Vocational education and training in Finland

TERTIARY LEVEL

- **EDF 8**: PhD programmes, 4 years (ISCED 864)
- **EDF 8**: Licentiate programmes, 2 years (ISCED 864)
- **EDF 7**: Master programmes, 2 years (ISCED 767)
- **EDF 6**: University of Applied Sciences master programmes, 1.5-2 years (ISCED 665)
- **EDF 6**: Bachelor programmes, 3 years (ISCED 665)

ADULT LEARNING/CONTINUING TRAINING
(outside the school system)

- Liberal adult education
- In-service training

POST-SECONDARY LEVEL

- **EDF 6**: Further VET, WBL varies (ISCED 354)
- **EDF 5**: Specialist VET, WBL varies (ISCED 454)

SECONDARY LEVEL

- **EDF 2**: Voluntary additional year (ISCED 244)
- **EDF 2**: Lower secondary programmes (ISCED 244)

- **EDF 4**: General programmes (ISCED 344)
- **EDF 4**: Initial VET programmes, WBL varies (ISCED 354)

Giving access to tertiary education
Also available as an apprenticeship

Possible progression routes
Prior VET knowledge may be recognised affecting programme duration
Entry through validation of adults’ prior learning (formal/informal/non-formal)
Related vocational skills are usually needed to enrol
End of compulsory education
Work-based learning, either at the workplace or a VET institution

NB: ISCED-P 2011.
Source: Cedefop and ReferNet Finland, 2019.