VET in the Cypriot education and training system

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 665

EQF 5
Higher professional programmes, 2-3 years
ISCED 554

ADULT LEARNING/CONTINUING TRAINING
(outside the school system)

Specialised programmes for employees

Specialised programmes for the unemployed and other vulnerable groups

SECONDARY LEVEL

EQF 4
General programmes, 3 years
ISCED 344

EQF 4
School-based programmes, incl. WBL, 3 years
ISCED 354

Mainly school-based programmes, incl. WBL, 3 years
ISCED 354

In evening technical schools

EQF 3
Apprenticeship (Core level), WBL ca 70%, 3 years

EQF 2
Lower secondary programmes
ISCED 244

EQF 2
Apprenticeship (Preparatory level), 1-2 years

AGE	YEARS in E&T
18+	12+
18	12
17	11
16	10
15	9
14	8
13	7

Legend

- General education programmes
- VET programmes
- Programmes combining VET and general education
- Also available to adults (full-, part-time or distance education)
- Officially recognised vocational qualifications
- Qualifications allowing access to the next education level
- → Possible progression routes
- ⇢ Access is possible after examination
- ◦ End of compulsory education irrespective of education level achieved
- ◆ Giving access to tertiary education
- WBL Work-based learning, either at the workplace or a VET institution
- → Prior VET knowledge may be recognised affecting programme duration
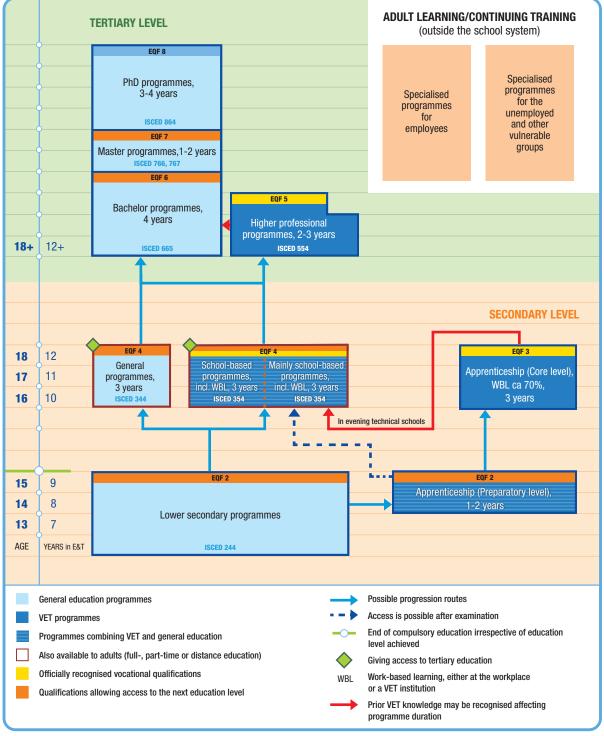
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