**LABEL lycée des métiers**

Quality insurance certification for French vocational high schools

*A process for continuous improvement*

*Lycée des métiers* is a national label, granted by the French Ministry of National Education. The label reflects the increased status of high schools. The school that, through self and external assessment, meets well-defined quality criteria is awarded the label for a period of 5 years.

It involves a quality insurance approach based on Qualéduc*: developing a commitment to achieve a level of quality within the school. It aims to develop a culture of self-assessment and continuous improvement. The label reflects the increased status of the high school through 8 quality criteria:

- Organize a complete and coherent professional training offer,
- Integrate learners from different status (pupils, students, apprentices and adults vocational training),
- Build active partnership relations with companies and cultural organizations,
- Promote cultural actions
- Provide European and international awareness with periods of mobility abroad,
- Fight against absenteeism and stop school dropout,
- Develop effective communication strategies
- Implement actions aimed at promoting equality between girls and boys

This label is a standard of excellence for French vocational high schools. It is also a means to create a collective approach towards quality insurance.