

# RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

SKILL NEEDS OF BUSINESSES

QUALIFICATIONS

*ibw*

Institut für Bildungsforschung der Wirtschaft

# OUR FOCUS

At the centre of our projects there are application-oriented research issues and topics with relevance for the world of business.

*evidence-based - practice-oriented - interdisciplinary*

ibw Austria was set up in 1975 by the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKÖ) and the Federation of Austrian Industries (IV). As well as these two provider institutions and their sub-organisations, major ibw project partners and clients mainly include federal ministries, Public Employment Service Austria (AMS), regional governments and individual companies. ibw Austria is a regular partner in international projects, most notably in EU projects and represents Austria in the ReferNet network, which was established by the EU's Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop).

# RESEARCH

ibw draws up reports and analyses at the interfaces between education and training, skill needs of businesses and qualifications.

## *Our areas of expertise*

### **Dual vocational education and training (apprenticeship)**

- general data and trend analyses
- evaluation of apprenticeship occupations, funding instruments, etc.
- analyses and concepts related to the further development of the apprenticeship training system
- studies related to competence-oriented training schemes and examination models

### **School education**

- structural and trend analyses
- studies related to school governance, funding and quality development
- needs and acceptance studies
- evaluation of educational policy instruments

### **Tertiary education**

- evaluation of degree programmes and funding instruments
- needs and acceptance studies
- analyses related to tertiary VET and
- support in quality assurance processes

### **Continuing vocational education and training**

- market potential and needs assessments
- studies related to willingness to take part in CVET and actual participation
- evaluation of CVET measures

### **The labour market and qualification requirements**

- survey of qualification requirements
- evaluation of labour market policy measures and instruments
- indicator and benchmark analyses
- studies related to educational and professional careers

### **International vocational education and training**

- qualification strategies in an international comparison
- trends and initiatives in VET at the European level
- support in the implementation of the EQF/NQF
- needs assessments on foreign language competence

ibw develops products and provides services for companies, social partners, sectoral associations, apprentices and schools.

## *Our areas of expertise*

### **Dual vocational education and training (apprenticeship)**

- development of competence-oriented qualifications
- quality assurance
- training tools (training guidelines, checklists)
- web portal related to apprenticeship training: [www.qualitaet-lehre.at](http://www.qualitaet-lehre.at)
- apprenticeship-leave exam
  - clearing office for the apprenticeship-leave exam
  - exam assignments for commercial apprenticeships
  - learning material for apprentices
  - manuals and curriculum for examiners'
- aptitude tests for selecting apprentices
- state prize "Best training companies – Fit for future"

### **Higher vocational education and training**

- competence-oriented entrepreneurial exam
- quality development for the master craftsperson and qualifying exams

### **Career guidance**

- the career guidance tool Berufsinformationscomputer: [www.bic.at](http://www.bic.at)
- information tools and games
- talent checks for career guidance
- the Qualification Barometer of AMS

### **School-business platform (AWS)**

- business-related teaching materials

### **International vocational education and training**

- SkillsAustria – EuroSkills – WorldSkills
- know-how transfer: cooperation-projects with government and organisations of the world of work
- EU projects



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# Our publications

## **ibw research reports**

Selected studies are published in book form. All research reports are available for download.

## **Development tools**

Learning materials, teaching materials, information and training tools, aptitude tests, games

## **NEWSLETTERS**

### ■ **ibw aktuell**

latest info from ibw (appears at irregular intervals)

### ■ **ibw research brief**

latest research findings in brief

### ■ **NEWSletter Berufsinformation**

interesting topics and upcoming events in the field of career guidance (comes out six times a year)

### ■ **ausbilder newsletter**

info and downloads about apprenticeship training for IVET trainers (comes out four times a year)

### ■ **AWS NEWSLETTER**

latest info about teaching materials of AWS (appears two times a year)

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