



Apprenticeships with an international focus

Federal VET** Diploma in Information Technology Application Development and Systems Technology

Reasons for this apprenticeship

- English is absolutely essential in the IT industry.
- Good language skills increase the chance of attractive job offers.
- Communication in English is an essential element in the globalized world.



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Differences to standard apprenticeship

- The practical consolidation and project tasks take place in English
- Language skills are supported by study trips (two trips lasting two weeks each).
Approx. 50% of the costs and time are covered by the apprenticeship company.
- Documents for the vocational education and training (VET**) school teaching and branch courses are mainly provided in English. A higher percentage of tasks are presented in class in English.
- Free courses for language skills are also attended at the VET**school.
- The “practical exercise” qualification section is conducted in English.
- A supplement in English to the Swiss Federal Diploma (EFZ*) confirms the additional language skills.

Advantages of this apprenticeship

Apprentices

The learners are taught technical English in the branch courses and VET** school.

Cultural variety is lived, supported and promoted, for example: language study trips, interaction with learners etc.

The language qualification will be at least one level higher than when the apprenticeship started.

Apprenticeship companies

Learners are already highly familiar with the technical terms in English.

Learners can be used in international IT teams immediately as a result of their English skills, for example: deployment on the line, in the department, with the customer etc.

Learners have higher language skills, communication skills and cultural competencies.

* EFZ = Swiss Federal Diploma

** VET = Vocational education and training