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The wba team:



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wba is at the heart of the Cooperative System of Austrian Adult Education and a first of its kind in the Austrian educational landscape. For the first time, representatives of adult education voluntarily have developed and defined competency standards for employees across the entire sector.

Dr. Michael Sturm
Chair of the Austrian Institute
for Vocational Education and Training Research

I have rarely learned, reflected on, and experienced as much in three days as I did during the certification workshop. The decision to embark on this journey to become an adult educator was truly a good one.

Marco Samhaber
wba-certified adult educator

wba offers adult educators the opportunity to showcase their diverse pedagogical competencies, further develop them, and demonstrate them to others with a wba certificate or diploma.

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... certification of competences of Adult Educators

Do you work in adult education and have a wide range of learning and experience?

Showcase your skills and combine them into a wba-degree!

Our target group:

- Trainers and teachers in Adult Education
- Education managers
- Counsellors
- Librarians

Your benefits at a glance

wba-certificate//wba-diploma …

- is a cross-institutional degree in adult education.
- reinforces your identiy as an adult educator.
- supports your professional developent and strenghtens your position in the job market.
- hightlights the skills you have already acquired including those gained through non-formal and informal learning.
- is comparable (inter)nationally through its classification within the National Qualification Framework.
- can be earned while working and gaining practical experience, with no time limit.
- is a recognised certificate of qualification (e.g. for Ö-Cert, Level Up, AMS)

Cost and Services

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Free initial information and guidance

Status quo evaluation € 130,-

- Personalised log-in area with online portfolio
- Revision, assessment and recognition of evidence

wba certificate € 650,-

- Individual support from a wba counsellor
- Revision and recognition of further evidence
- Participation in the Certification Workshop
- Awarding of the wba-certificate
- Permission to use the wba-logo "wba Certified Adult Educator"
- Listing in the directory of wba graduates on the wba website

Additional wba-certificate € 150,-

Supplementary Module Basic Education € 100,-

building on the wba-certificate

More information

wba diploma € 320,-

- Individual support from a wba counsellor
- Revision and recognition of further evidence
- Participation in the final exam "Fachgespräch"
- Awarding of the wba-diploma
- Permission to use the wba-logo "wba-Graduate Adult Educator"
- Listing in the directory of wba graduates on the wba website

Excluding the costs of any additional training required to address remaining skills gaps.

Your process at a glance

Supplementary module Basic Education

7 wba-certificate (NQF 5)

8 wba-diploma (NQF 6)
Specialisation in one of the following areas:

- Teaching/Group Leadership/ Training
- Counselling
- Educational Management
- Librarianship

6 Participation in the certification workshop:
a 2.5-day assessment

5 Individual support from wba counsellor and filling of gaps

4 Status quo evaluation:
The accreditation board evaluates your supporting documents

3 Registration and Upload of documents (portfolio)

2 Free initial information and guidance
(in person, online or by phone)

1 Requirements:
Experience in adult education and completion of vocational or academic training beyond compulsory education



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