**HOW TO BECOME A PSYCHOMOTRICIAN IN FRANCE?**

In France, to be a psychomotrician, you must follow a 3-year bachelor course, representing 180 ECTS.

The number of places for the entrance in the first year of studies preparing for the State of psychomotrician diploma is determined each year by an order of the Ministry of Health and request the establishment of a recruitment competition. In 2014, 914 students were admitted in First year in the different 13 schools (IFP) of France

Those eligible to take the entrance exam:

The French or EU Member countries, which have the baccalaureate graduates;

- European holders of one of the titles in order of August 25, 1969, as amended, title allowed dispensation from the baccalaureate French Decree No. 81-1221 December 31, 1981, or one titles listed in Schedule III of the Decree of December 23, 1987;

- People who have passed a special entrance examination to the University or the holders of a diploma of access to university studies;

- Applicants graduating class: their entry is then subject to the baccalaureate's degree. They must submit proof of success to the baccalaureate's degree at the Institute of training of psychomotricity no later than four days after posting of the results of this review;

- Applicants who are at least seventeen years old by December 31 of the year of admission tests. Waiver of age is granted: it is not intended age upper limit.

Can enter directly into first year:

Art. 1 of 5 May 2010 - As an trial and by way of derogation from articles 2 to 7 and 9 of the Decree of December 23, 1987 referred to above, the planned jury in article 8 of this order can admit students selected from results generated during the validation of the issued training units in the first year of preparatory studies for graduates of State occupational therapist, technician medical laboratory, manipulator of medical doctor, physiotherapist, pedicure-chiropodist and psychomotrician during the first year common to health or education during the first two semesters of Bachelor of sciences and techniques of physical and sports activities, STAPS, or Bachelor of science of life and the Earth, SVT.

Eligible to take the written exam of passage in second year of studies the students, meets the conditions outlined below:

Art. 25 of 7 April 1998 - are exempt from the first year of studies leading to the diploma of State of psychomotrician holders of the following degrees and having obtained an average General of 10 without lower score 8 to a written examination on the content of first year theoretical modules:

- Validation of undergraduate medical education;

- License or master of psychology;

- State diploma of occupational therapist;

- State diploma of nurse;

- Diploma of psychiatric sector nurses;

- State Diploma of physiotherapist;

- State diploma of educator;

- Certificate of competence in speech-therapy;

- Certificate of fitness to the education of children and adolescents deficient or inadequate;

- Licence of sciences and techniques of physical and sporting activities;

- State patents classified in table A of the Decree of 4 May 1995 establishing the list of opening graduates right education, coaching and facilitation of physical and sports activities in accordance with article 43 of the Act No. 84-610 of 16 July 1984 amended relating to the Organization and promotion of these activities;

- Diploma of master of physical education

- Certificate of orthoptist

**IS THE PROFESSION REGULATED-PROTECTED IN FRANCE?**

Psychomotrician diploma is regulated by Articles, L4332-2 (Ordonnance n°2009-1585 du 17 décembre 2009 - art. 15), L4332-4 (Ordonnance n°2009-1585 du 17 décembre 2009 - art. 10) of the Code of the preparatory studies on public health to the State diploma of psychomotrician (journal officiel du 8 aout 2004) NOR: SANP0422530D.

The exercise is defined and protected by the R4332 Article of the code of public health.

**IF I’M NOT EDUCATED AS PSYCHOMOTRICIAN IN FRANCE HOW CAN I WORK?**

The competent authority can, after opinion of a commission composed of French professionals, authorize a person to work as psychomotor therapist, any citizen of a member state of the EU or of another State which is an economic partner of the EU, who followed successfully an postsecondary academic cycle and who, without possessing the French diploma is holder:

1 ° Of a title of psychomotor education delivered by a State, member or partner, and required by the competent authority of a State, member or partner, which regulates the access to this profession or its exercise, and allowing to perform legally these functions in this State ;

2 ° Or, when the concerned citizen has practiced in a State, member or partner, which does not regulate the access to this profession or its practice, by a title of practice delivered by a State, member or partner, giving evidence of the preparation for the practice of the profession, he must have a certificate proving that, in this State, he has had a full-time practice for two years during the last ten years, or part-time practice during a corresponding duration during the same period. This condition is not applicable when the course to this profession is regulated;

3 ° Or, of a title of course delivered by a foreign State and recognized by any State, member of the EU or partner of the European Economic Area, other than France, allowing to practise legally on its territory.

In these cases, when the examination of the professional qualifications have been attested by all the titles of courses and the relevant work experience revealed by the substantial differences according to the qualifications required for the access and the exercise of the profession in France, the competent authority demands that the concerned citizen submits himself to a measure of compensation which consists, in the choice of the applicant, of a test of capacity or an internship of adaptation.

The delivery of the authorization of practice allows the beneficiary to practise in the same conditions as the people holders of the French state diploma.

**ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS TO DO IN FRANCE**

All requests of equivalence must be sent to Regional Direction for youth, sports, and social cohesion (Direction Régionale de la Jeunesse, des sports et de la cohésion sociale: DRJSCS) of the French region where you want to work

You must send to the DRJSCS the request of equivalence of your European diploma by mail with a photocopy of the original diploma, its translation (by an official translator) and a photocopy both sides of your ID card of current validity in the date of the deposit of file.  
  
- According to the diploma, the DRJSCS will send you a form to be completed, containing the list of elements to be supplied, and to return them by registered mail with acknowledgement of receipt to the address of your regional DRJSCS

The competent regional committee will express its opinion on the authorization of exercise. The committee(commission) can thus decide according to three possibilities:  
  
- authorization of exercise

- asking for compensatory measures: (unpaid) internship or test of capacity  
- Rejection of the request

**CONTACTS / LINKS IN FRANCE**

<http://www.drjscs.gouv.fr/>

[www.psychomotricite.com/ffp](http://www.psychomotricite.com/ffp)

<http://legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000006171316&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006072665>