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Occupational flexibilisation and the principle of the regulated occupation

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The discussion about the shortage of training places, the readiness of young people for training and the European Qualifications Framework has once again set off the flexibilisation debate about the way in which occupations are classified. This raises the question of the social significance of the principle of the regulated occupation in general and the issues of where actions should be focussed and flexible structural concepts in particular. Which possibilities are offered by the flexibilisation of occupations and what is the impact of this upon the principle of the regulated occupation? In this context, the positions of the political parties and social partners in the light of the updating of the Vocational Training Act (BBiG) are presented. The author concludes by developing theories for the further development of the principle of the regulated occupation.