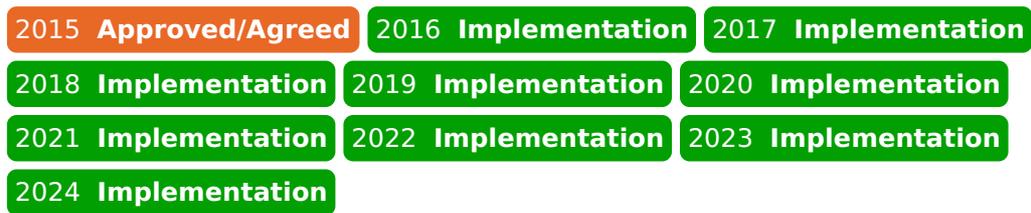


# Improving the transparency of partial qualifications



## Timeline



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## Background

So far, training has been provided according to individual needs of disadvantaged learners, with the decision on the training content being made in coordination between vocational training assistance services (*Berufsausbildungsassistenz*) and school authorities. As no binding standards existed, the partial qualifications acquired were not always transparent to employers.

## Objectives

Increasing the transparency and recognition of partial qualifications on the labour market and in training companies, considering especially the needs of disadvantaged learners (young people who cannot find a regular apprenticeship place or have disabilities or special educational needs) for such proof.

## Description

The 2015 amendment to the Vocational Training Act provided for standardised forms of partial qualifications. As a consequence, while individualised training is still possible, the Ministry of Digital and Economic Affairs can provide guidelines for standardised partial qualifications to ensure they are recognised on the labour market and also to make it easier for learners to continue training in the corresponding apprenticeship trade.

In the province of Upper Austria, training for the first standardised partial qualification in metal was piloted from 2018.



### **2018 Implementation**

### **2019 Implementation**

In 2019, the regulation was in place, but there was no further development.

### **2020 Implementation**

In 2020, the first training courses were completed.

### **2021 Implementation**

In 2021, the training for the first standardised partial qualification in metal which took place in Upper Austria was evaluated.

### **2022 Implementation**

The training model is being continued in Upper Austria for partial qualification in the metal profession. According to the apprenticeship statistics of the Austrian Economic Chamber, 22 persons participated in the training, 20 of them male and 2 female.

So far no further standardised partial qualification has been developed.

### **2023 Implementation**

In 2023, no further standardised partial qualification had been developed.

According to the apprenticeship statistics of the Austrian Economic Chamber, 27 persons participated in the training programme in 2023, one of them was a female.

### **2024 Implementation**

In 2024, a second standardised partial qualification in plastics technology was established in Upper Austria.

Up to date numbers of participants were not available.

## **Bodies responsible**

- Federal Ministry of Digital and Economic Affairs (BMDW) (until 2022)
- Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy (BMAW)

## **Target group**

### **Learners**

Learners at risk of early leaving or/and early leavers  
Learners with disabilities

### **Entities providing VET**

VET providers (all kinds)

## **Thematic categories**

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

Reinforcing work-based learning, including apprenticeships

## Transparency and portability of VET skills and qualifications

Developing and applying qualifications smaller/shorter than full

## Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Ensuring equal opportunities and inclusiveness in education and training

# Subsystem

IVET

## Further reading

[A 2015 amendment to the Vocational Training Act](#)

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[Legal text of the amendment to the Vocational Training Act \(BAG\)](#)

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[Evaluation report \(2021\): Standardized Education Metal according to VTA § 8b \[Standardisierte Ausbildung Metall \(SAM\) nach BAG § 8b \(2\)\]](#)

## Related policy developments

### 2024 Implementation

### Increasing attractiveness of apprenticeship training

In January 2020, the Austrian parliament passed an amendment to the Vocational Training Act (BAG), jointly developed by the Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs and the social partners.

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#### Type of development

Regulation/Legislation

#### Subsystem

IVET

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