Vocational education and training in Cyprus

TERTIARY LEVEL

- EQF 8: PhD programmes, 3-4 years (ISCED 864)
- EQF 7: Master programmes, 1-2 years (ISCED 766, 767)
- EQF 6: Bachelor programmes, 4 years (ISCED 555)
- EQF 5: Higher professional programmes, 2-3 years (ISCED 556)

SECONDARY LEVEL

- EQF 4: General programmes, 3 years (ISCED 344)
- EQF 3: Apprenticeship (Core level), WBL ca 70%, 3 years
- EQF 2: Lower secondary programmes (ISCED 244)
- EQF 3: Apprenticeship (Preparatory level), 1-2 years

ADULT LEARNING/CONTINUING TRAINING (outside the school system)

- Specialised programmes for the unemployed and other vulnerable groups
- Specialised programmes for employees

Possible progression routes:
- Access is possible after examination
- End of compulsory education irrespective of education level achieved
- Giving access to tertiary education
- Work-based learning, either at the workplace or a VET institution
- Prior VET knowledge may be recognised affecting programme duration

Source: Cedefop and ReferNet Cyprus, 2019.