

Glossary: Vocational education and training (VET)

Statistics Explained

Vocational education and training , abbreviated as **VET** , sometimes simply called **vocational training** , is the training in skills and teaching of knowledge related to a specific trade, occupation or vocation in which the student or [employee](#) wishes to participate.

Vocational education may be undertaken at an educational institution, as part of [secondary or tertiary education](#) , or may be part of initial training during employment, for example as an apprentice, or as a combination of formal education and workplace learning.

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