

## External school evaluations

External school evaluations have also been carried out for all types of school at upper-secondary level for many years. Most cantons have rules in place in the form of laws or ordinances (→ Figure 107), but only very few cantons require external evaluations.

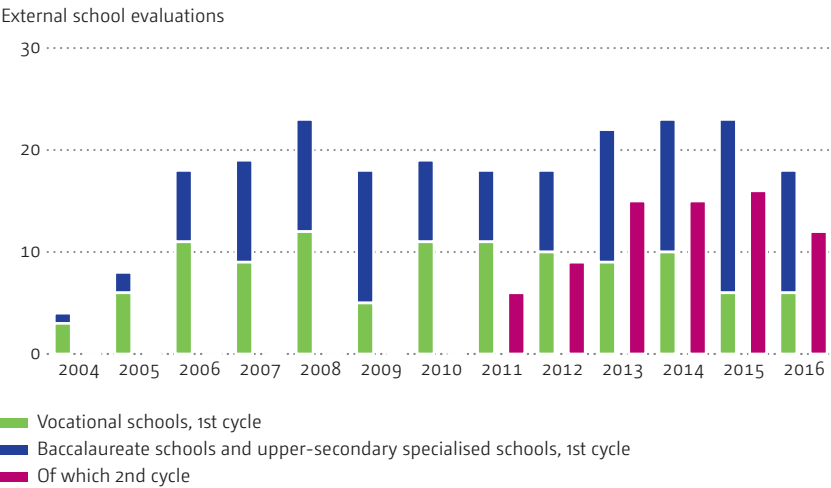
107 Legislative basis and obligations in the cantons in relation to external evaluations of baccalaureate schools and vocational schools, 2017

Source: IFES (evaluation for the purpose of the Education Report)

	No. of cantons	
	Yes	No
<b>Baccalaureate schools</b>		
Obligated to engage in quality development and quality assurance by law or ordinance	20	6
Basic rules in place at cantonal level regarding quality development or quality assurance or quality management or school development	18	8
Obligated to carry out external school evaluations by law or ordinance	8	18
<b>Vocational schools</b>		
Obligated to engage in quality development and quality assurance by law or ordinance	23	3
Basic rules in place at cantonal level regarding quality development or quality assurance or quality management or school development	23	3
Obligated by law or ordinance to carry out external school evaluations	2	24

108 Number of external school evaluations during 1st and 2nd cycle by IFES, from 2004/05 to 2016/17

Data: IFES



In fifteen primarily German-speaking cantons and in the Principality of Liechtenstein, these evaluations have previously been and continue to be carried out by the EDK specialist agency IFES (Institute for External School Evaluations at Upper-Secondary Level). Eight cantons have rules in place on the frequency of evaluations, with the same schools being assessed every six to eight years. This has led to a rising number of evaluations as part of the 2nd cycle, i.e. evaluations of schools that have been assessed externally by the IFES for the second time (→ Figure 108).