

Finding work or continuing training?

After obtaining a Federal VET Certificate or Federal VET Diploma, several different options open up: you may find work, enrol in a second VET programme, attend a preparatory course for the Federal Vocational Baccalaureate, or you may enrol in a degree programme at a College of Higher Education or a University of Applied Sciences (UAS).



GAINING PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

With the current education system, the most important thing is not which education and training pathway or even which occupation you choose but how you take advantage of the opportunities presented to you. The better trained you are, the greater the likelihood of becoming financially independent, and thus the easier it will be to strike an optimal work-life balance and make it through difficult periods in your life such as illness, unemployment or divorce.

Maybe you wish to work after completing your first VET programme. You would like to earn enough money to live on your own and pay your own bills. Maybe you no longer want – at least for the time being – to attend school anymore. Instead, you may want to gather practical experience and prepare your career in this manner.

APPLYING FOR A JOB

There is no universally applicable recipe when it comes to applying for a job. Talk with friends and acquaintances and tell them what type of job you are looking for and what your plans are. Use your networks. Very many jobs are filled in this manner, so personal contacts are helpful in this regard. On the Internet, you will find lots of useful tips on how to find work as well as information about the labour market and the application process.

UNDERGOING FURTHER TRAINING WITHIN THE COMPANY

After completing your VET programme, you may decide to work, particularly if you feel very comfortable at your company, enjoy working with your colleagues and find your work interesting. You may want to take on more responsibility but for the moment lack any qualifications for this. Larger companies in particular tend to offer in-house continuing training courses. Ask at the company whether you can attend a continuing training course or whether the company offers on-the-job certification.

COMPANY-SPONSORED ENROLMENT IN CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

If you wish to pursue continuing education and training to deepen or broaden your professional competences, your employer also stands to benefit. Find out whether the company where you work is willing to provide you with support either in the form of funding or time off work for training purposes.