

Policy context - new VET policy in the making

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After the general elections held in May 2010, a new government came into office, which considers the restructuring of the VET system a priority. The key concepts guiding the elaboration of the new VET strategy include, among others, emphasis on practical training; ensuring a better quality assurance system with the introduction of a greater number of level examinations; the introduction of a vocation-based financing of training, both with per capita funding and scholarship schemes; shorter and more transparent examination procedures; introducing a new kind of apprenticeship scheme for students after the completion of vocational examinations. An additional element of the development concepts is giving an increasing role to a three-year structure in vocational training, instead of the predominant 2+3 set-up; from this point of view it will be particularly important to see the results and experience of the first year of early VET, which will serve as a kind of pilot year for the restructuring of vocational education and training.

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