



SFUVET

SWISS FEDERAL UNIVERSITY
FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
AND TRAINING

*Swiss excellence in vocational
education and training*

THE SWISS DUAL SYSTEM OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PERMEABILITY
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POPULATION

~ 8'600'000



POLITICS

1 Confederation
26 Cantons
2255 communes



ECONOMICS

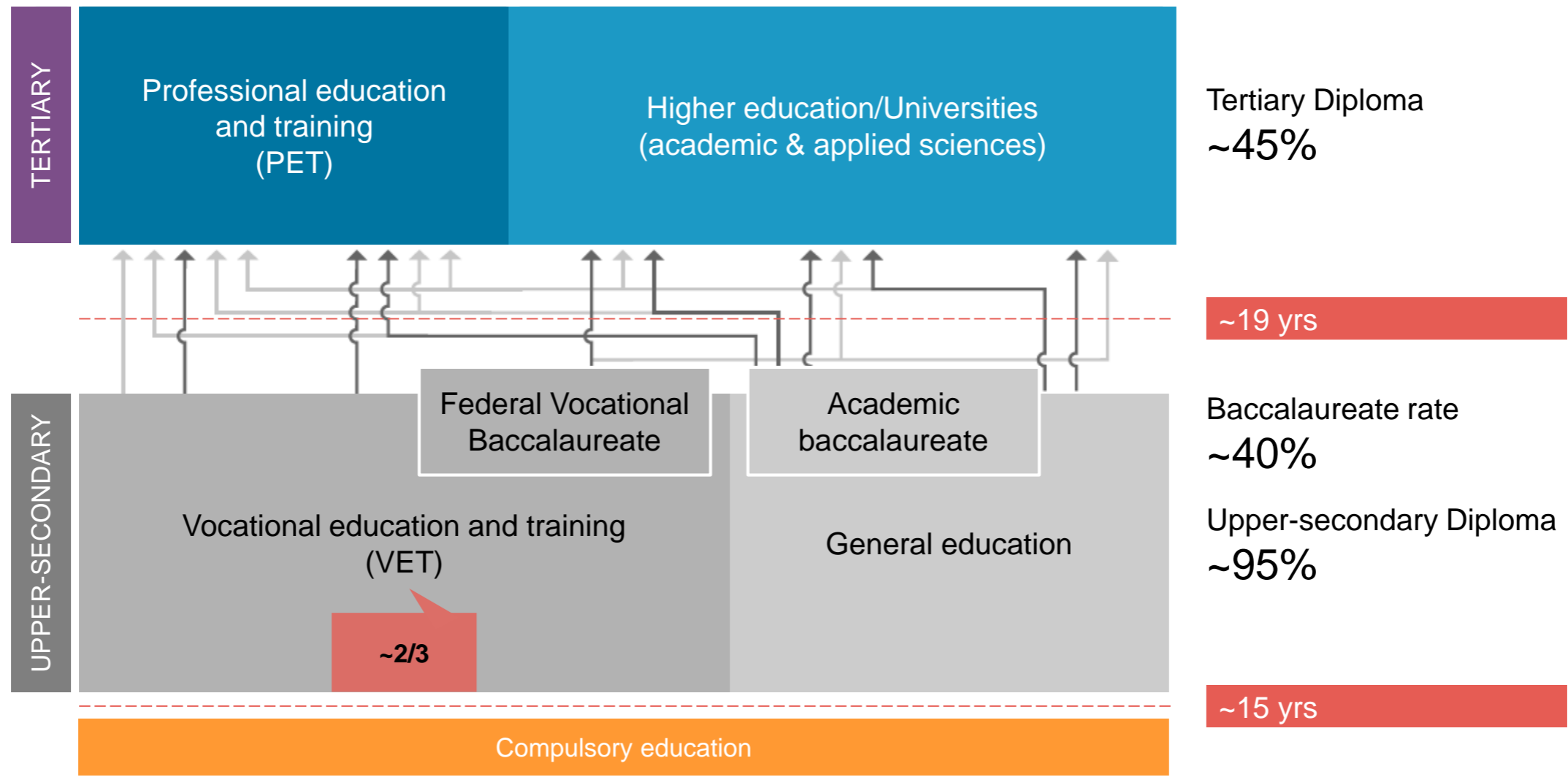
Swiss GDP by sectors:
Primary Sector 0.7%,
Secondary Sector 25.7%,
Tertiary Sector 73.6%
(GDP),
590'000 SME



LINGUISTICS

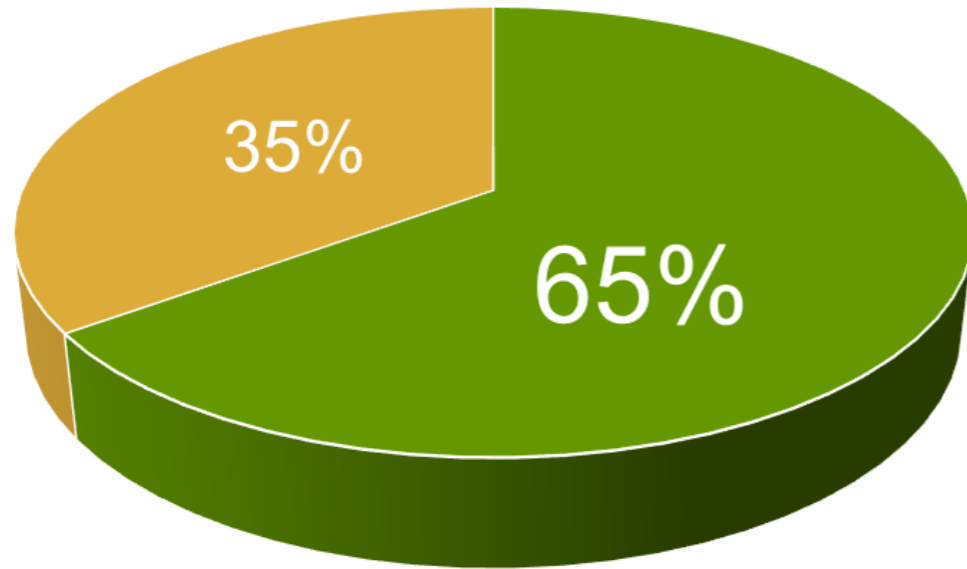
4 National languages
(German: 63%, French: 23%,
Italian: 8%, Romansh: 0.5%,
Other: 5.5%)

Swiss Education System



Facts and Figures

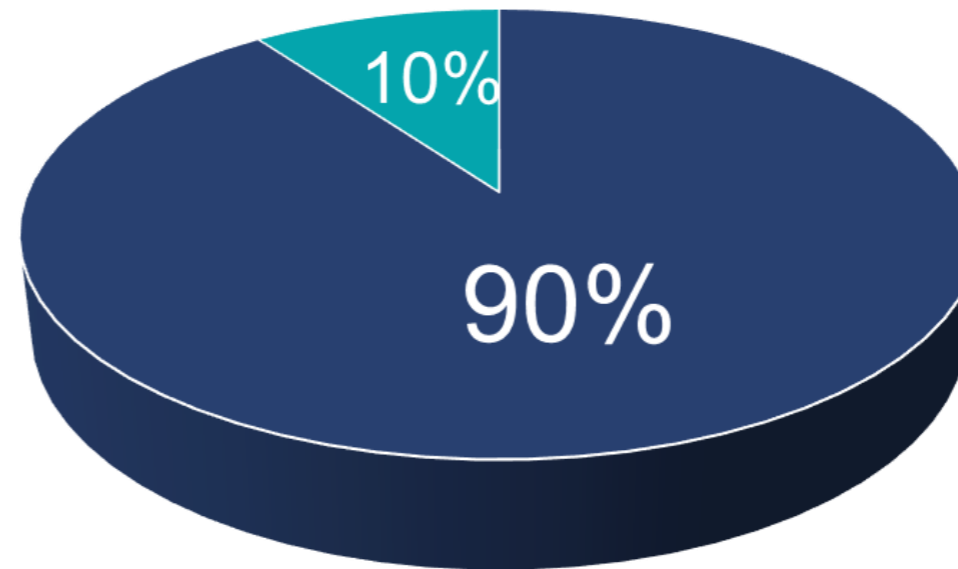
Upper secondary enrolment in %



■ **Initial VET** ■ General education

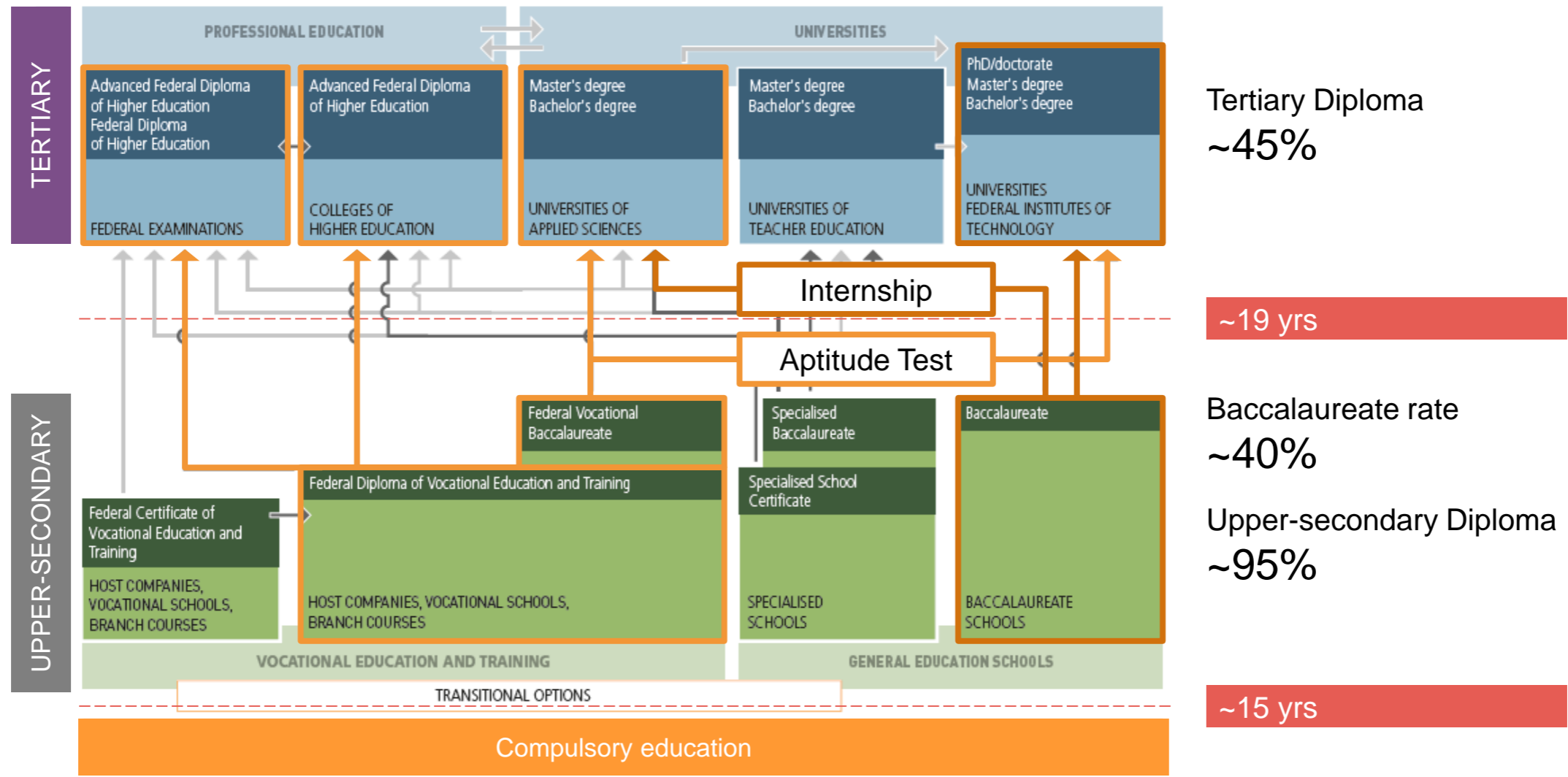
About 30% of all potential host companies offer dual track training for apprentices

Chosen initial VET model in %



■ **Dual-track** ■ School-based

Swiss Education System



Permeability

TRAIN AS A HAIRDRESSER
BECOME A BIOLOGIST



**TRAIN AS A MECHANICAL ENGINEER,
BECOME A DENTAL TECHNICIAN.**
PROFESSIONALS GO FAR.



The 10 most frequently chosen professions

Occupations	Total
Commercial employee Federal VET Diploma (all profiles)	12814
Health care worker Federal VET Diploma	4920
Retail clerk Federal VET Diploma	4339
Social care worker Federal VET Diploma	3795
IT technician Federal VET Diploma	2194
Electrician Federal VET Diploma	1891
Logistician Federal VET Diploma	1778
Retail assistant Federal VET Certificate	1556
Cook Federal VET Diploma	1540
Draughtsman Federal VET Diploma	1536

Federal Statistical Office (2020c). Including school-based VET programme

⁸ Dual-track VET programs on upper-secondary level

Federal VET Diploma (3-4 years)
Federal VET Certificate (2 years)

Practice



In-company training at host companies,
3 – 4 days per week



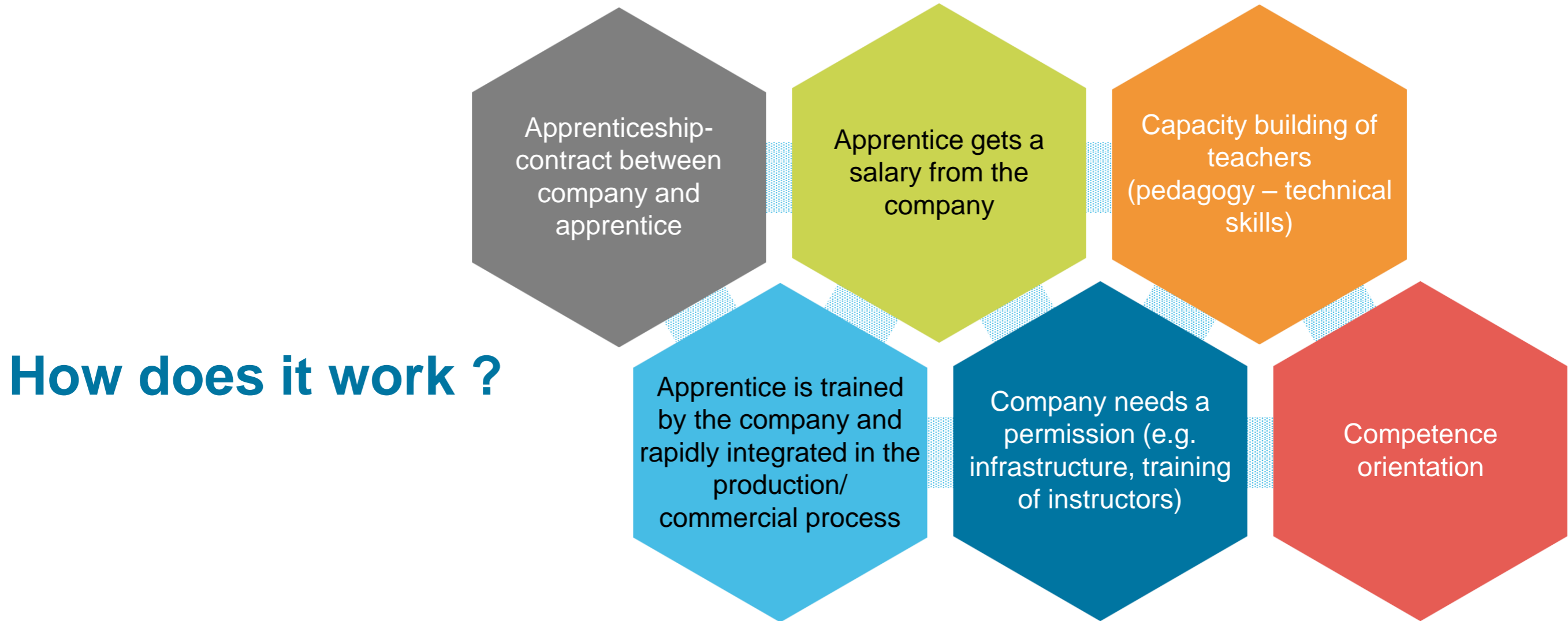
Branch courses at branch training centres,
several times a year

Theory

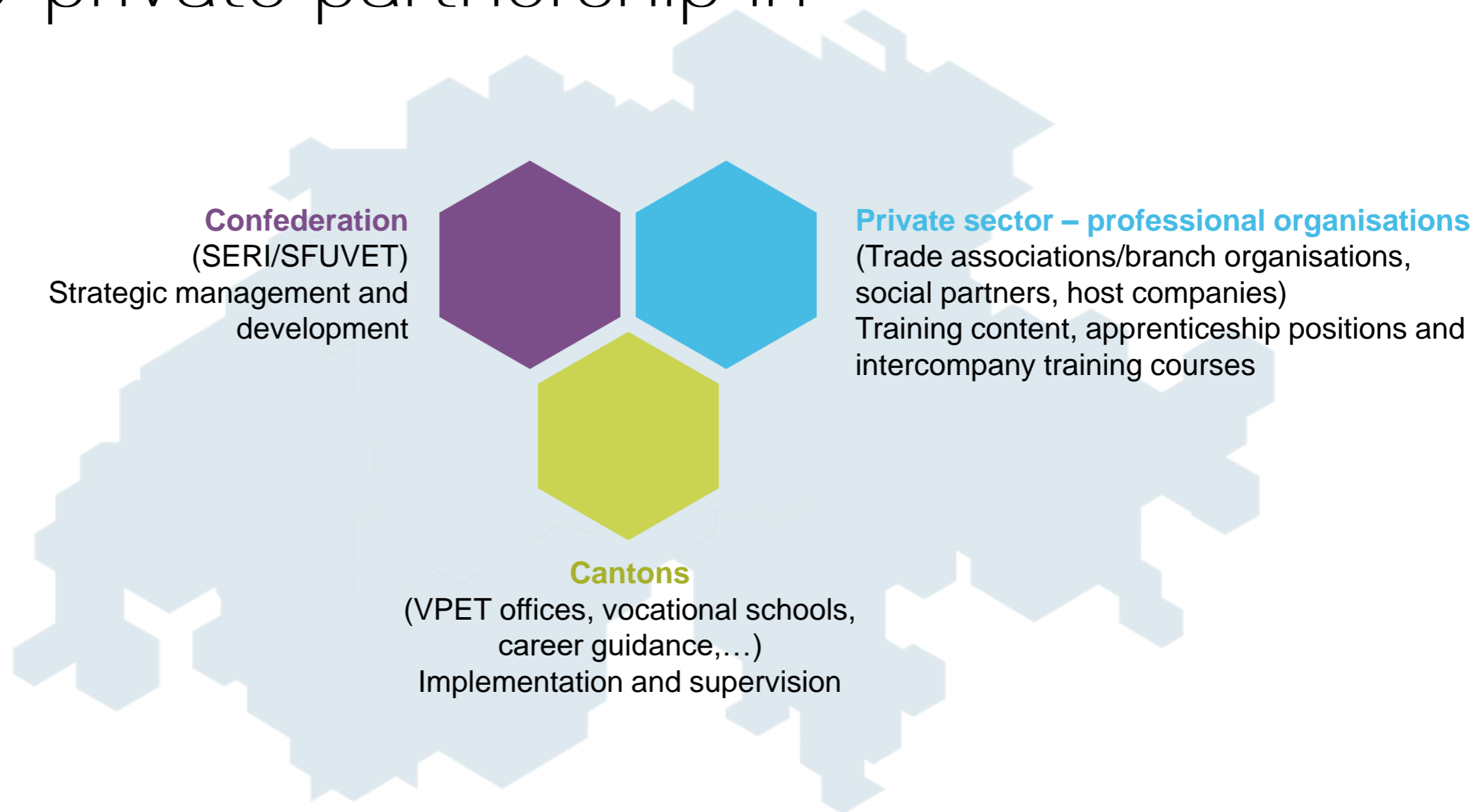


Classroom instruction at vocational schools,
1 – 2 days per week

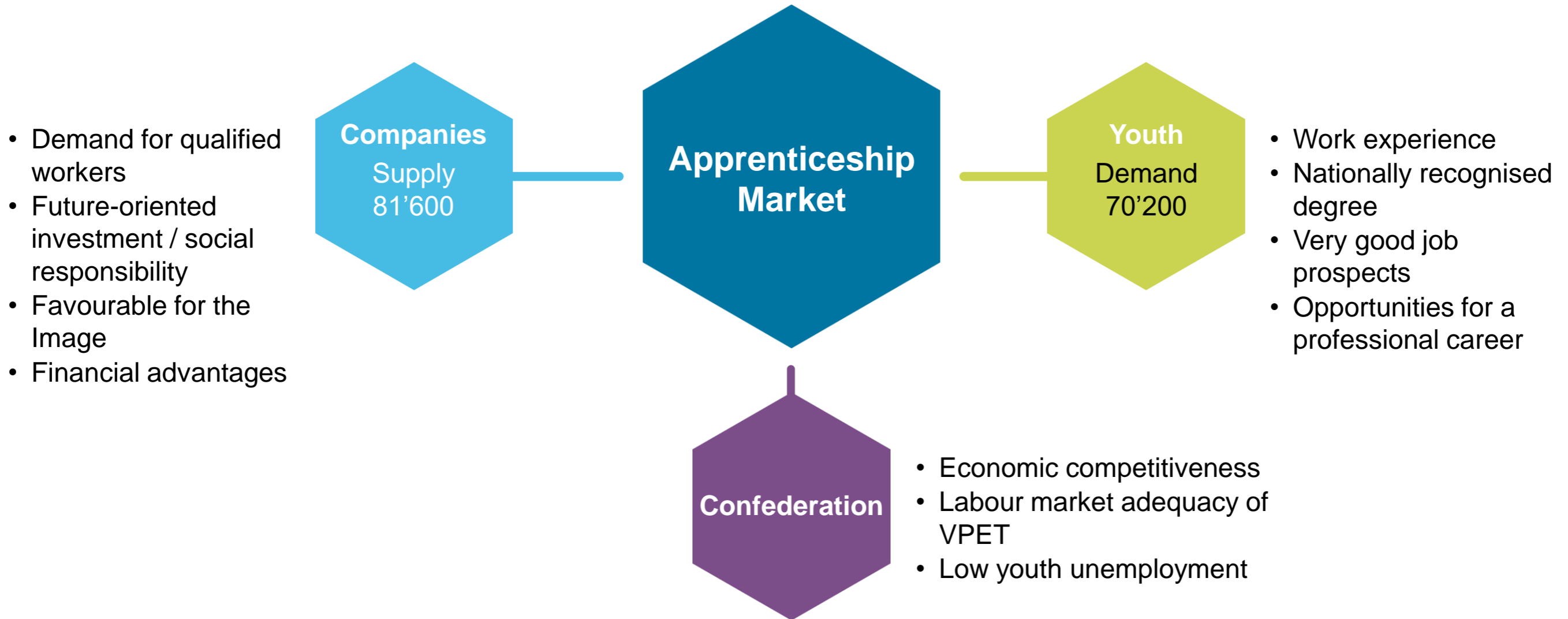
Swiss dual track approach



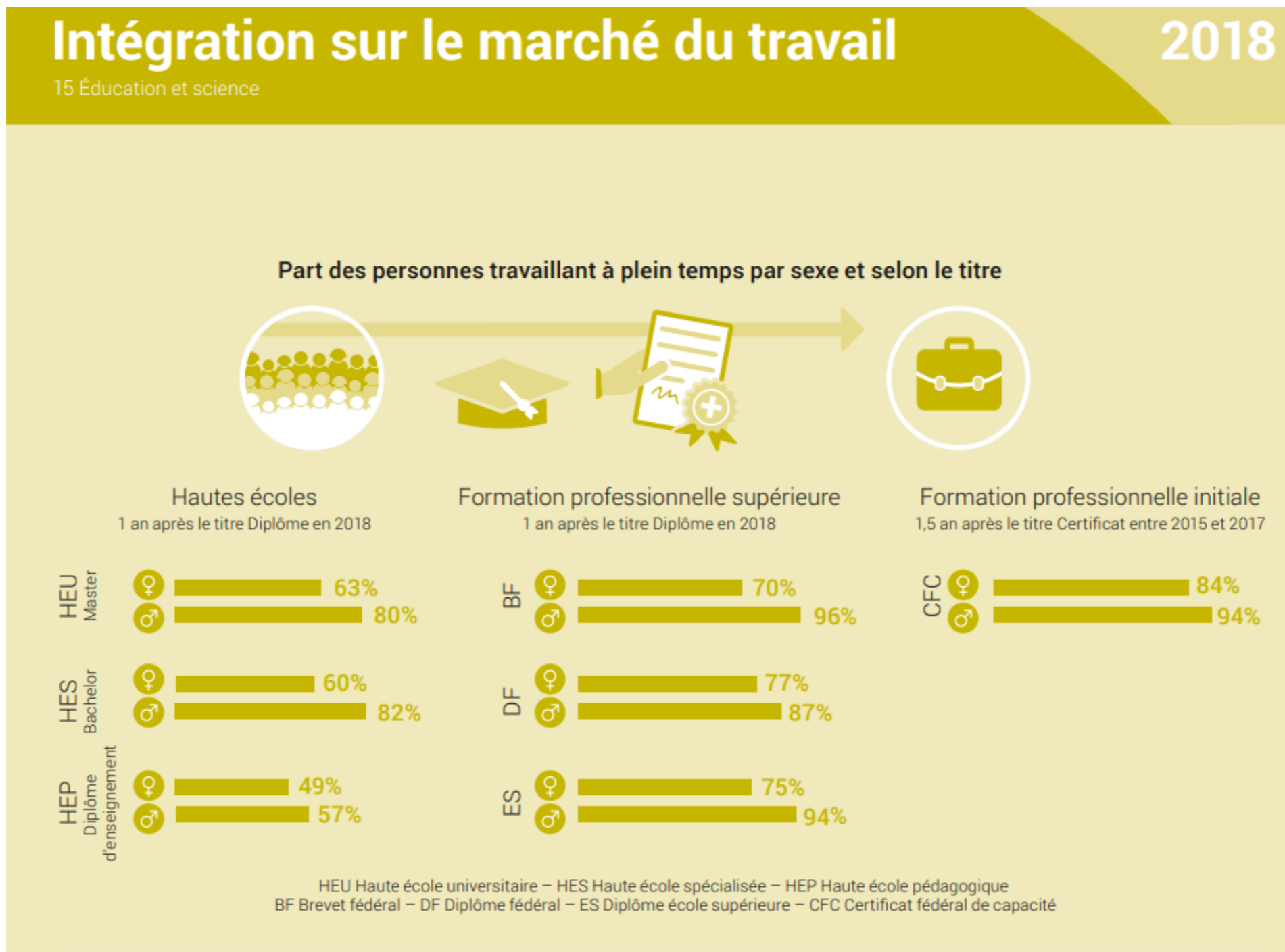
Public-private partnership in VET



Apprenticeships Market – Why choose VET?



Integration on the labor market



Key elements of vocational education and training in Switzerland



- ✓ Integration into the Swiss education system
- ✓ Permeability
- ✓ Public –private partnership
- ✓ Labour market orientation
- ✓ Cost efficiency