



# The education system in Italy

# Compulsory education

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- Lasts 10 years, up to age 16
- To ensure young people do not leave education and training without a qualification to work people have the 'right/duty' to accomplish at least 12 years before they are 18.

# Multilevel governance

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- VET in Italy is characterised by multilevel governance with broad involvement of national, regional and local stakeholders.
- Ministries of Labour and Education define the general framework and policies.
- Regions and autonomous provinces are in charge of providing several vocational programmes and most WBL schemes.

## WBL programmes Secondary level

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- Five-year programmes at technical and vocational schools (EQF 4)
- Three- to four-year VET programmes organised by the regions (EQF 3-4)
- Three- to four-year apprenticeship-type leFP scheme offers qualifications (EQF 3-4)

# WBL programmes Post-Secondary

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- IFTS programmes (EQF 4)
- ITS programmes (EQF 5)
- Post leFP (they usually cater for young unemployed people, migrants and disabled people)
- Higher education and research apprenticeships
- Professional apprenticeships

## Last reform

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- Mandatory WBL experience both in general education and VET
- VET: minimum 400 hours in 3 years
- General education: minimum 200 hours in 3 years

# Apprenticeship

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- Apprenticeship is an open ended job contract in Italy and has only a residual part of formal training without a link with the Education and Training system so far
- It was used traditionally in arts and handcraft sector where the employment of young people
- Two main recent reforms (2011 and 2015) have linked apprenticeship with education and training system

# Apprenticeship

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- 3 three existing national apprenticeship schemes (from EQF 3 to 8)
  - Qualification apprenticeship
  - Professional apprenticeship
  - Higher education and research apprenticeship



# Qualification Apprenticeship

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Apprenticeship aimed at acquiring a vocational qualification or a professional diploma, targeted at young people aged 15-25, which allows the fulfilment of the compulsory education.

# Professional apprenticeship

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Professional apprenticeship or Job contract, aimed at enabling young people (aged 18-29) to gain a job-related qualification on completion of a three years (or five years in craft) training pathway; professional profiles are defined and managed within Job collective agreements.

# HE and research apprenticeship

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Apprenticeship for higher education and research, that enables apprentices to gain post-secondary or tertiary level diplomas or a doctorate degree from the education system.

# Apprenticeship

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- Lower minimum salary (depending on national work agreement)
- No taxes
- Limited training hours
- Open ended job contract
- Limited uptake especially in VET

# Group activity

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