



VET system in Austria

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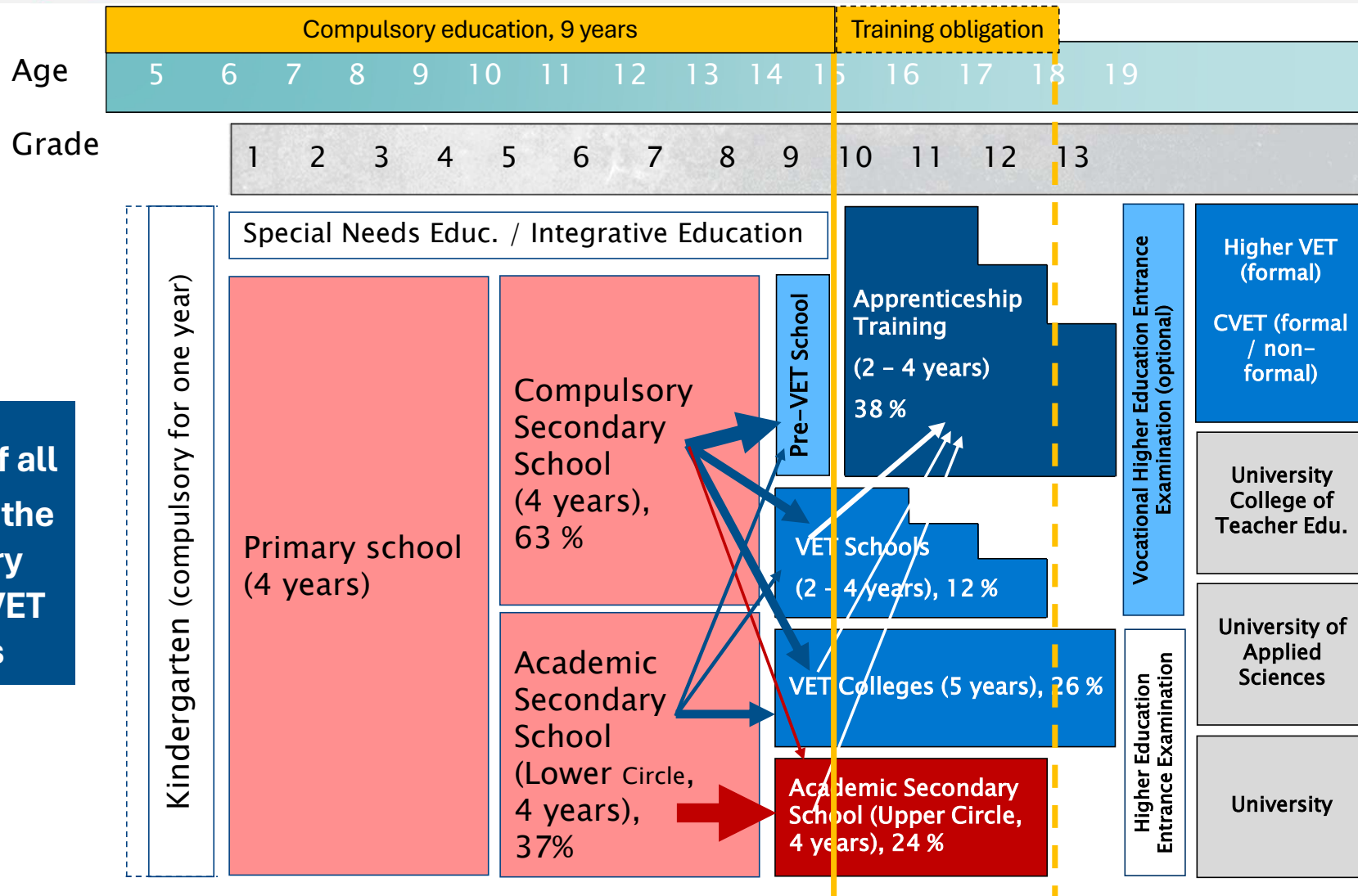
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76 % of all learners at the secondary level are VET learners



VET = Vocational Education and Trainings / CVET = Continuing VET

Distribution of learners

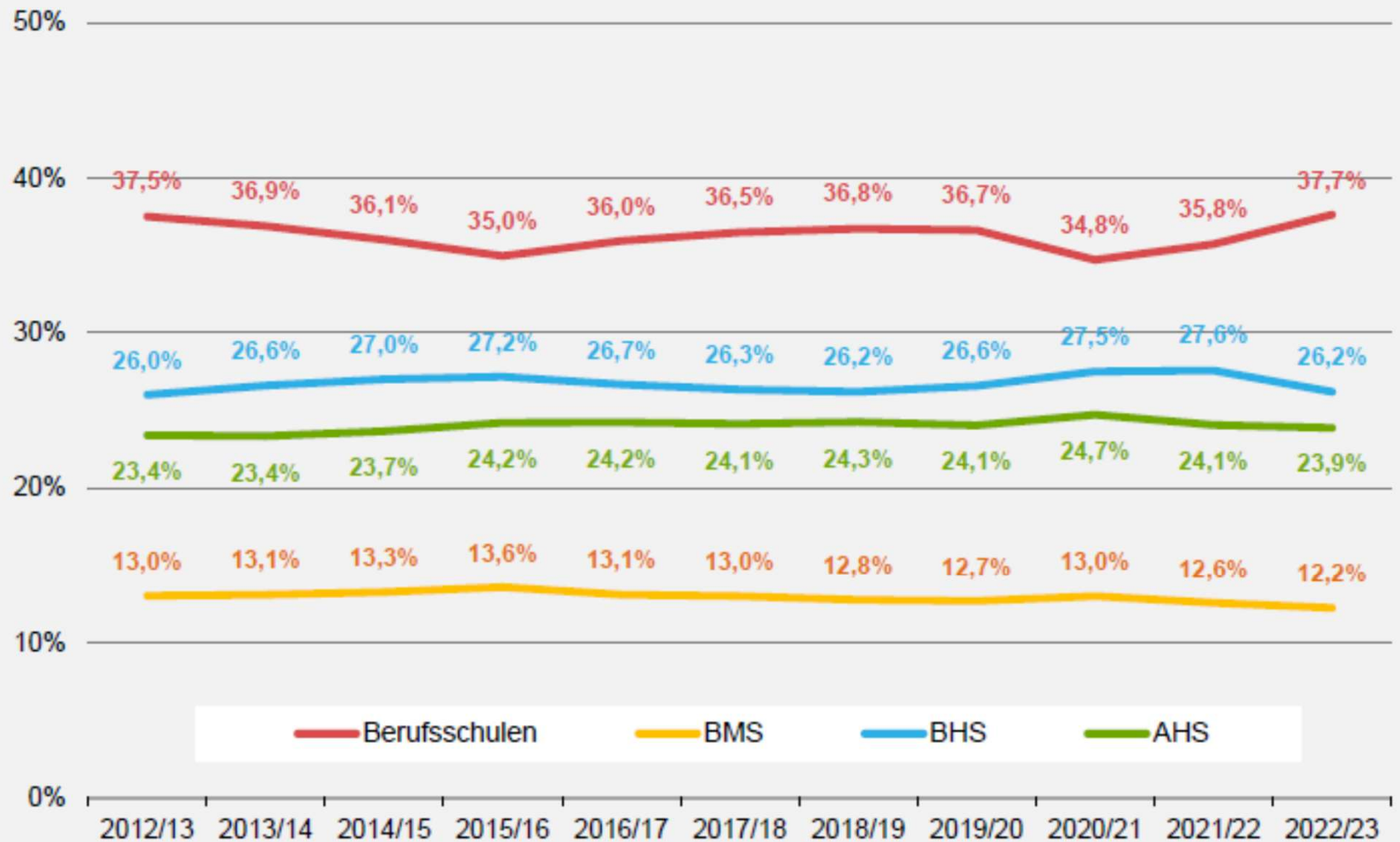
in the 10th grade, in % (school years 2012/2013 – 2022/2024)

Part-time VET
school /
apprenticeship

VET college

Academic
secondary school

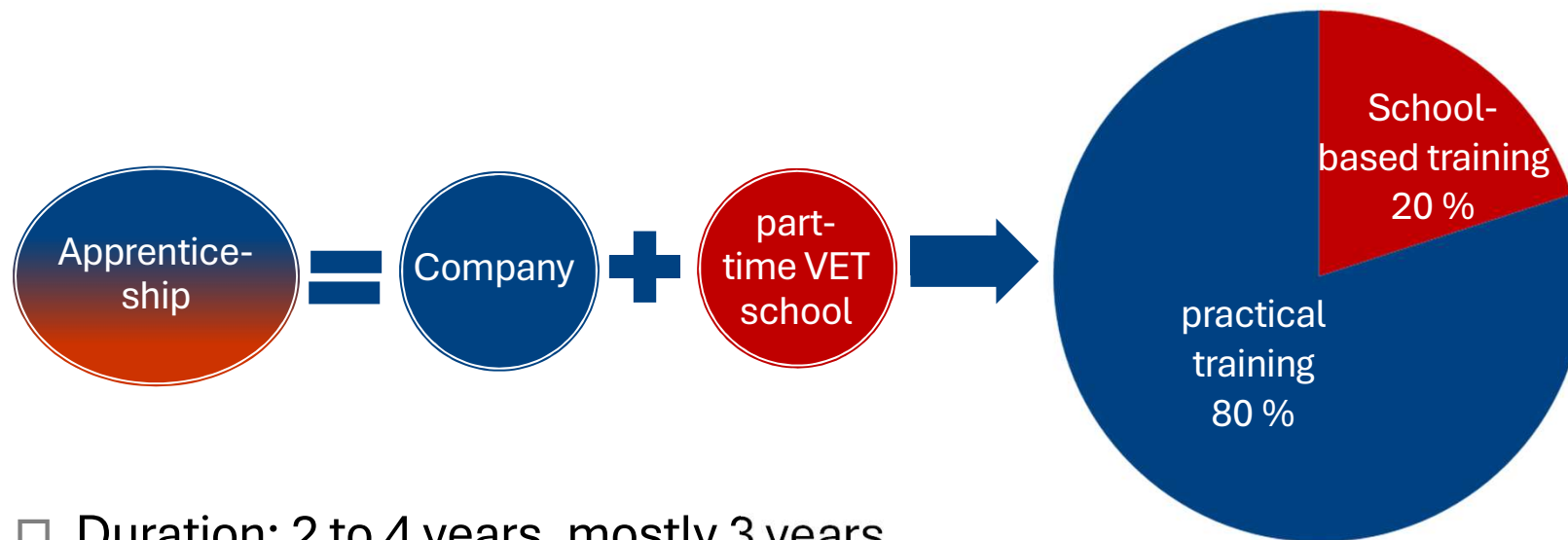
VET school



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Main features of the apprenticeship training

- ❑ Prerequisite: Fullfillment of 9 years compulsory schooling
- ❑ Training at 2 training locations → dual system:
Training company + Part-time VET school



- ❑ Duration: 2 to 4 years, mostly 3 years
- ❑ Special programmes for people with special needs, for adults, for people who cannot find an apprenticeship in a company
- ❑ NQR/EQR level 4

Age of apprentices in the first year of training , End of Dec. 2023

Average entry age:

2023: 16,8 years

compared over time

2018: 16,9 years

2010: 16,4 years

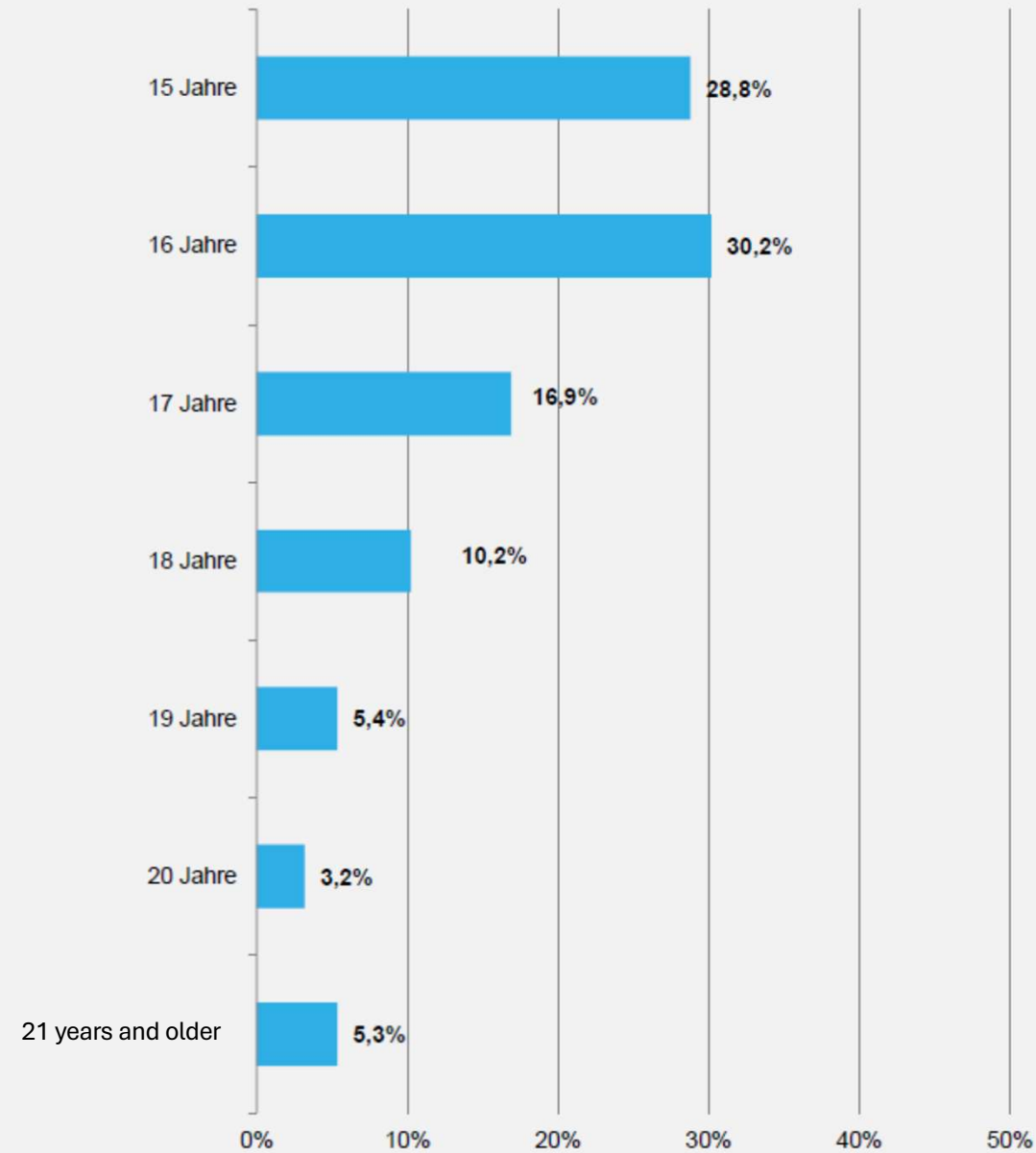
2002: 15,9 years

Germany 2022:

20 years

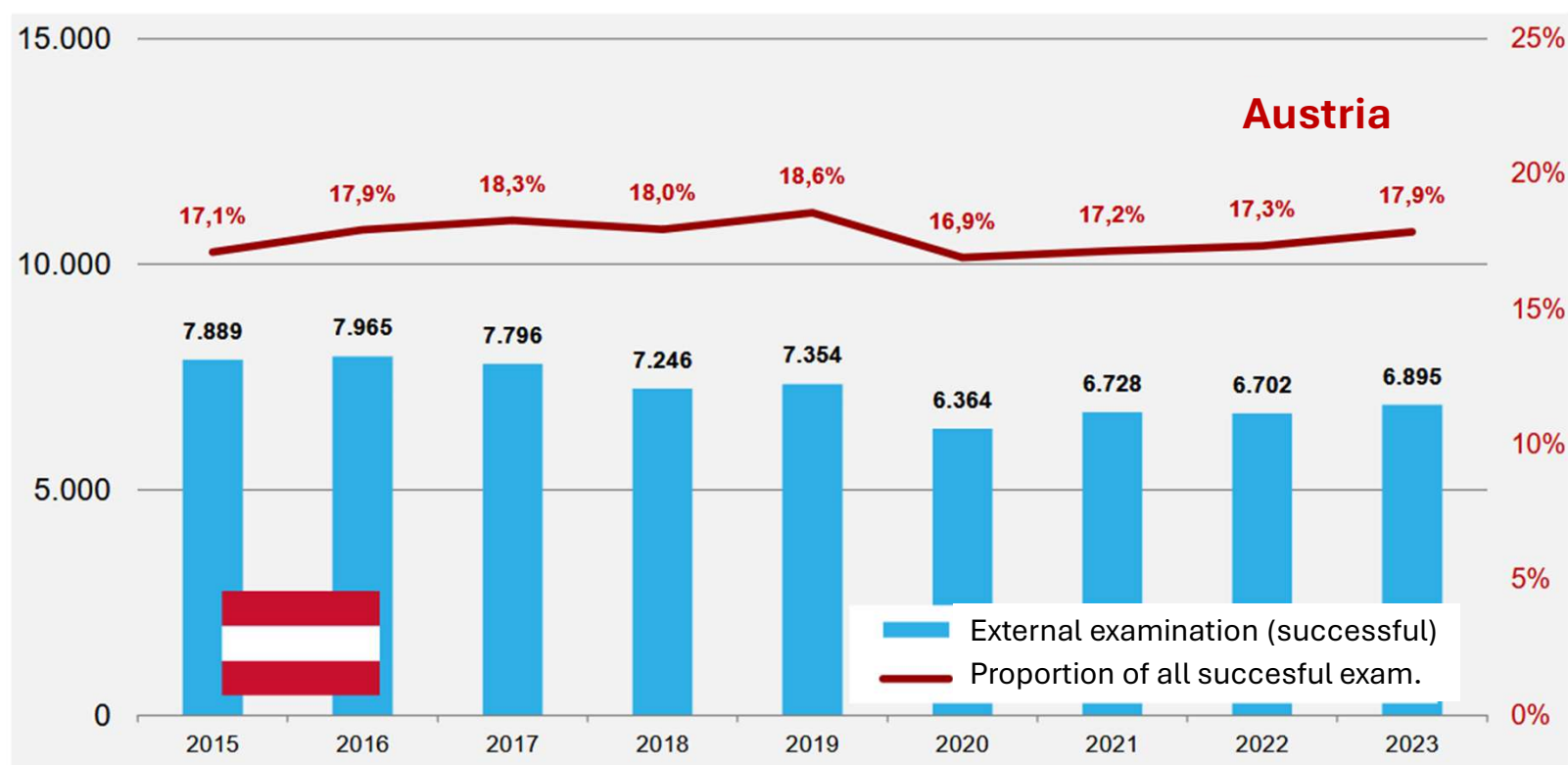
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External apprenticeship examination:

Number of external/extraordinary final apprenticeship examinations passed and proportion of all final apprenticeship examinations passed (2015-2023)

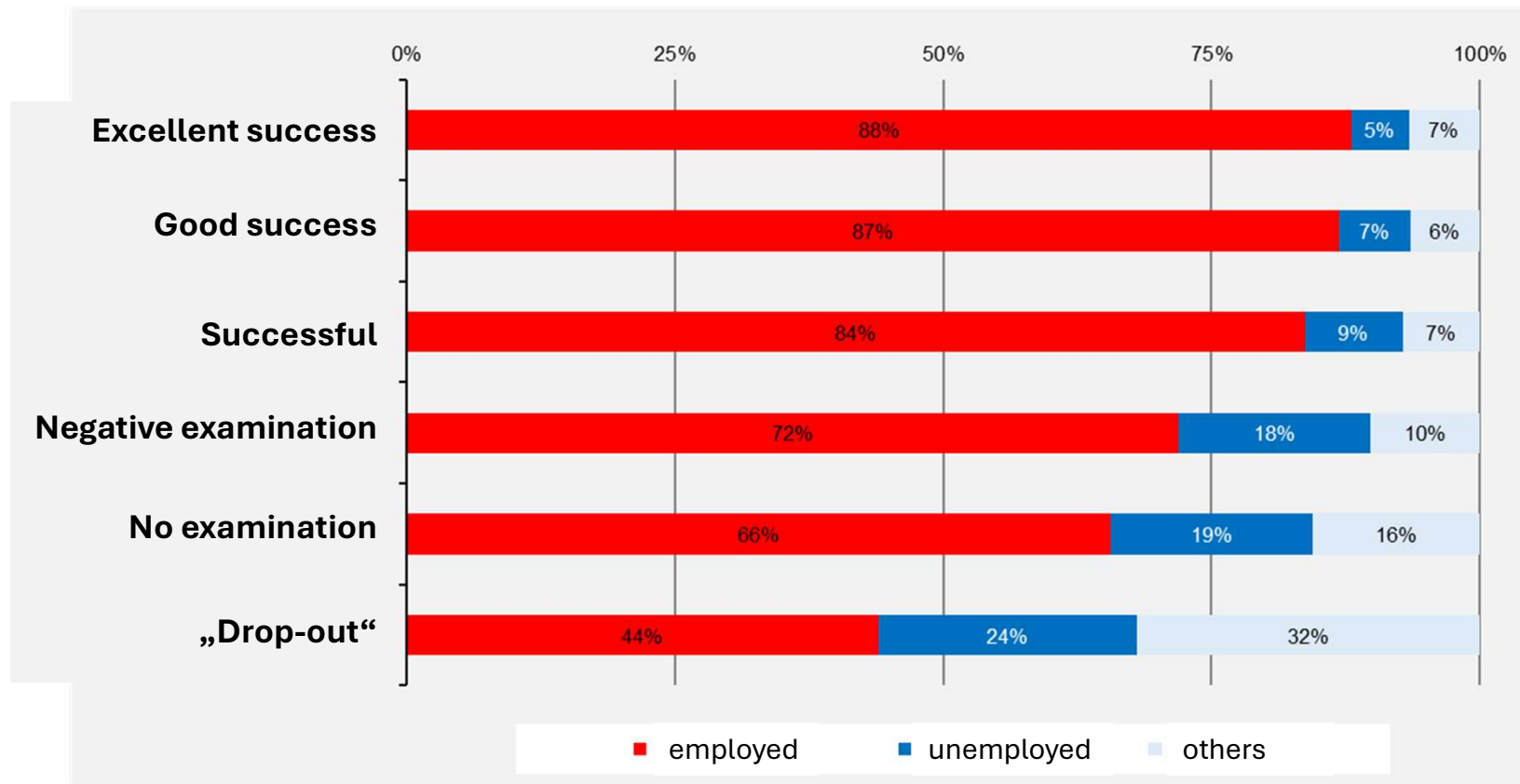


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Training success according to labour market status

3 years after end of training



Remark: Without training according to § 8b Abs. 2 BAG (partial qualification).

Source: ibw-LehrabsolventInnenmonitoring 2011-2020 (Datenbasis: WKÖ + AMDB + ibw-Berechnungen)

Dornmayr H., Lengauer B., Riepl M. (2023): ibw-Forschungsbericht Nr. 214, Wien, <https://ibw.at/resource/download/2594/ibw-forschungsbericht-214.pdf>

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English:

- ▶ **Austrian Education System (OeAD):**

<https://bildungssystem.oead.at/en/>

- ▶ **VET in Europe – AUSTRIA (Cedefop):**

<https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/tools/vet-in-europe/systems/austria>

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