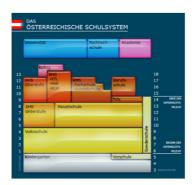
VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL; ISSUES, PAST EXPERIENCE, BEST PRACTISE EXAMPLES IN AUSTRIA

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the austrian school system



HTLs specialize in: civil engineering, electronics, electrical engineering, information technology, informatics, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering, mechatronics and chemistry.



types of courses

1) Normal form - Höhere Abteilung

Duration of training: 5 years

Degree: matriculation and diploma work / ISCED-level 4A Study Permits for universities and colleges. After 3 years of practice: professional title Ingenieur.

After 5 years of professional work authorization to open an own planning office.

2) VET school with work placement

Duration of training: 3 1/2 years
Degree: final examination / ISCED-level 3B

3) School for craftsmen in building industry

Duration of training: 3 years Degree: final examination

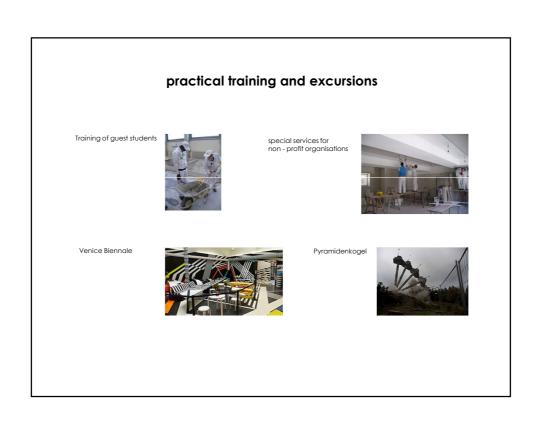
4) Evening school

Duration of training: 4 years

Degree: matriculation and diploma work / ISCED-level 5B

5) Colleges for engineering and crafts
Duration of training: 2 years
Degree: matriculation and diploma work / ISCED-level 58

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educational objectives

The common curriculum architecture defines areas of general education, occupation-related theory, and occupation-related practice.

Practice-orientation and topicality of content are the underlying principles for all subjects.

Mandatory work-placements complete our education.

School autonomy gives the possibility to enhance a special school profile.

present position

- 100 locations
- increasing number of students
- from 30,000 in 1991 to 60,000 in 2012
- today 9000 students graduate from HTLs and about 1,900 from schools of engineering
- increasing attractiveness for female students as well as for people in employment.
- lower than the average risk of unemployment
- 2.6 percent for people with HTL qualification compared to 4.5 percent as the average risk.



architecture takes place

challenges of the future

- Modular System
- International classification
- International cooperation



architecture is mobile