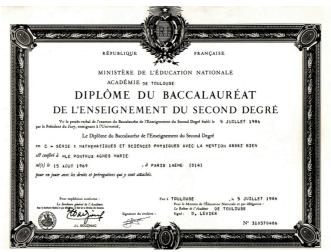


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Baccalauréat 2006 in France

Founded in 1808, the baccalauréat (the equivalent for school leaving examination to university entrance qualification in England) is the French education system diploma. There are 3 different bacs: bac general, bac technologic and bac professional.



Baccalauréat diploma

It began on Monday, June 12^{th} with the philosophy exam then for bac general and bac technologic on Monday 3^{rd} July the first result and finally Monday 10^{th} July will be the end of the session.

The bac general lasts 5 days (from 12th to 16th June).

The bac technologic lasts 8 days (from 12th to 20th June).

The bac professional lasts 5 days (from 19th to 23rd June).

In the United-Kingdom when you are 16 years old, it's the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE), when you are 18 years old, it's the A-Level (Advanced).

In Italy, the name of the diploma is Diploma di maturità and the test name is Esame di maturà. There are several tests : 3 written, 1 oral and they are marked out of 100 points (45 points written, 35 points oral and 20 points continuous assessment).

In 2006, there are 640,810 candidates registered, 139,733 proofreaders and examiners and 4,052 secondary schools test centres.