Joint and continuous work on the quality of vocational education and training (VET) schools and colleges

Focus on the learning of students

Successful education and training processes

Sustainable school development and advancement of teaching and systematic quality management
QIBB, the Austrian VET Quality Initiative, aims to systematically safeguard and further develop school and teaching quality.

QIBB covers all VET school and college types:
- Part-time vocational schools
- Schools and colleges for engineering, arts and crafts
- Schools and colleges of business administration
- Schools and colleges of management and service industries
- Schools and colleges of tourism
- Schools and colleges of fashion and clothing and of artistic design
- Schools for social professions
- Colleges for agriculture and forestry
- Nursery teacher training colleges and colleges of social pedagogy

In QIBB we work with the following quality management instruments:
- Mission statement
- Quality matrix: objectives, implementation measures, results, indicators and evaluation methods
- Work programme or school programme incl. development and implementation plan: objectives and implementation measures for the reporting period
- Evaluation: individual feedback, system feedback, Peer Review in QIBB
- Quality report: school, regional and federal quality reports
- Management & performance reviews: review and objective-setting discussions between managers to reflect and agree on development and implementation objectives
- Follow-up tool: designing participatory change processes
- HR development: continuing and further education and training for managers, teachers and staff (QUALI-QIBB)

Quality assurance and development are implemented in QIBB as a target-driven continuous improvement process using the model of the four-phase quality assurance and improvement cycle (according to Deming).

The application of quality management instruments controls, supports and structures the process.
QIBB – what for?

- The Austrian school-based VET system offers a large number of VET pathways. The quality assurance and development measures taken with QIBB help ensure a high level of training and the recognition of qualifications acquired through the training now and in the future.
- QIBB supports professional activities. The quality management instruments provided in QIBB help to systematically observe, evaluate and reflect on the quality of processes and results to ensure that well-founded measures can be taken.
- Within the framework of QIBB we jointly take steps to increase the schools’ own responsibility and achieve an improvement in teaching which can be directly felt by students.

QIBB was launched by the Directorate for Technical and Vocational Education, Adult Education and School Sport of the Federal Ministry of Education and Women’s Affairs to implement a comprehensive quality management system in Austrian VET schools and colleges.