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After obligatory school most of the students start the so called “Berufslehre”, usually called “Lehre”. The “Lehre” is a praxis oriented professional education which lasts 3 to 4 years. The teenagers who successfully complete it receive a professional Certificate of Qualification, required in technical jobs and in different business areas.

There are also students who begin a school education at a specialized school - Fachmittelschule – or the secondary school – the Gymnasium. They prepare students for higher education. In order to go to an University 18 or 19 year old teenagers need the “Matur”, a school leaving examination done after 12 years of school.

In order to start your career it is important to have completed education. There are different paths to start a professional education or mainstream schooling. Teenagers should think at an early stage about the professional training they would like to do. Support your children in the choices they make and find out about the different careers in the Counseling- and Information Centers in your region.

Adults also have options for further education in Switzerland. However most of the training offers in the region of Basel require good German skills. You can contact the Competence Center for Further Adult Education in your canton for further information. In Basel visit www.mb.bs.ch and in Basel Land www.febf.ch. You can also find useful information about education in Switzerland at www.berufsberatung.ch.