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“The communication of research, policy and practice in vocational education and training is a core task of the BIBB.”



Dear readers,

The **BIBB** has been shaping vocational training in the dual system for more than 45 years and, in doing so, ensures both

the ability of people to participate as well as the competitiveness

of the German economy.

Our **research** and **consultancy** are always at **the forefront of change** with the result that our expertise is sought after not only in Germany, but also globally.

The **BIBB**-INFO gives you an initial overview of our work, topics and organisation. Further information is available at www.bibb.de/en

Prof. Dr. Friedrich Hubert Esser

Vocational education and training highlights

520,000

new training contracts each year.

326

recognised training occupations.

30,000

supported foreign placements in vocational education and training each year.

800,000

participants in career orientation programmes.

50%

of employees in occupation-related continuing education and training.

Further data and information are available in the Data Report accompanying the Report on Vocational Education and Training.

 www.bibb.de/vetdatareport



Regulatory work

Together with experts from vocational practice, the BIBB develops and updates initial and advanced education and training regulations for recognised vocational qualifications. The range of regulatory instruments extends from training regulations for vocational education and training for people with disabilities through to advanced education and training qualifications at master's degree level. The regulatory work is based on academic research analyses with a vocational focus as well as on the evaluation of existing regulatory instruments. The BIBB uses implementation guides to support businesses in the implementation of high-quality training.

► www.bibb.de/regulation

International and European vocational education and training

The BIBB monitors and examines vocational education and training at a European and international level. BIBB experts carry out research, development and consultancy tasks for this purpose. To support this, a network of approximately 30 partner organisations has been developed around the world. The German Office for International Cooperation in Vocational Education and Training (GOVET) makes the BIBB the point of contact for international collaboration in issues regarding vocational education and training. Other work also includes the analysis of vocational education and training systems in other countries, the expertise on the recognition of foreign professional qualifications, as well as supporting German providers of initial and continuing education and training in their process of internationalisation. The National Agency Education for Europe at the BIBB implements the Erasmus+ Programme in Vocational Education and Adult Education.

► www.bibb.de/internationalisation

► www.na-bibb.de

► www.govet.international

► www.imove-germany.de

Vocational education and training research

The BIBB uses its research to examine the ongoing and systematic developments and structures in vocational education training. Important topics, for example, are the situation in the training market, transitions into vocational education and training, competency development and the importance of continuing vocational education and training. Research instruments have been developed for this purpose such as the Labour Force Survey and the qualification panel, which are regularly used to collect relevant data. The BIBB collaborates closely with universities and other research institutes in research, but also in teaching and in developing the next generation of academics. The Research Data Centre (BIBB-FDZ) provides access for external academics to the BIBB's research data.

► www.bibb.de/research

Research-based policy consultation

The BIBB supports and advises the Federal Government and makes its expertise available to members of both the German Federal Parliament and the regional parliaments. Central to this are the articles in the Federal Government's Annual Report on Vocational Education and Training and the BIBB Data Report, which is published simultaneously. In providing this support and advice, the BIBB is at the same time fulfilling its statutory role. BIBB experts also provide advice at an international level, e.g. to the European Union and to governments and partner organisations around the globe.

► www.bibb.de/consultation

Vocational education and training in practice

With the help of the BMBF, the BIBB funds future-oriented education and training concepts in the areas of career orientation, training management and continuing vocational education and training. For example, innovative projects for attracting and ensuring the next generation of workers are funded through the JOBSTARTER programme. As part of the career orientation programme, young people receive a practice-based insight into working life. Concepts for sustainable learning are encouraged and supported academically through pilot projects. The results of the work are prepared for transfer into practice so that all target groups are able to benefit from the solutions to problems and the innovation concepts.

► www.bibb.de/programmes

Vocational education and training 4.0

This future topic is of huge significance for the recruitment of suitable skilled workers. One focus of the BIBB is therefore qualification for the digital world of work.

► www.bibb.de/digitalisation



Internationalisation of vocational education and training

The global integration of markets for goods, service provision and labour places Germany's vocational education and training into contexts where national boundaries are not recognised. The BIBB is therefore working on vocational concepts for action, which are capable of being adopted in an international context.

► www.bibb.de/en/international

Migrants and refugees

Migrants and refugees face specific challenges in the German training market and labour market. BIBB engages in research, development and implementation of programmes and projects looking at how both migrants and refugees can be successfully integrated into training, continuing education and employment.

► www.bibb.de/refugees



Permeability

The relationship between university and vocational education and training is in a state of flux. The BIBB investigates the opportunities which might arise from improved permeability between these two education and training sectors and how flexibly education training careers can be supported.

► www.bibb.de/permeability

How else can we help you?

Regardless of whether we are dealing with initial and continuing vocational education in Germany, European vocational education and training policy, background information, or statistical base material – the BIBB has competent points of contact available!

► zentrale@bibb.de

This is the central e-mail address for all enquiries to the BIBB for which the relevant specialist point of contact is not known.

► pr@bibb.de

Fast access to the BIBB for media representatives. You may reach the press office by phone at +49 228 107-2831.

► www.bibb.de/en/faq

Many specialist questions on vocational education and training are answered on our 'Frequently Asked Questions' page.

► www.bibb.de/events

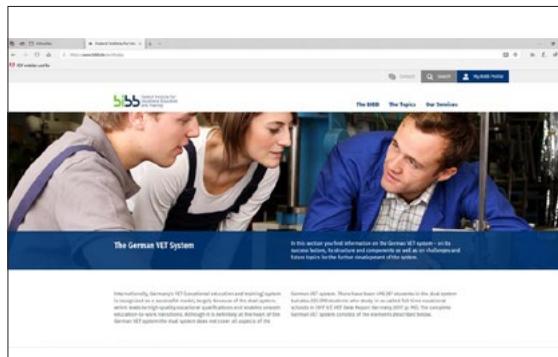
BIBB is represented at many trade fairs and events. It promotes communication between academic research, policy making, and practice through the organisation of symposia and conferences.

► www.bibb.de/visitorgroups

You may also visit our institute in order to learn more about the BIBB or gather specific information on vocational education and training. We will be happy to arrange a visit and to provide your group with tailor-made offers of information. Contact: info-visits@bibb.de

► www.bibb.de/en

The BIBB website not only provides information about the institute but also about the latest news from vocational education and training, as well as pages with in-depth information on key topics. And finally, the website also includes a large number of specialist portals.



► www.bibb.de/bibbnews

"BIBB News", the bimonthly English language newsletter, provides the international specialist community with selected data, analysis, comments and research results relating to the latest developments in initial and continuing vocational education and training. The very latest news from the organisation and from vocational education and training is available on the Twitter channel: @BIBB_de

► www.vet-repository.info

With over 85,000 books and digital media and approximately 230 current periodicals, the BIBB library is the largest academic specialist library for the topic area of vocational education and training and vocational education and training research in German-speaking countries.

► **VET
REPOSITORY**
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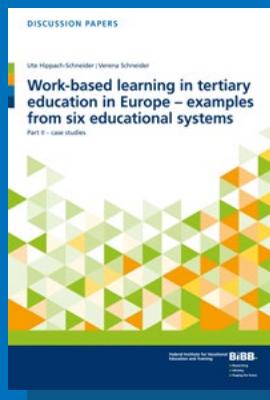
The literature documentation offers a range of specialist information services, which provide an overview of current vocational education and training topics in academic research, policy making and practice. The VET Repository systematically records German-language specialist literature on all aspects of vocational education and training and vocational education and training research.

► www.bibb.de/publications

The BIBB's most important research and work results are published in various periodicals and series. They are either available as print publications or as free download (open access).

► www.bwp-journal.de

Academic research findings and experiences from practice relating to current issues in vocational education and training are published four times a year in the journal "Berufsbildung in Wissenschaft und Praxis – BWP" (Vocational Training in Research and Practice). The BWP promotes exchange between research practice and policy-making within vocational education and training. Each issue has a special focus. Our special edition singles out some of the current subjects to be discussed within the professional community and by the interested public at a national, European and international level.



By car

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By rail

From Hauptbahnhof Bonn (Bonn Central Station) take Stadtbahnlinie (city rail line) 66 or 68 (towards Ramersdorf/Bad Honnef) as far as Robert-Schuman-Platz (approx. 10 minutes travel time).

From the Siegburg/Bonn ICE station, take Stadtbahnlinie (city rail line) 66 (towards Ramersdorf/Bad Honnef) as far as Robert-Schuman-Platz (approx. 40 minutes travel time).

**From Cologne Bonn airport**

Take the airport bus line SB60 to Bonn Hauptbahnhof (Central Station), then Stadtbahnlinie (city rail line) 66 or 68 (towards Bad Honnef/Königswinter) as far as Robert-Schuman-Platz.

President and Head of Research

The President leads and manages the BIBB. When performing the tasks of the Federal Institute, he works with the Board, its sub-committees and with the Research Council. Prof. Dr. Friedrich Hubert Esser has been President of the Federal Institute since May 2011. Since September 2017, Prof. Dr. Hubert Ertl has been Head of Research and therefore responsible for the research of the institute.

► www.bibb.de/management

Board

The Board is the executive body of the BIBB and also the German government's statutory advisory body in fundamental matters regarding vocational education and training. Representatives of employers, trade unions, Germany's federal states and the Federal Government work together here with each group having an equal share of votes.

► www.bibb.de/board

The Research Council

The Research Council advises the Board and the President by issuing written opinions on and recommendations for BIBB's research work, particularly with respect to its research programme and the institute's collaboration with institutions of higher education and other research institutes.

► www.bibb.de/council



The BIBB participates in the European environmental management system "Eco-Management and Audit Scheme" (EMAS).



The aims and measures relating to work-family balance are specified in the "workandfamily audit".





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