Education and Training until 18

Working with young NEETS in Austria

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NEETS in Austria

**NEET = Not in Education, Employment or Training**

- 6.5% NEETs aged 15-24 in Austria
- EU-28 average 10.9% (Eurostat 2017)
- 21% of NEET left education directly after compulsory school
- 27% of people who only completed compulsory school face the risk of poverty
Education and schooling in Austria

Compulsory education (status quo until 2016)

• School attendance is compulsory for all young people resident in Austria and lasts for nine years.

• Compulsory School starts in September following the child's 6th birthday.

Compulsory education or training until 18th birthday (since July 2017)

• Builds on the prevailing nine years of compulsory education.

• After finishing compulsory education young people must stay in education or training at least until their 18th birthday.
Education and Training until 18 aims at…

… ensuring that all young people in Austria complete a post-compulsory education

… increasing young people’s chances of participation

… preventing early school leaving.
Who is addressed by Education and Training until 18?

The law on compulsory education or training applies for all young people:
- who completed compulsory education in the school year 2016/17 or later
- who are permanent residents in Austria
- until their 18th birthday.

Education and Training until 18 also applies for:
- young people who are in prison
- young people with disabilities
- young people who are entitled to subsidiary protection or hold a refugee status.
The main focus of Education and Training until 18 is to provide individual support for young people, it is not to punish the youth´s legal guardians!

- Legal guardians are obliged to report NEETS under the age of 18
- Legal guardians are only liable if they refuse any contact and reject the corresponding support offers.
- Penalties reach from EUR 100 to 500,- and from EUR 200 to 1000,- in case of recurrence.
Possibilities for young people in line with education and training until 18

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Incoming and outgoing youths in education and training

Statistics Austria

Not in Education or Training

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Contacting parents and youths and offering support
## Facts 2019

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Support programs

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- Youth coaching
- Public Employment Service Austria (AMS)
- Other programs by the Service Agency of the Austrian Ministry of Social Affairs
Further programs

NEBA – Network of vocational assistance (available throughout Austria!)

• **Youth coaching**
  Counselling and support for young people aged 15-19 (with disabilities up to the age of 24) regarding their vocational and educational options

• **Vocational school**
  For young people aged 15-21 (with disabilities up to the age of 24) who need more training before attending further education or starting an apprenticeship

• **Work assistance**
  Helps people aged 15-65 with disabilities to find or secure a job. It also supports companies who (want to) employ people with disabilities.

• **Job coaching**
  Supports people with disabilities aged 15-65 and companies at the workplace

• **Vocational training assistance**
  Accompanies young people aged 15-24 during an integrated apprenticeship.
Further programs

• **Youth Guarantee Austria**
  ensure all young people up to the age of 25 to receive a good-quality offer of employment, continued education, an apprenticeship or a traineeship within a period of four months

• **Fit to work**
  Low-threshold advice offerings focusing on secondary prevention measures is intended to ensure early intervention to
  
  • Reduce invalidity or prevent health-induced unemployment early on,
  • Help workers return to work following lengthy sick leaves, and
  • Maintain their ability to work through preventive measures.
Thank you for listening!

Any questions?

Education and Training until 18 is an initiative of the Austrian Federal Government.

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