

# Expanding higher VET programmes (EQF levels 5-8)

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 BELGIUM-DE

## Timeline

2019 Implementation 2020 Implementation 2021 Implementation  
2022 Implementation 2023 Completed

ID number 42144

## Background

Companies (including SMEs) need and have requested the Ministry of the German-speaking Community to set up higher VET programmes in the field of administration.

## Objectives

In response to the increased need for higher VET graduates on the labour market, a new higher VET programme at bachelor level was introduced. This programme lasts three years (each year counts for 60 ECTS) and leads to a qualification at EQF level 6.

## Description

The Institute for VET in small and medium-sized enterprises (IAWM) reacted to labour market demand for higher VET and implemented a new VET bachelor programme in 'public and business administration'. This higher VET programme was built on the basis of the VET bachelor education for accountants; graduates receive a bachelor diploma (180 ECTS).

This higher VET programme started in the school year 2019/20.

### 2019 Implementation

In 2019, the implementation of the higher VET programme in administration started and continues until 2022 when the first learners will graduate. In 2019-20, 12 learners were enrolled in the higher VET programme for 'public and business administration'.

### 2020 Implementation

For the school year 2020/21, a total of 24 students were enrolled in the higher VET programme for 'public and business administration'.

### 2021 Implementation

For the school year 2021/22 a total of 35 learners were enrolled in the higher VET

For the school year 2021/22, a total of 33 learners were enrolled in the higher VET programme in 'public and business administration'.

### **2022 Implementation**

In 2022, the programme runs on a regular basis and at the end of the academic year 2021-22, the graduation of the first learners who enrolled in the higher VET programme in 2019 took place.

### **2023 Completed**

The programme now operates consistently. In 2023, 18 learners successfully completed the course.

## **Bodies responsible**

- Institute for vocational and educational training in small and medium-sized companies (IAWM)

## **Target group**

### **Learners**

Adult learners

### **Entities providing VET**

Companies

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

VET providers (all kinds)

## **Thematic categories**

### **Modernising VET offer and delivery**

Expanding VET programmes to EQF levels 5-8

## **Subsystem**

IVET

## **Further reading**

[Study programme Public and Business Administration](#)

---

[Decree from 27th June 2005: on the creation of an Autonomous University](#)

---

[Decree defining the professions in which a master traineeship can be completed as part of a master craftsman's training](#)

---

[Guide for dual studies](#)

---

[Information for students and training companies of the dual bachelor degree programme Accountant in the Department of Finance and Administration at the ZAWM and the AHS.](#)

“ ... ” **Cite as**

Cedefop, & ReferNet. (2025). Expanding higher VET programmes (EQF levels 5-8): Belgium-DE. In Cedefop, & ReferNet. (2025). *Timeline of VET policies in Europe* (2024 update) [Online tool].

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/tools/timeline-vet-policies-europe/search/42144>