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UNDERSTANDING OF APPRENTICESHIPS IN THE NATIONAL CONTEXT

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Q5. Relevant information that is essential to understanding the specificity of apprenticeships in the country.

Basic vocational training (Erhvervsgrunduddannelse/EGU) is a lower-secondary scheme for young people who are not able to enter mainstream VET (i.e. apprenticeship) via other lower secondary programmes. It is alternance-based and lasts for two years. It uses work placements that are remunerated, but EGU confers no formal qualifications on the participants.

Other types of workplace training are used in higher VET programmes (academy professions programmes, KVV, EQF level 4-5: one or two semesters in a company) and in Vocational bachelor programmes (EQF level 4-6: two to four periods in a company). In these programmes, most students go to different workplaces during their education.