - 3 years (6 semesters)
- 2nd level
 - Master
 - 2 years (4 semesters)
- 3rd level
 - *Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures Spécialisées/DESS*
 - 1 year
 - *Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies/DEA*
 - 1 year
 - *Doctorate* (doctorate)
 - 3+ years

RECENT CHANGES

- Bologna Agreement fully-integrated in all post-secondary institutions
 - *Diplôme d'Etudes Universitaires Générales (DEUG)* programs eliminated
 - *BTS, DUT, DEUST* programs remain
 - *Licence* programs now 3 years instead of 1
 - *Maîtrise* programs eliminated; replaced by 2-year master
 - *DEA* will be integrated into the 2nd year of the master