

Responses to the global pandemic: Analyses, best practices and takeaways for international vocational education and training

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Abstract

How has the Covid-19 pandemic impacted on vocational education and training in other countries? What conclusions have been drawn, what experiences made there? GOVET, the German Office for International Cooperation in Vocational Education and Training, reached out to international partners to find out. Having organised a series of bilateral discussions on this subject, in early 2022 GOVET published a collection of insights into VET systems and how they have managed the effects of the pandemic. Of particular concern to the countries are the impact of the pandemic on the training sector and the labour market; the digital skills of VET staff, employers and apprentices; and the consequences for career guidance services and the development of new formats. In 19 chapters from eight countries, a total of 28 authors provide insight into their work. The texts range from reports and workshop summaries to studies and policy analyses.