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PROEJA means National Program for the integration between Professional and Basic Education for young people and adults. This program was created in 2006 setting as great challenge to connect two very important modalities of education: professional and young and adult education.

Which professional courses are offered by PROEJA?

Based in a single pedagogic project the following courses can be offered in an integrated or concomitant way:

Junior (fundamental) level initial and continued degree courses: 1400 hours at least

Senior (medium) level initial and continued degree courses: 1400 hours at least

Senior (medium) level technical professional education courses: 2400 hours at least

Should PROEJA courses be mandatorily offered?

Only those institutions which are part of the Federal Net of Professional, Scientific and Technological Education (the Federal Technological University of Parana, the Federal Institutes of Education, Science and Technology and the Technical Schools attached to the Universities) shall necessarily offer PROEJA courses.

The offering of PROEJA courses is optional for public institutions of states and municipalities and for national private institutions of the Learning Social Service (the “S System”).

Any institution of professional education can offer courses in the PROEJA format, but only public institutions can receive public resources for its implementation and maintenance.

Are there financial resources for the implementation of PROEJA?

States and municipalities receive automatic legal transfers from the Fund for the Maintenance and Development of the Basic Education and Appreciation of Education Professionals– FUNDEB (Law 11.494/2007).

For Federal Institutions, enrollment in PROEJA courses is counted as regular offering.

Besides FUNDEB, state and municipal systems can also take part in Brazil's Professionalized Program created in 2007 so as to provide for the offering of technical courses and to increase high school quality.

How to proceed so as to receive authorization to offer PROEJA courses?

Federal Education Institutions are free to open new courses, but the pedagogic projects must be submitted to the approval of the Superior Council.

State, municipal and private institutions shall file for PROEJA courses authorization before State and Municipal Education Councils.

The “S System”: Institutions of the National Learning System are encouraged to send their PROEJA course projects for analysis and authorization to the State Educational Council and, if necessary, to the National Education Council.

How to proceed so as to receive pedagogic material?

There are three guiding documents for the elaboration of PROEJA courses (in Portuguese)

Formação Inicial e Continuada / Ensino Fundamental

Educação Profissional Técnica de Nível Médio / Ensino Médio

Educação Profissional e Tecnológica integrada à Educação Indígena

All documents can be accessed on the website <http://portal.mec.gov.br/setec>.

Besides these documents, SETEC/MEC offers, by means of public bids, local elaboration of pedagogic materials considering local specificities and, in the technical courses, curricular guidelines enacted by the CNE.