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Key points in brief

Previous research on vocational qualification often uses coarse differentiations such as the comparison of academic and vocational forms of training, or it describes differences between dual training according to the Vocational Training Act or the Crafts Code (BBiG/HwO) and so-called "school-based vocational training". A theoretical differentiation of the occupations learned in the system of vocational education and training (VET) is little developed. There are considerable differences between the various training occupations with regard to training and working conditions, the training market situation, opportunities for access to higher VET (upgrading), employment and career opportunities. A classification of all training occupations based on their key characteristics is not yet available. Furthermore, little is known about whether training occupations can also be assigned to segments, i.e. whether certain groups of training occupations are characterised by similar occupational profiles.

The main goal of the research project is to systematically analyse the heterogeneity of training occupations, to identify VET segments and to reveal their specific functionalities.

The results of the project are relevant for research, policy and practice. VET segments enable a more differentiated view on the medium qualification level. This does better account for the heterogeneity in VET in terms of the training itself as well as in terms of labour market opportunities. With knowledge about segmentation, the specific framework conditions and the functioning of the segments within VET, policy advice may be provided in a more differentiated way and specifically take into account risks and opportunities of VET.