PERSONAL TRAINING ACCOUNT AND CAREER ADVISORY PROCESS IN FRANCE

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Context: challenges of globalization, job transformations, new challenges for vocational training...

- 50% of jobs will be profoundly transformed in the next ten years: investment in skills, national necessity Renovation of the social model, creation of new rights for citizens...
- New Law to ensure access to knowledge and skills for all citizens "Loi pour la liberté de choisir son avenir professionnel » (September 2018)
- CVET was complicated > reform. Vocational training is a major tool at the disposal
 of all working people: employees, self-employed, company managers or job seekers.
 It allows you to train throughout your professional career, to develop your skills and
 access employment, to stay in employment or to change jobs.
- A right to vocational training and guidance for every individual

Law for the freedom to choose one's professional future

- This law has profoundly changed the landscape of vocational training and apprenticeship:
 - it changes both **the governance** of the system and **the interaction of actors** between them. it is addressed to **each person** in their particularities and professional choices in order to **support them effectively on the job market**
- The law carries the ambition that everyone should be able to fulfil himself in his professional life. To achieve this: it's necessary remove the obstacles and discrimination that persist in our country and needs the creation of new rights for everyone. So that they can choose their professional life throughout their career

Objectives of the Law

- to develop and facilitate access to training, based on people's initiatives and needs, in a spirit of equity and professional freedom, within a collectively organized and financially viable framework
- to increase companies' investment in the skills of their employees, by significantly simplifying the
 institutional and regulatory framework and developing social and economic dialogue. This investment
 must by definition be inclusive: the legislative framework will simplify and adapt employment integration
 tools for the most vulnerable target populations, including workers with disabilities.

The law aims to enable all members of the working population to actively shape their professional careers:

- by allowing uninterrupted access to training, thanks to the new CPF (Personal Training Account) application
- by enabling all those who so wish to benefit from free and personalized professional development advisory services
- by allowing individuals to evolve in their careers and adapt to changes in the world of work, and to access re-skilling

Impact of the Law

Creation of the agency France Compétences

It is reforming:

- apprenticeship
- vocational training: reforming funding mechanisms; establishing a dis-intermediated' training system
- the personal training account scheme (Compte Personnel de Formation, CPF), in place since 2015, has been at the center of the reform
- Career advice and guidance services for employees shall be developed through the improved Career transition counselling (Conseil en évolution professionnelle, CEP)

It also includes measurements on:

- the extension of unemployment insurance
- gender equality
- the employment of people with disabilities
- the fight against fraud in detached work



Personal Training Account

- It makes it possible to acquire training rights that can be mobilized throughout one's
 professional life. It has a universal vocation and is aimed at all working people. it is attached to
 the person and not to the employment contract or status: the person can acquire rights,
 without time limit.
- The ambition of the Personal Training Account (CPF) is to contribute, at the initiative of the individual, to maintaining employability and securing the professional career path.
- One of the major innovations of this training reform is the transformation of the Personal Training Account (CPF) into euros.
- The euro credits recorded on the account remain fully vested for the person in the event of a change in status, professional situation or loss of employment, regardless of the reason for termination of the employment contract.
- Another new feature will be that employees will be able to purchase their training directly via a
 mobile application managed by the Caisse des dépôts et consignations (CDC).

Personal Training Account: for which training courses?

For all active people, are eligible:



- actions to validate prior experience (VAE)
- the skills assessment (*Bilan de compétences*)
- training activities provided to business creators or purchasers (to ensure the sustainability of an activity)
- the preparation of the theoretical test and the practical test of the driving licence.
- For public servants, eligible training courses are those listed in the training catalogues of public employers or offered by private organizations.
- For a training course to be eligible for the Employees' Personal Training Account (CPF) since 1 January 2019, it must be sanctioned either
 - by a professional certification registered in the National Directory of Professional Certifications (RNCP)
 - by a certificate of validation of a block of competences forming part of a professional certification registered in the National Register of Professional Certifications (RNCP)

Personal Training Account, in brief...

- The new scheme
 - 500 €/ year => 5 000 € 8 000 € for least qualified
 - Eligible trainings: training programs leading to a qualification, skills audit, support for entrepreneurship, preparation of driving licence, ...
 - A digital application to directly sign up
- Rationale: place the individual at the heart of the system
 - Monetisation: lisibility of the rights to training
 - Direct access to the rights to training (no more intermediaries)

Strengthening Career transition counselling:
 « Conseil en évolution professionnelle » (CEP), free guidance service for all (employees + jobseekers)

Previously: 24h / years => 150 h

Previously:

- 6 lists managed by social partners, eligible actions were different depending professional branches and regions
- Possibilities for funding often excedeed the amount of hours

Previously:

The funding for employees was managed by the OPCAs (joint approved collecting bodies)



New governance



- Created on 1 January 2019, France compétences is the only national governance body for vocational training and apprenticeship.
- It is created as a **public administrative establishment** with legal personality and financial autonomy, placed under the supervision of the Ministry in charge of vocational training.
- Its strategic orientations are defined by a quadripartite governance composed of the State, the Regions, trade union organizations of employees and employers representative at national and inter-professional level, and qualified personalities.

New governance



Its task is to ensure the **financing**, **regulation**, **monitoring** and **evaluation** of the vocational training and apprenticeship system, and **to promote the development of skills**, the acquisition of **qualifications** and **equal access** to vocational training for all workers.

www.francecompetences.fr

Its activities:

- establish and guarantee the relevance of qualifications: updating the National Directory of Professional Qualifications (RNCP) and the certifications and accreditations of the specific directory
- identification of evolving or emerging professional certifications;
- integration of new professional skills.
- regulate the quality of training activities;
- regulate the costs and rules of care for public funders;
- contribute to the public debate;
- organize and finance Career Transition Counselling (CÉP);
- allocate all vocational training and work-study funds.

Career Transition Counselling: for whom?



- A new right: a **free**, **confidential service** and **professionals** who support the applicant in complete confidentiality.
- For each asset, it provides an opportunity to review his or her professional situation and, if necessary, initiate a professional development process.
- Its aim is to promote the evolution and security of the courses.
- It aims to increase its skills, competences and qualifications, in particular by facilitating its access to training.
- France compétences organises and finances the CEP for all employed workers (excluding public employees). To this end, it selects regional operators via a public contract.

www.mon-cep.org

Career Transition Counselling



- Employees are **informed** by the company of the possibility of using Career Transition Counselling, particularly during the professional interview. It is not necessary to obtain the employer's agreement to benefit from the CÉP.
- The support of the person in the context of professional development advice is provided on a free time basis, and a branch or company agreement may provide for the conditions under which this can be mobilized in terms of working time.
- Depending on the person's situation, he or she contacts one of the CÉP operators provided for by law

Career Transition Counselling



The service offer, structured on two levels, is tailored to the person's situation and project

An individualised reception	A personalised advice
which should enable the beneficiary to analyse his professional situation, to decide whether or not to continue with his actions and to identify the actors likely to help him.	which is part of a dynamic process, must enable the beneficiary: - to clarify its request and define its priorities - to identify transferable skills for professional mobility and/or skills to be acquired to support professional development (training needs) - to identify jobs corresponding to the skills acquired; - define his/her professional project and assess its feasibility in the light of the opportunities identified (strategy) - for the implementation of his project, which consists in establishing and monitoring the progress of an action plan.

A single website to learn about his rights and follow his professional career:

www.moncompteactivite.gouv.fr



More information

- https://travail-emploi.gouv.fr/formation-professionnelle/droit-a-la-formation-et-orientation-professionnelle/CEP
- https://travail-emploi.gouv.fr/grands-dossiers/formation-je-passe-a-l-action/
- <u>www.centre-inffo.fr/site-reforme/cinq-infographies-pour-tout-comprendre-de-la-loi-avenir-professionnel-un-an-apres-son-adoption</u>
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