

Review of career guidance services

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 IRELAND

Timeline

2018 Implementation 2019 Completed

ID number 28681

Background

The National skills strategy 2025 emphasises the need to strengthen career guidance, particularly by engaging employers. SOLAS set up in early 2016 a website fetchcourses.ie to provide a tool to inform potential learners of available programmes in the VET sector.

Description

In early 2018, the education minister launched a review of the career guidance services available to learners across three of the four sectors of the Irish education and training system (second level schools, FET providers and tertiary level institutions). The review was carried out by independent consultants.

2018 Implementation

An independent review of aspects of career guidance in Ireland was commissioned.

2019 Completed

The review report was published.

Bodies responsible

- Department of Education and Skills (until 2020)

Target group

Education professionals

School leaders
Guidance practitioners

Entities providing VET

VET providers (all kinds)

Thematic categories

Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Lifelong guidance

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Further reading

[The report of the review of career guidance services](#)

[The further education courses hub - website with information for potential and current learners](#)

Related policy developments

2023 Completed

Ireland's National Skills Strategy 2025

The 2025 National skills strategy is targeted at ensuring relevance of education and training to the needs of learners, society and the economy. It is based on active involvement of employers and quality teaching and learning, with a perspective of lifelong learning and inclusion.

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Type of development

Strategy/Action
plan

Subsystem

IVET CVET

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