

# Better opportunities for VET students in higher education

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 DENMARK

## Timeline

2019 Approved/Agreed

2020 Implementation

2021 Completed

ID number 29321

## Background

The background of this change is to ensure VET graduates have better progression opportunities in higher education.

An analysis made by the Economic Council of the Labour Movement (Arbejderbevægelsens Erhvervsråd, AE) has indicated that the number of VET students entering higher education is rising. The AE study shows that approximately 7% of the 2011 VET graduates were enrolled in higher education within one year of graduating from VET, and one in five within five years. Most of them were enrolled in either academy profession (41.9%) or bachelor and diploma (51.1%) programmes. Only 7.9% were enrolled in a university programme. The study does not conclude how many of the students with a VET background completed higher education.

## Objectives

To broaden the scope of VET so it is no longer described as education that only focuses on professional qualifications but also allows better progression of VET graduates into higher education.

## Description

The change to the definition of the article defining the purpose of VET in the Danish Law on VET came into effect in August 2019. This article now defines VET as giving both professional and study qualifications. With this change the Ministry of Children and Education hopes to enhance VET professionals' opportunities to enrol in higher education. Previously, the employment opportunities have been the most dominant scenario for individuals with a VET background.

Danish VET students are also now allowed to access supplementary examination courses at upper secondary level. Previously, only students with a pass at level C could apply for supplementary courses. This change aims to make it easier for VET students to supplement their VET qualifications with courses giving access to higher education after having finished VET.

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## 2020 Implementation

### 2021 Completed

The law on VET now allows VET students to access further education, with the appropriate choice of additional subjects and levels.

## Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Children and Education

## Target group

### Learners

Young people (15-29 years old)  
Adult learners

### Entities providing VET

VET providers (all kinds)

## Thematic categories

### Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Permeability between IVET and CVET and general and vocational pathways, academic and professional higher education

## Subsystem

IVET

## Further reading

[Better opportunities for VET students in higher education: Analysis, Economic Council \(in Danish\)](#)

## Related policy developments

### 2025 Implementation

## Extending the EUX VET pathway to more VET programmes

In 2015, EUX was highlighted as a priority and a strategic focus to enhance the attractiveness of VET.

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### Type of development

Practical  
measure/Initiative

### Subsystem

IVET

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