



Weiter Bildungs Akademie



The Austrian Academy of Continuing
Education

Weiterbildungsakademie Österreich (wba)

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What is the Austrian Academy of Continuing Education (wba)?

A new approach to recognising
formally, non-formally and informally
acquired competences of adult educators based
on a curriculum

For what reasons was the wba set up?

- ▶ no standardised education for adult educators in Austria
- ▶ need to recognise already acquired competences

4 target groups:

educational
managers

teachers/trainers

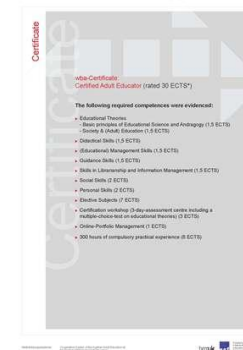
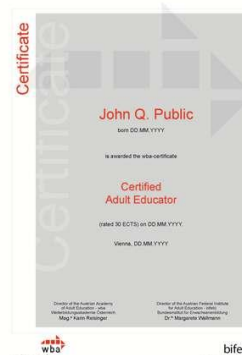
counsellors

librarians

2 different degrees

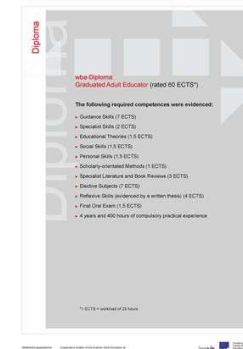
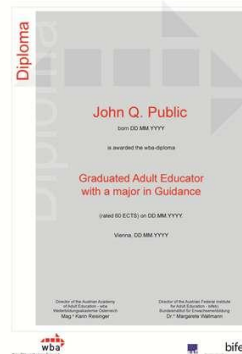
► wba-certificate

Basic degree for all
adult educators



► wba-diploma

specific degree for
adult educators



How do students get a wba-certificate?

1. Show what someone has:

Status-Quo-Evaluation

2. Planning how one shall reach one's goal:

wba-advisor provides support

3. Prove of one is captable of:

assessment: 3 days certification workshop

How to obtain a wba-diploma?

1. wba-certificate
2. Hand in proofs for the wba-diploma
3. Compose a thesis
4. Colloquium

Which proofs can be handed in?

- ▶ formal proofs: degrees, school certificates, ...
- ▶ non-formal proofs: certificates of seminars, courses, ...
- ▶ informal proofs: papers, theses, seminar concepts, brochures,.....

Core competences of an adult educator

30 ECTS

educational theory (3 – 6 ECTS)	teaching skills (1,5 – 4 ECTS)	social skills (2 – 5 ECTS)
practice (6 ECTS)	educational management skills (1,5 – 4 ECTS)	
certification workshop (3 ECTS)	counselling skills (1,5 – 4 ECTS)	personal skills (2 – 5 ECTS)
	library and information management skills (1,5 – 4 ECTS)	

What are the advantages of the wba-degrees?

- ▶ widely acknowledged degree
- ▶ already acquired competences are recognised and combined into a degree
- ▶ better opportunities on the job market
- ▶ exploration of one's own learning biography
- ▶ profile as a professional adult educator

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Further Information:

www.wba.or.at

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