


Introducing supplementary certificates in initial VET programmes

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 LUXEMBOURG

Timeline

2022 Implementation

2023 Implementation

2024 Implementation

2025 Implementation

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Background

To respond to the rapidly changing skill requirements and labour market demand for new competences, supplementary certificates for skills demanded by the labour market have been introduced in initial vocational education and training (VET) programmes.

Objectives

Offering small supplementary certificates for specific skills in demand on the labour market in regular IVET programmes.

Description

Standardised supplementary certificates are required by regulation in some occupations, especially as regards work safety or environmental standards. Several secondary schools have sought accreditation by national authorities to assess and deliver these certificates. Training, usually a short course, is integrated into the regular modules in IVET but follows the standards set by the relevant accreditation body. If learners pass the module they are awarded the certificate as well. The vocational training departments and secondary schools ensure this.

2022 Implementation

15 supplementary occupation-specific certificates have been introduced in different IVET programmes, among which are work safety in forestry and agriculture, work safety while handling overhead cranes and forklifts (in Lycée Technique Agricole Gilsdorf), first aid, handling refrigeration units containing fluorinated greenhouse gases (*Kälteschein*), fastening technology, Cisco Academy Network (in Lycée Guillaume Kroll), and Cisco Oracle Server.

2023 Implementation

2 supplementary occupation-specific certificates have been introduced in IVET

programmes, specifically in the green sector (tractor safety certificate, lifting gear handling for green occupations). The Lycée Agricole offers courses in phyto-pharmacology for both conventional and organic farming, to access the mandatory pass for pesticide application ("Sprètzpass"); the school's fields are cultivated by biodynamic agriculture.

A new supplementary certificate, BT-H/V (Q) electrical accreditation - Handling of HV systems on de-energised or HV2 production vehicles, has been introduced in IVET programmes related to DT Electric mobility technician ("Technicien en mobilité électrique").

2024 Implementation

In 2024, no new supplementary certificates targeting specific in-demand skills in the labour market have been introduced within the regular IVET programmes. However, efforts to support schools with such demands continue, with availability maintained to address emerging needs from relevant stakeholders.

2025 Implementation

In 2025, one new supplementary certificate targeting specific in-demand skills in the labour market was introduced. The "Hochvoltschein 3 - HEV3" will be offered as part of the Technician's Diploma in Electric Mobility.

Bodies responsible

- VET Department of the Ministry of Education, Children and Youth (SFP)
- Accident Insurance Association (AAA)

Target group

Learners

Learners in upper secondary, including apprentices

Thematic categories

Modernising VET offer and delivery

Modernising VET standards, curricula, programmes and training courses

Transparency and portability of VET skills and qualifications

Developing and applying qualifications smaller/shorter than full

European and international dimensions of VET

International qualifications

Subsystem

IVET

Further reading

[Handling refrigeration units containing fluorinated greenhouse gases](#)

Related policy developments

2025 Implementation

Adapting VET offer to labour market needs

Since 2015-16, the following technician programmes have been offered in the form of apprenticeships:

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Type of development

Practical
measure/Initiative

Subsystem

IVET CVET

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