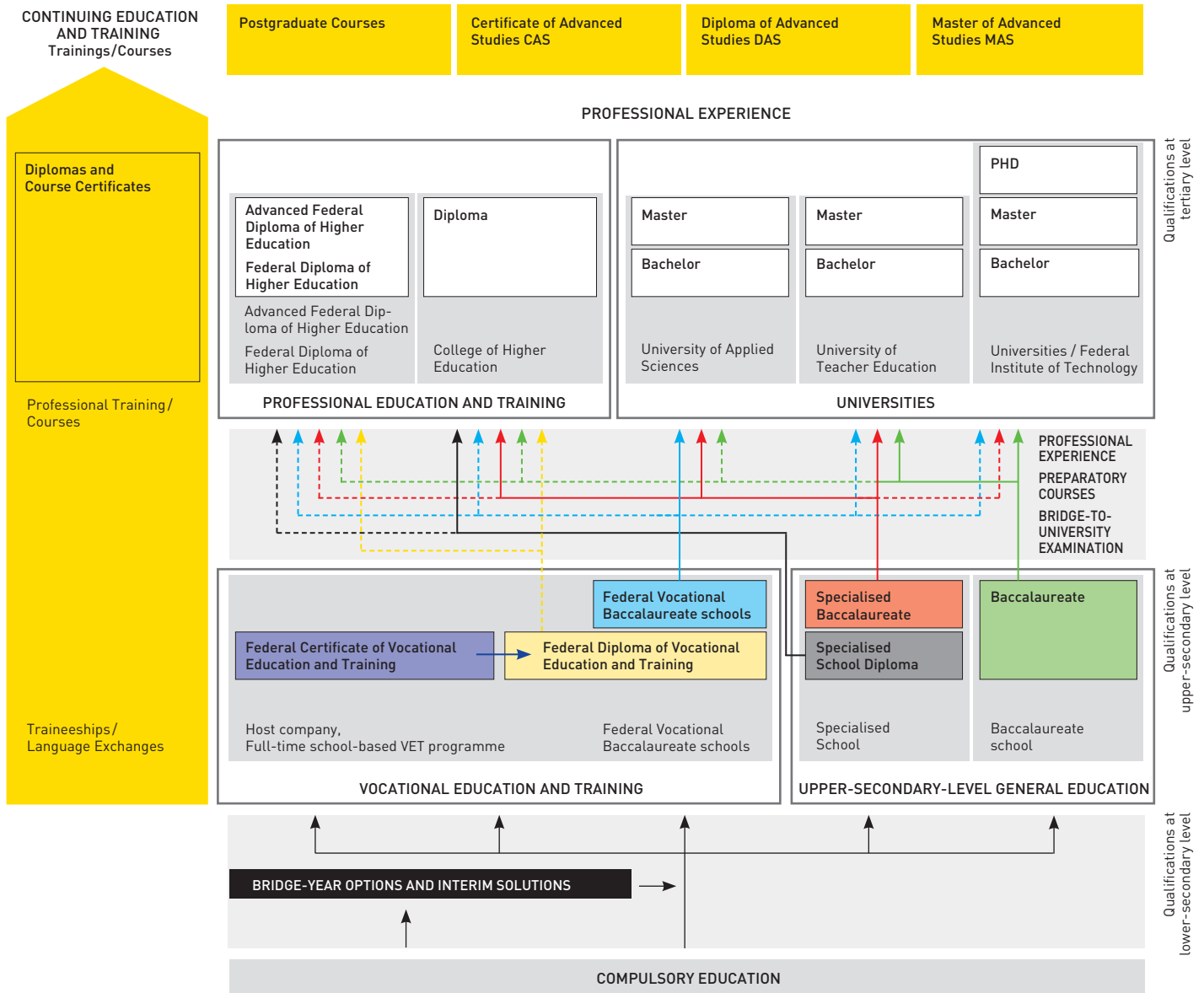


The education system – permeable and interconnected



- Direct pathways (solid lines with arrows)
- Indirect pathways (dotted lines): These pathways are either only partially accessible or are only accessible under certain preconditions (such as professional experience, the attendance of extra courses or the passing of specific tests).

No dead-end qualification

The Swiss education system is interlinked and permeable. Not only are there different forms of education and training you can embark on after completing compulsory education, but also you can always change your plan of action later on, set yourself new goals and start on a different course leading to new qualifications.

Every stage in a person's education and training leads to a certain qualification, and each qualification will always lead to further education and training options. With the current education system, the most important thing is not which education and training path, even occupation, you initially choose. It is much more important to take advantage of the opportunities and possibilities offered to you along the way.

This diagram only shows the major pathways. Numerous other paths and particularities exist. Your careers adviser can tell you about them.