

# Diploma supplement

## 1. Information identifying the holder of the qualification

1.1 Family name(s)	Muster
1.2 First name(s)	Peter
1.3 Date of birth	01.01.1990
1.4 Student number	

## 2. Information identifying the qualification

### 2.1 Name of qualification and awarded title

**Packaging Manager  
Advanced Federal Diploma of Higher Education**

Packaging Manager / Packaging Managerin mit eidgenössischem Diplom  
Packaging Manager avec diplôme fédéral  
Packaging Manager con diploma federale

### 2.2 Main field(s) of study for the qualification

### 2.3 Name of awarding institution

State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI, Einsteinstrasse 2, CH-3003 Bern,  
[www.seri.admin.ch](http://www.seri.admin.ch)

### 2.4 Name of institution administering qualification

Schweizerisches Verpackungsinstitut SVI, Brückfeldstrasse 18, Postfach, CH-3000 Bern 9,  
[www.svi-verpackung.ch](http://www.svi-verpackung.ch)

### 2.5 Language(s) of instruction/examination

German

## 3. Information on the level of the qualification

### 3.1 Level of qualification

<b>National Qualifications Framework for Vocational and Professional Qualifications:</b>	<b>Level 6</b>
<b>European Qualifications Framework:</b>	<b>Level 6</b>
<b>Tertiary-level qualification (professional education)</b> (see point 8. Information on the national education system)	

### 3.2 Length of programme

The path and duration of training are not regulated. Usually 4 semesters.



This diploma supplement is based on Article 4 paragraph 2 of the Ordinance of 27 August 2014 on the National Qualifications Framework for Vocational and Professional Qualifications (NQF-VPQ-O, SR 412.105.1). This diploma supplement follows the model developed by the European Commission, Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES (Decision No. 2241/2004/EC). The purpose of the diploma supplement is to provide sufficient data to improve the international transparency and fair academic and professional recognition of qualifications (diplomas, degrees, certificates etc.). It describes the nature, level, context,

content and type of training and education pursued and successfully completed by the individual named on the original qualification to which this supplement is appended. The diploma supplement is free of value judgements, equivalence statements or recommendations on recognition.

### 3.3 Access requirements

- a) Federal VET Diploma, baccalaureate or equivalent qualification,
    - a minimum of 5 years of work experience in a specialist field of the packaging industry,
    - sub-project/project management and/or management experience following completion of the relevant training level
  - or
  - b) Swiss tertiary-level qualification in marketing, business administration or production,
    - a minimum of 2 years of practical experience in a specialised field of the packaging industry,
    - sub-project/project management and/or management experience following completion of the relevant training level
- AND
- c) successful completion of the examinations for modules 1-3 (or recognised equivalence certificates)
  - d) timely submission of outline of the diploma project, and approval
  - e) timely submission of the completed diploma project.

## 4. Information on the contents and results gained

### 4.1 Mode of study

Federal examination

### 4.2 Qualification requirements

Holders of this qualification are able to do the following:

- develop, implement and optimise integrated and innovative packaging solutions
- classify standards, specifications, marketing and other requirements
- define processes and visual communication options for packaging
- assess problems in the complex interplay between contents and packaging
- qualify the sustainability of packaging solutions to protect the product, people and the environment
- ensure quality and controlling
- plan and lead packaging projects and coordinate processes
- interpret specifications and prepare documentation
- assess MIS data to make decisions
- manage and provide targeted advice to project groups, organisations and companies

### 4.3 Qualification details

Basics of management (Module 1):

Packaging, law, working methods, leadership and organisation, business administration and economics, project management, marketing

Basics of packaging (Module 2):

Packaging materials, packaging printing and finishing, packaging design, adhesives, environmental aspects and sustainability, packaging technology, technical English

Consolidation of expertise (Module 3):

Finance and accounting, packaging for the pharma industry, packaging for the cosmetics industry, food packaging, packaging for technical and dangerous goods, product security, quality management, process management, logistics, IT, controlling

#### 4.4 Grading scheme, grade distribution guidance

The presence of the diploma confirms that the candidate has obtained the corresponding qualification.

#### 4.5 Overall classification

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### 5. Information on the function of the qualification

#### 5.1 Access to further levels of training\*

\* The decision regarding admission rests with the admitting institution.

#### 5.2 Professional status

The qualification allows holders to use the legally protected title "Packaging Managerin mit eidgenössischem Diplom" / "Packaging Manager mit eidgenössischem Diplom" - "Packaging Manager avec diplôme fédéral" - "Packaging Manager con diploma federale".

Holders of this qualification are entered into SERI's directory of holders of vocational and professional qualifications and work as:

- Business owners/managers
- Division/department heads
- Quality managers
- Training officers, lecturers, experts
- Packaging specialists for expert, advisory and management duties

### 6. Additional information

#### 6.1 Additional information

#### 6.2 Additional information sources

Additional information (including a description of the national education system):

[www.seri.admin.ch](http://www.seri.admin.ch), [www.berufsberatung.ch](http://www.berufsberatung.ch), [www.bfs.admin.ch](http://www.bfs.admin.ch), and

[www.svi-verpackung.ch](http://www.svi-verpackung.ch)

### 7. Certification of the supplement

This diploma supplement refers to the following original documents:

- Ordinance of 27 August 2014 on the National Qualifications Framework for Vocational and Professional Qualifications (NQF-VPQ-O, SR 412.105.1);

- Examination rules dated 26 March 2012 (Profession no. 33330)

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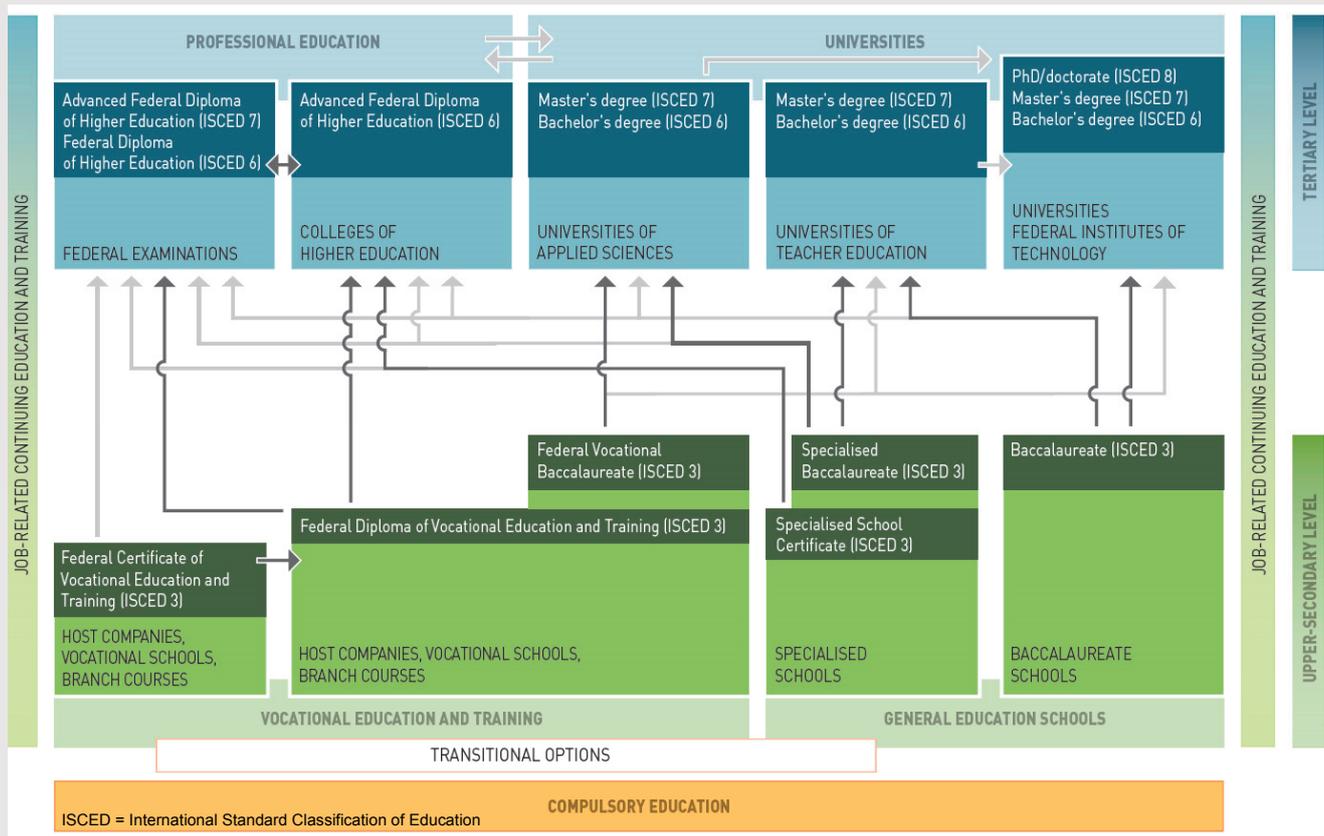
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## 8. Information on the national education system



### Tertiary-level professional education

In Switzerland, tertiary-level education is divided into two sectors: the professional education sector and the university sector. There are two main pathways to tertiary-level professional qualifications: preparation for a federal examination for the Federal Diploma of Higher Education or the Advanced Federal Diploma of Higher Education; and study at a college of higher education leading to issuance of an Advanced Federal Diploma of Higher Education. Access to the professional education sector is open to holders of upper-secondary level vocational qualifications who have gained several years of work experience.

Professional education is highly practical in nature and consistently geared to the needs of the labour market. Professional organisations establish training content and ensure the quality of training programmes and examinations. Applied learning is encouraged as it enables new expertise to be quickly implemented and ensures a rapid rate of innovation. Holders of tertiary-level professional qualifications are highly skilled professionals who are able to handle challenging tasks as well as managers taking on a high level of responsibility. Holders of professional qualifications often hold executive positions and manage their own company.

### Upper-secondary level vocational education and training (VET)

State-regulated vocational education and training (VET) is the standard pathway leading to tertiary-level professional education. The Swiss VET sector comprises two-year programmes for the Federal VET Certificate as well as three- and four-year programmes for the Federal VET Diploma. Swiss VET programmes consistently combine theory and practice and provide learners with the knowledge and skills needed to work in the chosen occupation with little need for outside supervision. In addition to technical expertise, learners acquire methodological, social and personal competences. Most Swiss VET programmes are of the dual-track variety, meaning that training content is distributed across two main learning locations (vocational schools, which handle classroom instruction, and host companies, which handle apprenticeship training) and in some cases also a third learning location (branch training centres, which provide learners with training content not already covered by the first two training locations). There are also VET programmes where learners undergo full-time training at a vocational school. In both cases, it is very common for holders of vocational qualifications to be hired directly after graduation. Once holders of vocational qualifications have gained extensive work experience, they may go on to pursue tertiary-level professional education.

### Swiss education system

There are two main pathways within the Swiss education system, both spanning upper-secondary and tertiary level: vocational/professional, on the one hand, and general education/university, on the other. While it is possible to switch between these two pathways at any time and at any level, in some cases, certain conditions apply. Generally speaking, the Swiss education system is highly permeable in this manner.