

PROFFESIONAL GUIDANCE SYSTEM in Bulgaria

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

1. In the secondary education - of school counselors in schools;
2. Information and vocational guidance centers

CAREER GUIDANCE

1. In the higher education system - from career counselors at universities at established career centers;
2. In the system of employment - from consultants to the labor offices

LEGISLATION OF VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE IN BULGARIA

- 1 - The Vocational Education and Training Act;
- 2 - Employment Act;

RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTIONS

1. Ministry of Education, Youth and Science
2. Ministry of Labor and Social Policy
3. The National employment agency;
4. National agency for vocational education and training
5. Center for Development of Human Resources





VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

Vocational Guidance Centers are defined as institutions in the vocational education and training system. They are under the licensing and monitoring of National Agency for VET. In 2009 for the first time two Vocational Guidance Centers were opened.

In the past 50 years, vocational guidance and counseling of students is provided by the pedagogical counselors at schools. As not all schools have pedagogical counselors and, where there is one, he or she does not have reliable information resources.

Pedagogical advisors performed:

- Assessment of abilities, interests and personality traits of the students through observation or classroom activities. Trainings on conflict management.
- Pedagogical Adviser may have some only at school with over 500 students.
- Pedagogical Adviser is concerned mainly with domestic social problems and conflicts between students.

Presently the guidance and counseling of students is inefficient and formal.

In 2009 we cannot report any notable developments in the field of vocational guidance and counseling of students.

CAREER GUIDANCE

IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The Career Centers operate in the higher education system. The Career Centers in the universities assist in the establishment of close link between the training and practice of students, the improvement of the training programmes, which provide information on practical training and the implementation of projects, on the conditions of the labor market in Bulgaria and the areas of professional development of the graduates. The Career Centers are operating in 43 universities in the country.

IN EMPLOYMENT - LABOR OFFICES

At national level Nowadays, in the Republic of Bulgaria services for information, guidance and counselling of unemployed, youth and adults are mainly provided in the framework of the Employment Agency system which is executive Agency of the Minister of Labour and Social Policy.

TODAY

1. At the country have not place where you can get professional help guidance.
2. In the Bulgaria method acting "word of mouth", you learn where the child learns, better by someone else.
3. Nowhere in schools in Bulgaria have not a career office where children can be guided to develop their abilities.
4. No different is the situation in the labor offices to provide guidance.
5. In Bulgaria create vocational guidance centers within the European projects. After completion of the project activity they stop worked.
6. At 2011 in Bulgaria has 7 licensed vocational guidance centers.
7. European Social Fund "Programme human resources development" PROJECT "System for career guidance in school". Centre for Vocational Guidance was established within the Ministry of Education and Science. The Centre's main activities included the development and adaptation of tests as well as the creation of an information system covering the vocational schools and vocational colleges in the country. Now started working a network of 28 Pedagogical Consulting Offices. One at each administrative regions in Bulgaria.