

# European Digital Credentials in initial VET

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 LUXEMBOURG

## Timeline



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## Background

Since 2019, Luxembourg – alongside 17 other countries – has played a pilot role in the implementation of the European Digital Credentials for Learning (EDCL), that was designed by the European Commission as part of the Europass platform.

## Objectives

Issuance of the EDCL in addition to paper diploma or certificate in initial vocational education and training (IVET).

## Description

The EDCL offers many benefits for citizens, employers, and organisations, enabling:

- (a) students to prove the validity of their diploma or certificate;
- (b) training institutions across Europe to issue diplomas and other certificates of learning in a format that is easy to generate;
- (c) authorities (employers, universities, etc.) to easily check the authenticity of harmonised documents;
- (d) a common understanding of qualifications and certification across and beyond the European Union;
- (e) the recognition of qualifications, competences and skills acquired in formal and non-formal contexts throughout an individual's life.

The EDCL project consists of several phases, a pilot phase delivering EDCL to graduates of six VET programmes and implementation phase delivering EDCL to all VET graduates. The projects foresees the inclusion of micro-credentials and other formal and non-formal credentials in the Europass wallet and the inclusion of an ePortofolio in the wallet to store personal products and creations.

### 2020 Pilot

In 2019-20, a pilot project was run in six VET programmes and that resulted in 174

students receiving their EDCL. These were stored in the graduates' Europass wallet by the Ministry of Education.

### **2021 Implementation**

In 2021, the pilot phase was successfully completed. Luxembourg was the first country that delivered EDCL online to all VET graduates, as a supplement to the paper diploma or certificate. While VET paper diplomas and certificates are only in French, the EDCL is available in French, German and English to facilitate sharing with national and international employers, universities, and others. More than 1 600 graduates received secured and legally authenticated, electronically sealed, certificates in multiple languages that are recognised throughout the European Union. Of the awarded EDCL, 529 were Technician's diplomas (DT) and 1 085 were either Vocational Capacity Certificates (CCP) or Vocational Aptitude Diplomas (DAP).

The Ministry of Education was awarded an ICT Award 2021 for its implementation of the European digital credentials for learning.

### **2022 Implementation**

In 2022, 1 810 graduates received their EDCL certificates; of those, 581 were Technician's diplomas (DT), 1 045 were Vocational aptitude diplomas (DAP) and 184 were Vocational capacity certificates (CCP).

### **2023 Implementation**

In 2023, 1648 graduates received their EDCL certificates; of those, 596 were Technician's diplomas (DT), 899 were Vocational aptitude diplomas (DAP) and 153 were Vocational capacity certificates (CCP).

### **2024 Implementation**

In 2024, 1684 graduates received their EDCL certificates; of those, 551 were Technician's diplomas (DT), 976 were Vocational aptitude diplomas (DAP) and 157 were Vocational capacity certificates (CCP).

### **2025 Implementation**

In 2025, 1679 graduates received their EDCL certificates; of those, 567 were Technician's diplomas (DT), 959 were Vocational aptitude diplomas (DAP) and 153 were Vocational capacity certificates (CCP).

## **Bodies responsible**

- Ministry of Education, Children and Youth
- VET Department of the Ministry of Education, Children and Youth (SFP)

## **Target group**

### **Learners**

Learners in upper secondary, including apprentices

## **Thematic categories**

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

Using learning-outcome-based approaches and modularisation

## Transparency and portability of VET skills and qualifications

Using EU transparency tools (EQF, Europass, ESCO, ECTS, ECVET principles)

## Subsystem

IVET

## Further reading

[VET programmes adopt European Digital Credentials](#)

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[ICT award 2021](#)

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