



Escola Profissional do Pico

VET Questions



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What kind of schools teach vocational courses?
How long are they?

- Vocational Schools
- Regular Public Secondary Schools are offering vocational courses
- Vocational Level IV Courses → 12th → 3 years
- Level V → certain certified Vocational Schools/ Universities → 1 or 1,5 years
- Level II Courses → 9th → 2 years

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How are students and teachers recruited to these schools?

Students

- Pre-application form for the course
- Contacted by the school / Interviewed / Tests
- Selected

Teachers

- Send their Resumes
- They are analyzed
- Contacted and recruited



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Is vocational training based on modules or subjects?

- Subjects → modules

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Can your school choose the fields that it wants to open?

- Board of Education sends us every year a list of courses
- Meeting with our Consultive Council
- We propose the fields/courses
- We begin our advertising and accepting applications



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Who prepares the curriculum and the training program?

- National Agency for Qualification (ANQ)
- Teachers are responsible for planning their modules



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How many hours do students have of practical and theoretical subjects?

- Level IV Courses → 3100 hours for 3 years
- Socio-cultural Component → 1000 hours
- Scientific Component → 500 hours
- Technological and Practical Component → 1180 hours
- Practical on the Job Training → 420 hours



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Is there a difference in salary between teachers of practical and theoretical subjects?

- No

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Where and how is practical training organized?

- Classrooms that have been adapted to Labs or Workshops
- Other entities

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Is there a difference in practical training in school workshops and factories / companies? Which is better?

- 6 weeks during the 2nd year
- 6 weeks during the 3rd year
- The School contacts the companies/enterprises/entities
- Tutor

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Where do you get money for the equipment for vocational training?

- Funded by The European Social Funds (FSE)



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Do you organize or participate in vocational contests or competitions?

- Regional and national competitions:
- National winner in CAD;
- 2nd place at national level for Hygiene and Safety at Work (1st place at regional);
- 1st place for Entrepreneurship Regional Contest in 2012 and 2nd place in 2013.



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How is a vocational school managed? Do you have a separate headmaster or deputy responsible for vocational training?

- Exclusive vocational training;
- ADLIP;
- Town Mayor;
- Board of Directors;

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How are students assessed in practical and theoretical training?

- Tests, mini testes, project work, practical exercises;
- Punctuality, assiduity, attitudes, values in class, active participation and evidence of skills acquired in class;
- Common evaluation at internships in workshops and companies;

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What do vocational exams look like?

- Module exams;
- Professional Aptitude Project (PAP);
- Presentation in front of jury;

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How are students awarded for really good work in the workshops or in the company?

- Minimum wage salary;
- Request to stay;
- “Estagiar T”;
- Government incentive;

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How successful are graduates of vocational schools at the labour market? What is the unemployment rate?

- Many can find jobs;
- Unemployment rate in Portugal is 15,5% and in Azores it's 17,7%;
- 80% are employed, 50% working in their fields of studies;

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Are companies interested in organizing practices for the students of vocational schools? Do they want to participate in the training process?

Are they sponsors of school events?

- Companies usually show interest;
- Practical training out of schools;
- Entities sometimes sponsor;

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How many graduates of technical schools study at universities?

- 16% continue into higher education (university or level 5 courses);
- Economic possibilities;

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What does the cooperation between vocational schools and technical universities look like?

- Students must go to the mainland, São Miguel or Terceira islands;
- Priority in some Polytechnic Institutes;



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What institutions help you to organize practical training?

- Firstly our island, Pico, then the other places;
- Variety of courses;



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What type of final assessment is used at your school for certification?

- Professional Aptitude Project (PAP)



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Thanks for your attention

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