



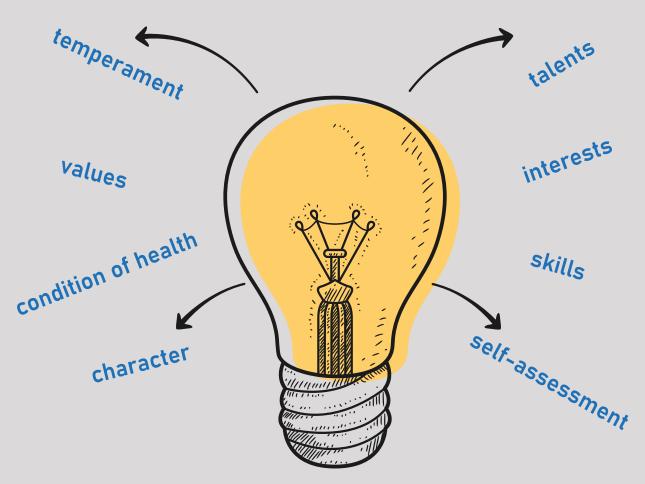
Do you want to know more?

www.cdzdm.pl - for students of primary schools

## **ABOUT YOURSELF**

The time has come to make the first step along the path of your career. Maybe when you think about your professional career, you just see a CV, a resume, a pile of job advertisements. But this adventure starts much earlier - from getting to know your own characteristics and individual abilities.

#### Look into yourself:



You can look for help in the tests and "Questions about Yourself" available at www.cdzdm.pl

## **ABOUT PROFESSIONS**

You must remember that choosing a profession should depend not only on your personal professional abilities, but also on your awareness of what requirements each profession entails, tasks involved in its performance, possibilities of finding employment and professional development opportunities.



You can get introduced to the world of professions by:

The website of the Centre for Education
Development (Ośrodek Rozwoju Edukacji) where
you can watch films about professions, read about
vocational training programmes and learn about
core professional training curricula.

The Occupational Barometer (Barometr Zawodów) website where you might find it useful to check the demand for workers in individual professions for the next year.

The CAREER MAP (MAPA KARIER) website - an interactive tool containing information about professions, labour market, required education, duration of training and earnings.

The CDZdM website which offers, for instance, the ABOUT PROFESSIONS, PROFESSION BROWSER tab.

The psz.praca.gov.pl website with a classification of professions and specializations (all the professions you will find in the labour market).

## **ABOUT SCHOOLS**

Education in each type of schools has its advantages. It is important to take them into account in taking a decision on what school to choose. Remember that there is no single rule telling you which type of school is the best. After all, each student is different.

SECONDARY
GENERAL EDUCATION
SCHOOL
4 years

**Secondary education** 

Matriculation examination

No examinations confirming vocational qualifications

No profession

No professional practice

2-3 subjects at advanced level

Min. 2 foreign languages

Possibility of continuation of education in tertiary education institutions, in post-secondary, non-tertiary schools and in KKZ (Vocational Qualifying Courses)

SECONDARY
VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION SCHOOL
5 years

Secondary education

Matriculation examination

Examinations confirming vocational qualifications

1 or 2 vocational qualifications

#### **Profession**

Professional practice - min. 280 hours, approx. 8 weeks over a period of 5 years

1-2 subjects at advanced level

2 foreign languages

Possibility of continuation of education in tertiary education institutions, in post-secondary, non-tertiary schools and in KKZ (Vocational Qualifying Courses)

LOWER
SECONDARY
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
3 years

Basic vocational education

No matriculation examination

Examination confirming vocational qualification

1 vocational qualification

Vocation

Practical classes - 2-3 days a week for 3 years

No subjects at advanced level

1 foreign language

Possibility of continuation of education in upper secondary vocational schools (in the majority of vocations), in KKZ (Vocational Qualifying Courses) and in secondary general education schools for adults

# Post-primary education diagram Academic education (Vocational Qualifying Course) from the age of 18 2 years Upper secondary vocational ondary general education school for adults 5 years 4 years 3 years Lower secondary Secondary general education school vocational school vocational education 8888 8888 8888 8 years



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