Vocational education and training in Belgium (BE-FL)

**SECONDARY LEVEL**

- **Lower secondary programmes (1st grade), 2 years**
  - ISCED 2

**TERTIARY LEVEL**

- **Master programmes**
  - 1-2 years
  - ISCED 7
- **Professional bachelor programmes**
  - 3 years
  - ISCED 6
- **Technical programmes**
  - 2 years
  - ISCED 3
- **Vocational programmes**
  - 2 years
  - ISCED 3
- **Short cycle graduate degree programmes**
  - 33% WBL, 2 years
  - ISCED 5

**POST-SECONDARY LEVEL**

- **Graduate degree programme in nursing (HBOS)**
  - 3 years
  - ISCED 5
- **Follow-up technical programmes**
  - 1 year
  - ISCED 4
- **Follow-up vocational prog., 1 year**
  - ISCED 3

**ADULT LEARNING**

- **Publicly subsidised training for unemployed and other vulnerable groups**
  - ISCED 3, 4
- **Self employment training or apprenticeship training**
  - ISCED 3, 4
- **CVT for employees (sectoral training funds)**
  - ISCED 2-3

**Entry through validation of adults’ prior learning**

- **VET for SEN learners (ages 12-18)**
  - Access to and from all other programmes
  - ISCED 2-3

**Possible progression routes**

- Giving access to tertiary education
- End of compulsory education
- Entry through validation of adults’ prior learning
- WBL: Work-based learning, either at the workplace or a VET institution
- SEN: Special education needs

**Adding qualifications**

- **Technical prog.**
  - ISCED 3
  - 2 years
- **Follow-up technical programmes**
  - 1 year
  - ISCED 2-3

**SEN**

- Special education needs

**Also available to adults**

- Full, part-time or distance education

**Programmes combining VET and general education**

- **General and arts prog., 2 years**
  - ISCED 3
- **Technical prog.**
  - ISCED 3
- **Vocational prog.**
  - ISCED 3

**Focus areas**

- **Officially recognised vocational qualifications**
- **Qualifications allowing access to the next education level**

**NB:** ISCED-P 2011. Assignment of programmes to ISCED classification is under revision, so only the first digit in ISCED coding is displayed. EQF levels on qualifications are being discussed. Source: Cedefop and ReferNet Belgium, 2019.