

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

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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.](#)

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