Vocational education and training in Spain

**TERTIARY LEVEL**
- PhD programmes up to 3 years (ISCED 864)
- Long cycle bachelor programmes 5-6 years (ISCED 766)
- Master programmes 1-2 years (ISCED 767)
- Bachelor programmes 3-4 years (ISCED 665)

**SECONDARY LEVEL**
- Lower secondary programmes (compulsory secondary education) (ISCED 244-341)
- Upper secondary programmes 18+ (ISCED 344)
- Intermediate VET programmes WBL up to 65%, 2 years (ISCED 554)
- Higher VET programmes, WBL up to 65%, 2 years (ISCED 554)
- Sports programmes, 1 year (ISCED 354)
- Higher sports programmes, 1 year (ISCED 354)
- Higher arts and design programmes, 2 years (ISCED 354)
- Basic VET programmes WBL up to 50%, 2 years (ISCED 353)

**ADULT LEARNING/CONTINUING TRAINING**
(Outside the school system)
- Professional certificate programmes – level 1 200-540 hours WBL % vary (*) ISCED 254
- Professional certificate programmes – level 2 180-920 hours WBL % vary (*) ISCED 351
- Professional certificate programmes – level 3 240-1 110 hours WBL % vary (*) ISCED 453

Possible progression routes
- Access is possible after examination
- Entry through validation of prior learning (formal/informal/non-formal)
- Giving access to tertiary education
- WBL Work-based learning
- (*) Apprenticeship contracts and other dual schemes are available

NB: ISCED-P 2011. The Spanish education system is not referenced to EQF levels.

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