A public agency (formally an EPA, établissement public administratif) administered by the French Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, CNED was originally established in Paris in 1939 to solve problems stemming from the fragmentation of the educational system. With nearly 20,000 students enrolled internationally, the CNED is the leading operator of lifelong learning in Europe and the French-speaking world. It is open to everyone, whether they live in France or abroad, whatever their nationality. It offers them the possibility to follow French elementary, secondary or higher education, as well as initial and professional training, at a distance and online.

**MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY**

The CNED is a public operator in distance learning and provides continuity of education on behalf of the French government for students who are unable to attend classes. It is also available to adults who are starting a new professional course: resuming studies in secondary or higher education, preparing for teaching or civil service competitive exams, beginning vocational training.

Key figures 2021
200 different courses offered
136,000 customer purchases

Public
15% international audience (20,000 enrollees)
60% of the audience are schoolchildren (nursery to high school)
40% students or adults (CAP, bac pro, BTS, bachelor’s degrees, master’s degrees, DU, preparation for teacher and educational staff competitive exams, school entrance examinations, preparation for civil service competitive exams, professional qualifications, languages including French as a foreign language).

Workforce
1,050 staff
1,150 national education teachers
More than 2,000 lecturers and educational experts

**STRENGTHS**

In a connected and evolving world, the CNED’s mission is to ensure that everyone, whatever their situation, has the means to succeed at school and at work.
- Accessibility: to enable everyone, regardless of location or situation, to receive distance education.
- Success: to accompany people towards the fulfilment of their project (obtaining a diploma, finding a job, changing jobs, etc.).
- Social utility: to provide effective education and training for all to ensure individual success and professional integration.

CNED-Académie numérique is committed to working alongside the French Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and offers educational support services:
- Languages and digital schooling: online facilities for learning English (English for Schools) and German (Deutsch Für Schulen) in elementary and primary schools.
- Jules: a digital companion for middle school students to help with homework;
- MaSpéMaths: an online revision platform for the mathematics speciality in Première class (Year 12 or 11th grade).

CNED-Académie numérique also offers operational support to schools in the form of an extended teaching map, with high school specialities for the last two years, languages with low enrolment, regional languages as a third foreign language, as well as a short-term substitute service in middle schools for teacher absences of fewer than fifteen days: Program’cours

As part of the French government’s future investment programme, the CNED signed a 14.8-million-euro financing agreement with the Caisse des Dépôts on 19 October 2020, to be spread over four years. Ambitions:
- to strengthen the CNED’s position in the field of distance learning and as a partner in the onsite classroom;
- to achieve advanced and notable technological breakthroughs;
- to enrich learning and user experience.

**IDENTITY FORM**

- Precise name of the institution: CNED - Centre National d’Enseignement à Distance
- Type of institution: Public agency (formally an EPA, établissement public administratif)
- Percentage or number of international students: 15%
- Type and level of qualifications awarded:
  - LMD (diplomas delivered by the partner universities of the CNED)
  - Other national diplomas (diplomas delivered by the partner establishments)
- French language courses: Yes
- Programs for international students: Yes
- Programs in English: Yes
- Registration fees/year (for information only) according to the trainings:
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