


Trade and industry schools offering training in low demand VET fields

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 SWEDEN

Timeline



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Background

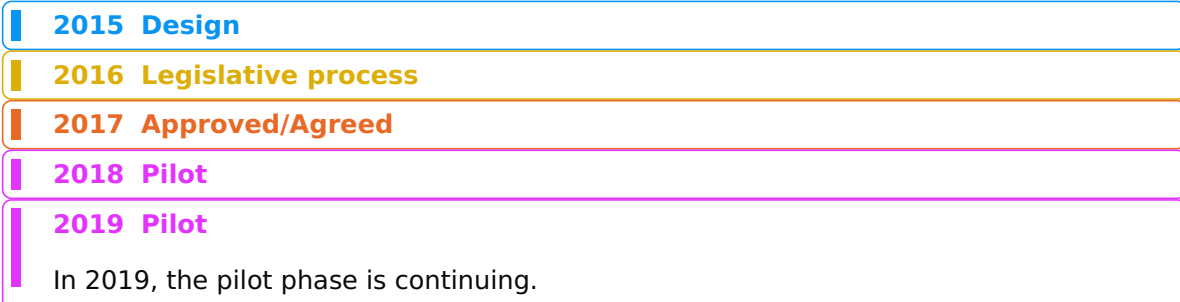
Upper secondary education provision is decentralised and VET schools tend to be small with few learners in each. It is, therefore, difficult for schools to offer courses in specialised VET fields in which there is a need for rarely used or costly equipment or facilities, or advanced skills needed to operate the equipment and facilities.

Objectives

The aim of the measure is to promote training programmes deemed to be difficult to offer in VET schools by providing the specialised parts of the VET education in a trade school. Trade schools are intended to gather learners from over the whole country to fill classes.

Description

A national commission of inquiry (Yrkesprogramsutredningen) in 2015 had already suggested establishing trade schools/industry schools for the provision of school-based training for upper secondary VET programmes in trades and industries that are too small, and have too few applicants, for VET institutions to have the required infrastructure to provide the related school-based training. A government proposal to parliament was approved in 2017. A total of 10 trade schools have been selected to pilot the measure between 2018 and 2023. An annual State grant of up to SEK 50 000 (about EUR 4 780) per learner has been made available to the trade schools.



2020 Pilot

In 2020, the pilot phase is continuing.

2021 Pilot

In 2021, the pilot phase is continuing.

2022 Pilot

In 2022, the pilot phase is continuing.

2023 Discontinued

In 2023, the pilot phase stopped and a final report was delivered to the government.

Bodies responsible

- National Agency for Education

Target group

Learners

Learners in upper secondary, including apprentices
Young people (15-29 years old)

Entities providing VET

VET providers (all kinds)

Thematic categories

Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Engaging VET stakeholders and strengthening partnerships in VET

Subsystem

IVET

Further reading

[Ordinance regarding a trial of trade schools and government grants to some education organisers](#)

[Finalreport to the government](#)

Related policy developments

2025 Completed

Regional planning and dimensioning of VET provision

In 2018, the government launched an enquiry with a mission to propose a regionalised model of upper secondary provision (IVET and CVET) to ensure that a variety of programmes are made available to learners. The objective is to better align the supply of IVET to regional labour market needs.

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Type of development

Regulation/Legislation

Subsystem

IVET CVET

2020 Discontinued

Grants for developing regional support structures for workplace training

At the end of 2015, a National commission (Välja yrke) made proposals to the government to strengthen the involvement of social partners in providing VET. The options discussed included developing regional support structures.

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Type of development

Practical
measure/Initiative

Subsystem

IVET CVET

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