

Two-year programmes for the Federal VET Certificate

Programmes leading to the Federal Certificate of Vocational and Educational Training (VET) take two years and are intended for young people who generally need more time to learn or whose grades in lower-secondary school are not sufficient to permit them to enrol in a three-year or four-year VET programme. Practical training at the host company, classroom instruction at the vocational school and branch courses at the branch training centre will therefore take this into account.

Tips and suggestions for parents

Help your son or daughter to arrive at a realistic assessment of his or her own abilities. The chosen VET programme should neither prove to be a constant struggle nor demand too little effort.

Go along to the careers adviser with your son or daughter. Take part in assessing what abilities and aptitudes your child possesses.

Continue to support your son or daughter throughout VET.



ABOUT TWO-YEAR VET PROGRAMMES

Two-year VET programmes lead to the issuance of a Federal VET Certificate. Learners – in the same occupation – will have comparable skills upon completion of their training whether they trained in Basel, St. Gallen, Lausanne or Bellinzona. This makes the job hunt easier, since the Federal VET Certificate provides potential employers with a clear overview of the person's technical, methodological and social skills.

WHAT PREREQUISITES ARE THERE FOR TWO-YEAR VET PROGRAMMES?

You may be more practically minded and find it difficult to grasp theory. The vocational school will adapt training content accordingly.

It may take you longer to learn. In the host company and in the vocational school, this will be taken into account. You may need clear instructions, familiarity with the working environment and working processes in order to learn successfully. You prefer to have a good grasp of a given set of tasks before trying to learn anything new.

Perhaps you haven't lived very long in Switzerland and your language skills are not yet good enough to enrol in a three-year or four-year VET programme for the Federal VET Diploma. In this case, the VET programme for the Federal VET Certificate can be an ideal entry point for working life.