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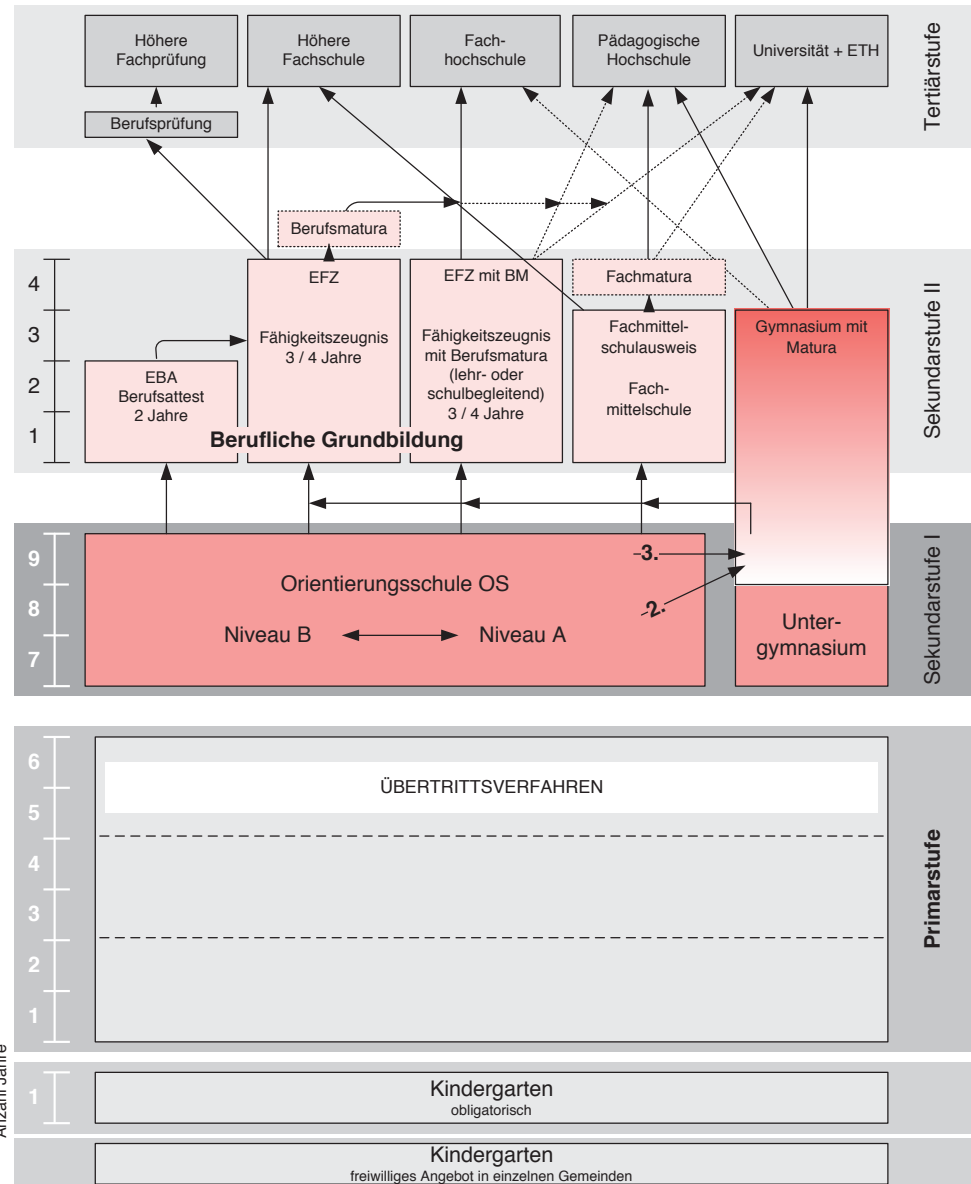
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Bildungswege

EFZ = Eidgenössisches Fähigkeitszeugnis
EBA = Eidgenössisches Berufsattest
BM = Berufsmatura

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Vocational training as well as secondary school offer exciting opportunities for school children. What determines career success is not only the chosen path of study, but also how much the student enjoys what they study because this will determine the extent to which they engage with the material.

The main criteria for choosing a particular path of study include the student's interests, skills and abilities. It is extremely important that the path of study is not only chosen for prestige or according to the job market.

In Switzerland, 20% of the youth choose Gymnasium in order to receive a secondary school certificate (Matura). 70% decide on one of 200 different apprenticeships with a certificate recognized by the State (EBA or EFZ).

There are also bridging options for school children who have not yet been able to make a choice regarding which career path to take even though they have made an effort to consider their training and apprenticeship options.

The Education system is flexible. For instance, if someone starts with an apprenticeship, they can always continue with University after completing a Matura at a Technical College (Fachhochschule) or after writing a secondary exam.

For every training that is completed and in every career there are always further training courses. State recognized certificates open the doors to further training and career changes.

In many sectors, practically orientated staff with a BP certificate, a higher HFP certificate or a higher technical HF certificate are in demand. These certificates do not require a Matura.

There are large differences in salary between sectors. The length of time that you have studied influences how much you earn.

People without a Matura or qualification have a higher risk of being unemployed for a long period of time. Education can help to prevent unemployment.