An Evaluation of the Austrian apprenticeship subsidy with Austrian and German register data

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In July 2008, Austria changed the subsidy for training apprentices from a lump-sum per head to one which is linked to the apprentices' remunerations. Using matched employer-employee data from Austria and Upper Bavaria, we estimate the effects of this policy reform on the training of apprentices. In particular, we investigate whether the reform led to changes in the number of firms that provided training, the number of apprentices being trained, and on the composition of firms' workforces.