

Training in Switzerland

Country Background

Some changes have been made to the training system in our country.

We would like to inform you that in Switzerland our profession moved from the department of public health to the department of education. In this way courses are offered now by colleges of higher vocational education and training which lead to a federally recognised diploma. Such courses are based on state-set minimum requirements and the stipulations of the Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology (OPET) derived from these with a bearing on the framework curricula and recognition procedures. At the moment we are classified as tertiary level B (non-university) or international level 3 (postsecondary level). But we are working further on to get an international level 4 (tertiary level A, university). At the moment we now define our professional educational standards and competences in a new framework curriculum. This curriculum should be approved and ready to use by the end of 2007.

The Swiss association of medical scientists «labmed» offers a post diploma course with field specialization and leadership management. With this diploma we are allowed to lead a hospital laboratory type B (means no external customers).

On tertiary level B we have new admission conditions which cause a decrease of candidates. Any further information could be found at the [Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology \(OPET\)](#).

Short Description

- in minimum 3 years of theoretical and practical training or 5400 learning hours
- the level and sense of competencies in the new Swiss curriculum can be compared with the core competencies of IFBLS
- entry level: secondary level graduation
- list of programs: 9 schools

New Title

Biomedical Scientist with College of Higher Vocational Education and Training Diploma

dipl. Biomedizinische Analytikerin HF

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technicien / technicienne en analyses biomédicales dipl. ES

tecnico / tecnica in analisi biomediche dipl. SSS

We will publish the new curriculum as soon as possible.

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