



Unit 2 Welcome to vocational school

Task 01

Announcer: Listen to Gervin, Sue's supervisor at the shop.

Gerwin: The Austrian apprenticeship training takes place in two places that is why it is called "dual system". On the one hand, you are trained by the company you work for and on the other hand, you are trained at the vocational school or college, usually ten weeks per year. This school-based training is about 20% of the training period. Sometimes classes are held in full-time blocks (i.e. 10 weeks a year) or day-release once a week. The employer is obligated to release you from work for this duration. The apprenticeship can take from two to four years, but usually it takes three years. The remuneration, or pay, is fixed for each apprenticeship and increases every year. At the end of the apprenticeship, there is a final examination – one part is a practical and one part a theoretical examination. After the examination, you are a skilled worker.