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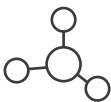
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Vocational training validation and digitization law comes

On February 7, the Federal Cabinet passed the Vocational Training Validation and Digitization Act (BVaDiG) as part of the Vocational Training Excellence Initiative. Public certifications are intended to recognize actual professional skills of people without formal vocational qualifications and ensure more inclusive vocational training for people with disabilities. They will then receive direct access to the further training sector. In addition, training courses are to be digitized and debureaucratized. Federal Education Minister Bettina Stark-Watzinger (FDP) explained: "The shortage of skilled workers and bureaucracy are two key challenges for our country. We are tackling both of them specifically with our vocational training law."

→ <https://t1p.de/0YK0h>



Chancellor greets conference

On 5 and 6 February 2024, the Federal Institute for Vocational Training (bibb) held the conference "Vocational training in transformation: flexible, inclusive, excellent" in Bonn. In a video message, Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz highlighted the great importance of vocational training for the industrial country of Germany and the role

of the bibb as a coordinator of science, politics and practice. bibb President Friedrich Hubert Esser and Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (bmbF) Dr. Jens Brandenburg emphasized the importance of qualified specialists for the implementation of the transformation goals. Elke Hannack, Chair of the bibb Main Committee and Deputy Chair of the dgb, appealed to the federal government to improve the "Upward BAföG"; as professional skills requirements are changing more quickly, further training is becoming increasingly important. As part of the event, three vocational training and further training projects for shaping the energy transition were also awarded the Hermann Schmidt Prize.

→ https://WWW.bibb.de/de/pRessemitteilung_185496.php

→ https://WWW.bibb.de/de/pRessemitteilung_185774.php

digi-ebf II has started

On January 25 and 26, the Leibniz Institute for Educational Research and Information (dipF) in Frankfurt am Main, together with employees and project managers, launched the second funding phase of the meta-project digi-ebf from 2024 to 2026. They have derived new objectives from the findings of the first phase on fundamental questions and conditions for success as well as the design of educational processes (see video podcast). The focus is now on researching and testing a successful transfer between educational research and educational practice, for example using various formats such as the established dialogue on digitalization, knowledge products

and online portals with methods of creative educational research. Cooperation with bridging actors, such as state institutes and foundations, is to be expanded. To this end, the support and networking of existing research projects will now be maintained with a focus on the skills required in the age of digitalization. - The association of the University of Duisburg-Essen and three Leibniz institutes (iWm, die and dipF) is implementing the meta-project Digitalization in Education within the research focus Empirical Educational Research of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The meta-project creates dialogue spaces for experts from science, practice and politics. The German Institute for Adult Education - Leibniz Center for Lifelong Learning (die) is responsible for the adult education area.

→ <https://digi-ebf.de/staRt-die-zWeite-FoRdeRphase-KicK-digi-ebF-ii-am-dipF>

→ <https://digi-ebf.de/index.php/recording-to-look-back-step-after-5-years-meta-digitalization-in>



Basic knowledge Accessibility

The "Competence Center for Cultural Education in Older Age and Inclusive Culture" (Kubia) launched a series of online events in February 2024 to analyze, plan and implement accessibility in art and culture. Each of the five free events spread throughout the year focuses on a category of the "kubia approach"

model accessibility" - moving, hearing, seeing, feeling and understanding. Target groups include employees of North Rhine-Westphalian cultural institutions and actors in the independent scene of all artistic disciplines.

→ WWW.Kubia.nRW/news/basisWissen-barRieReFREiheit/

Black History Month 2024

During the weeks of February, on the occasion of Black History Month (bhm), the Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb) presented role models and outstanding achievements of the black community with articles and event announcements.

→ <https://t1p.de/oug7>



New teacher fee recommendation

The Professional Association for Training, Consulting and Coaching (bdvt eV) and the Austrian Association of Business Trainers (vbt) have presented a joint fee recommendation effective January 1, 2024. This takes into account in particular the situation of trainers who are severely underpaid and work under precarious conditions for public educational institutions. The role, professional experience, number of participants and effort on the part of the freelance teacher as well as the benefit for the client should now determine the price. The minimum daily rates for face-to-face training with standard content or in large project volumes are set at 100 euros per hour, depending on the level of professionalism (without

For additional costs, the recommended hourly rates are 1,200 euros, 1,400 euros or 2,600 euros, while the minimum hourly rates for coaching are 200 euros, 275 euros or 440 euros. Additional billing guidelines apply for online courses.

→ <https://t1p.de/8sWqn>

Shortage of skilled workers in further training acute

Digitalization and increased migration alone have caused the need for teachers to steadily increase, for example in the areas of IT, German as a second language and integration. Rising racism is increasingly demanding teachers for political education. Nevertheless, according to the Continuing Education nRW 2021 data report, the number of freelance workers had already shrunk by 15 percent compared to 2019. Low fees were just one of the deterrent factors. - Brigitte Bosche, one of three delegates from the German Institute for Adult Education (the), interviewed MdLs Klaus Kaiser (cdu) and Julia Eisentraut (Alliance 90/The Greens) at the dialogue format "Leibniz in the State Parliament" on November 30, 2023 in Düsseldorf and invited people to discuss solution strategies on LinkedIn:

→ <https://t1p.de/36jY1>

Portal for financial Basic education

"With Money & Mind", an online financial education platform of the federal government, was launched at the beginning of December 2023. It offers topic-related materials both for self-learning for citizens depending on their phase of life and for teaching for teachers and is intended to connect educational stakeholders.

zen. The Federal Ministry of Finance (bmF) and the Federal Ministry of Education (bmbF) are implementing a "milestone" in their financial education strategy. The portal is "a central point of contact where public offers of special quality are available at a glance," says Federal Minister of Finance Christian Lindner (Fdp). It is to be continuously expanded and developed this year.

→ <https://mitgeldundveRstand.de/>



Barrier-free relaunch

At the internet portal → Through erwachsenenbildung.at, anyone interested, with or without disabilities or impairments, can now find and use web content about adult education more easily. This applies to both the content made available online from September 23, 2020, and the navigation. For example, it is easier to surf through pages using only the keyboard. Texts are easier to read thanks to more contrast and clearer structuring. All images and videos have alternative text or subtitles that are readable by screen readers. Content in "Easy Language" and sign language is available. "Implementing digital accessibility means opting for a new quality feature and a new standard," says Wilfried Frei from the conedu Association for Educational Research in Graz (Austria) and editor-in-chief of the portal.

Taking feedback into account is a prerequisite. The current status is described in the mandatory accessibility statement.

→ <https://t1p.de/oa97e>

Digital education space opens to interested parties

The digital development project "My Education Space", which has been in beta testing since autumn 2023, is continuing to expand the circle of test subjects. In February 2024, it will have consultation appointments for education providers in its portfolio at the didacta education fair in Cologne. From spring 2024, anyone interested will be able to register and use the offer. The platform is intended to link digital education offers nationwide, make content easier to find, manage educational certificates in compliance with data protection regulations and enable intra- and inter-institutional collaboration. It was previously known as the "National Education Platform" (nbp) and is part of the federal government's digital strategy.

→ www.meinbildungsRaum.de

Reduction plans withdrawn

The Federal Ministry of the Interior has responded to the wave of protests from numerous political education organizations and, in November 2023, largely withdrew the previously announced savings measures of 20 percent in the budget of the Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb); political education projects with young people are now even to receive additional funds. The Budget Committee of the Bundestag would have "corrected a fatal error" with a corresponding amendment from the coalition factions, said Wilfried Klein, Chairman of the Federal Committee for Political Education (bap).

→ <https://t1p.de/5mcF2>



Second stage of the skilled immigration law entered into force

Since March 1, 2024, the Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (bmas) has made it easier for foreign workers and trainees to have their professional qualifications recognized and thus gain access to the German labor market. For example, if there is a specific job offer and relevant professional experience of at least two years, recognition procedures and further qualifications can still be carried out after entering Germany; part-time jobs are permitted during this time. This increases the chances of adequate pay, more targeted further qualifications, better opportunities for advancement and a longer stay through stronger employee retention. Employers are now also allowed to recruit foreign skilled workers for a short period of time if there is particularly high demand and hire them for up to eight months.

→ <https://t1p.de/Rgz5z>
 → <https://t1p.de/3johe>



Personal information

The professional association for training, consulting and coaching (bdvt eV) in Cologne has appointed marKus garn as managing director as of April 1, 2024. Garn will now be running his 20-year-old

Activities include executive board member and editor, organizer, coach and moderator in cooperation with the management with leadership tasks.

Prof. Dr. Erik Haberzeth will head the Professorship for Adult Education and Continuing Education at Chemnitz University of Technology from March 1, 2024. He is moving from his professorship for Higher Vocational Education and Continuing Education at the University of Applied Sciences in Zurich (Switzerland), which he has held since 2016.

beRthold hübers took over the management of the National Agency for Education for Europe on January 1, 2024. Having already been active in international exchange in vocational training for 25 years, Hübers was most recently deputy head of the na at the bibb and head of the mobility and internationalization team in vocational training. He has now replaced Klaus Fahle, who has retired.

The President of the Federal Institute for Vocational Training (bibb), Prof. Dr. Friedrich Hubert Esser, received the Georg Schulhoff Prize, endowed with 10,000 euros, on November 27, 2023, at the Düsseldorf Chamber of Crafts and Trades. He was honored for his services to dual training, vocational training on a par with academic education, and his commitment to transformation as part of vocational training.