THIS IS VET IN THE NETHERLANDS

Qualifying for the labour market

Qualifying for further education

Qualifying for good citizenship

1 | ENROLLMENT

Depending on previous education, age, experience or interests, there is appropriate schooling available for everyone. This includes re-schooling, further training or re-entering education after a break.

Starters | Continuing students | Restarters

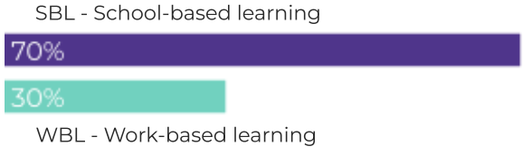
2 | MAIN SECTORS

All courses are divided into four main sectors:

1 health, welfare, culture and sport
2 engineering and construction
3 environmental studies and food
4 economics, business, ICT and hospitality

3 | LEARNING PATHWAYS

With a focus on the individual qualities of students and expectations of the business community, VET courses can be followed through two learning pathways:



4 | LEVELS

VET education offers courses at four levels:

- VET entry level
- VET level 2
- VET level 3
- VET level 4

Additionally, it offers two supplementary forms of training:

1 contract education
2 adult education:

- secondary general adult education (vavo)
- language, mathematics and digital courses
- integration skills for newcomers

5 | TYPES OF SCHOOLS

- **rocs** (regional education centres) offer courses across all sectors.
- **Professional colleges** provide courses focused on and relevant to a specific industry or group of industries.

VET: LIFELONG DEVELOPMENT

58 schools

470.000 students

48.000 fte

VET education trains 40% of the labour force.

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These figures are from the 2023-2024 school-year, for current figures see mboraad.nl