



What is VET?



VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATION TRAINING (VET) STUDIES ARE A GROUP OF FLEXIBLE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSES CLOSELY LINKED TO THE PRODUCTIVE SECTOR OF THE TERRITORY, AIMED AT ACHIEVING A SUCCESSFUL INCORPORATION AND ADAPTATION TO THE LABOUR MARKET. THESE TRAININGS MIGHT BE OF HIGHER DEGREE, MEDIUM DEGREE OR INITIAL QUALIFICATION.

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VET is a post-compulsory type of training that develops specific qualified skills in different training areas in order to build capacity for students to develop their profession, as well as to self-develop within the labour market and the social, cultural and economic life.

VET is in direct contact with professional sectors which is developed in parallel with professional work placements that bring the students closer to their future profession.

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VET is a type of training that, given its nature, meets different objectives and contains diverse utilities, such as the following:

- To provide **access to the labour market** through the exercise of a recognised profession.
- To **re-qualify employees** who are unemployed.
- To **increase professional knowledge** of a particular specialization.
- To enable the **reorientation of professional careers**.

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VET is especially practical and focused on providing skills towards the employment of students, as there is a large range of qualifications and occupations. In Barcelona, more than 200 degrees are offered, which belong to 21 professional specializations.

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VET is being constantly updated through the contact with the productive sector of the most representative agents so that to incorporate and update new contents. As an example, there are new professional specializations and VET qualification coming out every year, as well as certain curriculum adaptations carried out by a few VET centres.

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VET allows refocusing on the professional studies through the recognition of diverse training modules as part of the qualification.

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VET entails an academic and professional validation around the country, as well as around all European countries.

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If you are a VET student enrolled in one of the schools and institutes of Barcelona, you will have the possibility to opt for the following:

- A **mobility scholarship** to do a work placement in a real company abroad, where you will carry out the final project in one of the European city member of Xarxa FP network (www.xarxafp.org). For more information, ask your VET centre or contact Xarxa FP at info@xarxafp.org
- A “*Beca-Empresa*” scholarship to carry out your VET studies in alternation with a work placement in a company that will enable you to get professional experience, to develop your curriculum and earn an economic grant of 400 EUR/month (this program is subjected to the demand of companies and does not include all specialities. For more information contact your VET school).

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If you want to study VET in Barcelona, you have many resources at your disposal, along with the support and assessment about over 175 different specializations offered by the city in their 93 public, semi-public and private schools.

All the information about the different professional families is available in:

<http://guiafp.fundaciobcnfp.cat>

