

# Decree for secondary vocational programmes in adult education

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

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 BELGIUM-FR

## Timeline

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## Background

Adult educational provision is aimed at adults wishing to train, learn, specialise, retrain, acquire a new qualification or a new diploma. A new framework was needed for adult education establishments to organise dual programmes more effectively.

## Objectives

To combat skill shortage in the respective sectors.

## Description

In February 2017, the French Community Parliament adopted and the Ministry of the French Community approved the Decree on dual learning programmes in adult education, leading to certificates of value equal to that of upper secondary school-based VET programmes (nationally referred to as full-time programmes).

The programmes are specifically targeted to sectors experiencing skills shortages. The qualification certificate issued for a dual learning programme can be referenced to the national qualifications framework.

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## Bodies responsible

- Ministry of the French Community

## Target group

### Learners

Adult learners

## Thematic categories

### Modernising VET offer and delivery

Reinforcing work-based learning, including apprenticeships

### Transparency and portability of VET skills and qualifications

Comprehensive national qualification frameworks

## Subsystem

IVET

## Further reading

[Decree on various measures in adult education](#)

### “ … ” Cite as

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