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FOREWORD

The EURYDICE European Unit initially undertook to compile this document, comprising tables on initial teacher training in the Member States of the European Community, at the request of the Commission of the European Communities.

The tables were compiled on the basis of information supplied to the EURYDICE European Unit by the EURYDICE National Units, and have been validated by the competent national authorities.

All twelve Member States of the Community are dealt with in a similar way in order to facilitate comparison between them, if desired. Information is provided by level of education, from pre-school to upper secondary, for each Member State in turn.

The document is part of a growing fund of information and work at Community level on the training and conditions of service of teachers and the quality of education.

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Member State	Admission Requirements	Type and Level of Institution	Length and Type of Training	Teaching Practice	Diploma
Belgium	Recognised upper secondary school certificate 6 years secondary education	Non-university teacher training institution (école normale gardienne) (normaalschool voor kleuterleid(st)ers)	3 years academic + pedagogical (since September 1984- previously 2 years)	Dutch sector 1st year: 3-4 weeks*13 2nd year: 6 weeks 3rd year: half of total training time French sector 1st year: 2 weeks 2nd year: 4 weeks 3rd year: 15 weeks	Pre-school teaching diploma (diplôme d'instituteur/trice préscolaire) (diploma van kleuterleid(st)ers)
Federal Republic of Germany	Intermediate school (Realschule) certificate+(in most Länder) 2 years vocational training	Non-university specialized schools or academies (Bavaria) (Fachschulen für sozialpädagogik)	3 years academic + pedagogical	1 year during 3 years	Kindergarten teaching diploma
Denmark	Upper Secondary Leaving Exam (Studentereksamen) Higher Preparatory Exam or Higher Commercial Exam	Non-university Kindergarten Teacher Training College	3 years academic + pedagogical	15 weeks in 1st year 13 weeks in 2nd year	Kindergarten teaching diploma
Greece	Secondary school leaving certificate (Apolytirion)	Non-university teacher training colleges until 1987/88 (University from 1984/85)	2 years academic + pedagogical 4 years academic + perhaps pedagogical		Pre-school teaching diploma
Spain	Baccalaureat + University orientation course	University institutes for training of general basic teachers (escuelas universitarias de formación de profesorado de EGB)	3 years academic + pedagogical		EGB teaching diploma
France	Baccalaureat + DEUG	University + "Ecole Normale"	2 years university + examination +2 years academic + pedagogical	During the last 2 years, inc. 2 months of the last semester	Diploma in primary education (diplôme d'instituteur/trice)
Ireland	Secondary school leaving certificate Oral Irish	University level College of Education affiliated to University	3 years academic + pedagogical	4-6 weeks 1st year 6 weeks 2nd year 5 weeks 3rd year	Bachelor of Education

Member State	Admission Requirements	Type and Level of Institution	Length and Type of Training	Teaching Practice	Diploma
Italy	3 years of secondary education Intermediate (scuola media) school leaving certificate	Non-university nursery teacher training schools (scuola magistrale)	3 years academic + pedagogical	During 2nd & 3rd years	Pre-school teaching diploma
Luxembourg * 16	Secondary school leaving certificate (diplôme de fin d'études secondaires) Luxembourgish, French + German	Non-university "ISERP" (from 1983) in collaboration with Luxembourg University Centre	3 years academic + pedagogical (since 1983 - previously 2 years)	During 3 years	"Certificat d'études pédagogiques" with pre-school option
Netherlands * 1	General secondary school (HAVO) or Pre-university secondary school (VWO) certificate	Non-university Primary teacher training college (PABO) (Pedagogische académie)	4 years academic + pedagogical (since August 1984 - previously 3 years)	At least 35 weeks during 4 years	Primary teaching diploma
Portugal	Diploma from complementary classes i.e. 11 years of schooling + entrance exam	Non-university pre-school teacher training colleges	3 years academic + pedagogical	During 3 years	Pre-school teaching diploma
United Kingdom * 12	University entrance requirements - 2 'A' and 3 'O' levels, including passes in mathematics and English	University or university level	3 years } academic + pedagogical 4 years } 4 years } 3 or 4 years academic + 1 year pedagogical	At least 20 weeks At least 15 weeks	Bachelor of Education (Ordinary) Bachelor of Education (Honours) BA, or BSc with education option PGCE (university graduate with Postgraduate Certificate of Education)
Scotland * 2	Primary Teaching Qualification + Registration with the General Teaching Council	College of Education	1 year or 2 vacation courses or 1 term depending on qualification sought	Varies	Post-initial Training Special Qualification

NOTES: *1 - Since 1985 nursery and primary education for pupils aged 4 to 12 is integrated. Since August 1984 courses for nursery and primary teachers have been integrated into a single course for teachers for new primary schools. Previously nursery teachers were trained in a non-university nursery teacher training college for 3 years.

*2 - This information applies to teachers in pre-school courses. Nursery nurses have lesser qualifications.

*12 - See Upper Secondary

*13 - Week = the minimum number of teaching hours of a teacher with the same function.

*16 - The course for pre-school and primary teachers is the same for the first year.

Member State	Admission Requirements	Type and Level of Institution	Length and Type of Training	Teaching Practice	Diploma
Belgium	Recognised upper secondary school certificate 6 years secondary education	Non-university teacher training institution (école normale primaire) (lagere normaalschool)	3 years academic + pedagogical (since September 1984- previously 2 years)	Dutch sector 1st year: 3-4 weeks *13 2nd year: 6 weeks 3rd year: half of total training time French sector 1st year: 2 weeks 2nd year: 4 weeks 3rd year: 15 weeks	Primary teaching diploma (diplôme d'instituteur/trice primaire) (diploma van onderwijzer(es))
Federal Republic of Germany	13 years of school + matriculation examination (Abitur) entitling the holder to take up university studies	University or teacher training college (Pedagogische Hochschule) + "Studienseminar"	3 years academic (4 in Bremen + Hamburg) + 18 months - 2 years pedagogical	During 18 months - 2 years	First State Exam. (Erste Staatsprüfung für das Lehramt)+ Second State Exam. (Zweite Staatsprüfung für das Lehramt)
Denmark * 3	Upper secondary leaving exam (Studentereksamen) Higher preparatory exam Higher commercial exam	Non-university Teacher Training College (Seminarium)	4 years academic + pedagogical	12 weeks	Folkeskole teaching diploma
Greece	Secondary school leaving certificate (Apolytirion)	(paidagogikes akademies) Non-university teacher training colleges until 1987-88 (University from 1984-85)	2 years (until 1987-88) academic + pedagogical (4 years from 1984-85 academic, perhaps + pedagogical)	25% of course	Primary teaching diploma (University degree (ptichio))
Spain	Baccalaureat + University orientation course	University institutes for training of general basic teachers (escuelas universitarias de formación de profesorado de EGB)	3 years academic + pedagogical	During 3 years	EGB teaching diploma
France	Baccalaureat + DEUG	University + "Ecole Normale"	2 years university + examination + 2 years academic + pedagogical	During last 2 years, inc. 2 months of last semester	Diploma in primary education (diplôme d'instituteur/trice)
Ireland	Secondary school leaving certificate Oral Irish	University level College of Education affiliated to University	3 or 4 years academic + pedagogical	4-6 weeks 1st year 6 weeks 2nd year 5 weeks 3rd year	Bachelor of Education

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Italy	3 years secondary education Intermediate (scuola media) school leaving certificate	Non-university primary teacher training schools (istituto magistrale)	4 years academic + pedagogical	During 3rd + 4th years	Primary teaching diploma ("maturita magistrale")
Luxembourg * 16	Secondary school leaving certificate (diplôme de fin d'études secondaires) Luxembourgish, French + German	Non-university "ISERP"(from 1983) in collaboration with Luxembourg University Centre	3 years academic + pedagogical (since 1983 - previously 2 years)	During 3 years	"Certificat d'études pédagogiques" with primary option
Netherlands * 4	HAVO or VWO certificate	Non-university Primary teacher training college (PABO) (Pedagogische académie)	4 years academic + pedagogical (since August 1984 - previously 3 years)	At least 35 weeks during 4 years	Primary teaching diploma
Portugal	Diploma from complementary classes i.e. 11 years of schooling + entrance exam	Non-university primary teacher training colleges	3 years academic + pedagogical	During 3 years	Primary teaching diploma
United Kingdom * 12	University entrance requirements - 2 'A' and 3 'O' levels including passes in mathematics and English	University or university level	3 years } academic + pedagogical 4 years } 4 years } 3 or 4 years academic + 1 year pedagogical	At least 20 weeks At least 15 weeks	Bachelor of Education (Ordinary) Bachelor of Education (Honours) BA or BSc with education option PGCE (university graduate with Postgraduate Certificate of Education)
Scotland	Completion of full-time secondary education to higher or advanced level	College of Education/ University or University + College of Education	4 year degree or equivalent course (academic + pedagogical) or 3 or 4 year degree or equivalent course + 1 year pedagogical	24 weeks minimum 16 weeks minimum	Bachelor of Education University degree + graduate teaching qualification (Primary Education)

NOTES: *3 - Primary and Lower Secondary levels in Denmark are covered by the 9 year (optional 10th year) Folkeskole.

*4 - Since 1985 nursery and primary education for pupils aged 4 to 12 is integrated. Since August 1984 courses for nursery and primary teachers have been integrated into a single course for teachers for new primary schools. Previously primary teachers were trained in a non-university primary teacher training college for 3 years.

*12 - See Upper Secondary

*13 - See Pre-School

*16 - See Pre-School

Member State	Admission Requirements	Type and Level of Institution	Length and Type of Training	Teaching Practice	Diploma
Belgium * 5	Recognised upper secondary school certificate 6 years secondary education	Non-university teacher training institution (école normale moyenne) (middelbare normaal-school)	3 years academic + pedagogical (since September 1984- previously 2 years)	Dutch sector 1st year: 3-4 weeks*13 2nd year: 6 weeks 3rd year: half of total training time French sector 1st year: 2 weeks 2nd year: 4 weeks 3rd year: 15 weeks	Lower secondary teaching diploma (diplôme d'agrégé de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur - récent) (geagregeerde voor het lager secundair onderwijs)
Federal Republic of Germany	13 years of school + matriculation examination (Abitur) entitling the holder to take up university studies	University or teacher training college (Pedagogische Hochschule) + "Studienseminar" *14	3 years academic (4 in Bremen + Hamburg) + 18 months - 2 years pedagogical	During 18 months - 2 years	First State Exam. (Erste Staatsprüfung für das Lehramt)+ Second State Exam. (Zweite Staatsprüfung für das Lehramt)
Denmark	Upper secondary leaving exam (Studentereksamen) Higher preparatory exam Higher commercial exam	Non-university Teacher Training College (Seminarium)	4 years academic + pedagogical	12 weeks	Folkeskole teaching diploma
Greece	General university entrance examination	University	4-5 years academic (perhaps + pedagogical)		University degree (perhaps with education option)
Spain	Course of university orientation + aptitude tests	University + postgraduate Institute of Science and Education (ICE) if no education option	5 years academic + 1 year pedagogical		University degree ("Licenciante") + postgraduate teaching diploma
France * 6	Diploma in primary education + entrance examination (before 1985) or Baccalaureat + DEUG (1985 onwards)	University + PEGC training Centres attached to "Ecoles Normales"	2 years university → DEUG + recruitment examination + 2 years academic and pedagogical		CAPEGC (Aptitude certificate for teacher of general education in "collèges"- becoming extinct)
Ireland	Secondary school leaving certificate Oral Irish	University	3-4 years academic + 1 year pedagogical	minimum 100 hours over 3 terms	University degree + Higher Diploma in Education

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Italy * 7	Upper secondary school leaving certificate ("maturita")	University	3-4 years academic		University degree
Luxembourg * 17	Secondary school leaving certificate (diplôme de fin d'études secondaires) Luxembourgish, French + German	University *18 + Luxembourg University Centre	At least 4 years academic 1 year academic + pedagogical 2 years pedagogical	5 trimesters during last 2 years	University degree + secondary teaching certificate
Netherlands * 8	HAVO or VWO certificate	Teacher training institutes for secondary education (per 1/8/86)	4 years (academic + pedagogical) full-time or part-time	25% of total training time	Teaching certificate of the second grade
Portugal * 9	Completion of secondary education (12 years of schooling + final exam).	University	5 years academic (some pedagogical during 4th + 5th years)	During 5th year	University degree ("licenciatura") with education option
United Kingdom * 12	University entrance requirements - 2 'A' and 3 'O' levels including passes in mathematics and English	University or university level	3 years } academic + pedagogical 4 years } 4 years } 3 or 4 years academic + 1 year pedagogical	At least 20 weeks At least 15 weeks	Bachelor of Education (ordinary) Bachelor of Education (honours) BA, or BSc with education option PGCE (university graduate with Postgraduate Certificate of Education)
Scotland	Completion of full-time secondary education to higher or advanced level, or degree (or equivalent)	University + College of Education / College of Education University	3 or 4 year degree (or equivalent) course + 1 year pedagogical 3½ or 4½ year degree course (academic + pedagogical)	18 weeks (from 1987/1988)	Degree as appropriate + Teaching Qualification (Secondary Education) BA/BSc + Diploma in Education

- NOTES**
- *5 - first 3 years in traditional secondary schools and first 4 years in new secondary schools.
 - *6 - Teaching at lower secondary may also be provided by teachers with "CAPES" or "agregation" (see upper secondary).
 - *7 - All Italian citizens wishing to teach in a state secondary school, after having succeeded in the national examination are appointed "in ruolo" and admitted to a year of practical training which makes up for the lack of specific initial training.
 - *8 - HAVO and MAVO General secondary education and first 4 years of VWO (pre-university) secondary education.
 - *9 - Preparatory and General lower secondary. *12 - See Upper Secondary. *13 - See Pre-School.
 - *14 - In some States (Länder) teachers have a special qualification and different training depending on whether they teach in Hauptschulen, Realschulen or Sonderschulen.
 - *17 - No differentiation between lower and upper secondary teachers.
 - *18 - Since 1980 teachers of foreign languages, humanities and science spend their first year at the Luxembourg University Centre and 3 years in a foreign university, teachers of economics, art, music and physical education spend a 4 years in a foreign university.

Member State	Admission Requirements	Type and Level of Institution	Length and Type of Training	Teaching Practice	Diploma
Belgium	Upper secondary school certificate + aptitude certificate for higher education (diplôme d'aptitude à l'enseignement supérieur) (bekwaamheidsdiploma dat toegang verleent tot het hoger onderwijs) * or technical or industrial engineering diploma or entrance examination for civil engineering studies	University	4 or 5 years academic → licence +2 years pedagogical → agrégé (may be simultaneous)	A number of practical lessons in secondary schools during 2nd year of pedagogical training	Upper secondary teaching diploma (diplôme d'agrégé de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur)
Federal Republic of Germany	13 years of school + matriculation examination (Abitur) entitling the holder to take up university studies	University *15	At least 4 years academic + 18 months - 2 years pedagogical	During 18 months 2 years	First State Exam. (Erste Staatsprüfung für das Lehramt)+ Second State Exam. (Zweite Staatsprüfung für das Lehramt)
Denmark	Upper Secondary Leaving Exam (Studentereksamen) Higher Preparatory Exam or Higher Commercial Exam	University + "Paedagogikum"	5 or 6 years academic + 5 months pedagogical	120 hours in Gymnasium	Gymnasium teaching diploma "Kandidat-eksamen" (Master's major minor degree) + "Paedagogikum"
Greece	General university entrance examination	University	4-5 years academic (perhaps + pedagogical)		University degree with education option
Spain	Course of university orientation + aptitude tests	University + postgraduate Institute of Science and Education (ICE) if no education option	5 years academic + 1 year pedagogical		University degree ("Licenciado") + postgraduate teaching diploma
France (General education)	Baccalauréat + licence Baccalauréat + maîtrise	University + School + CPR	3 years university → licence + examination + 1 year teaching practice + final examination 4 years university → maîtrise + examination + 1 year teaching practice	Final year Final year	"CAPES" (Aptitude certificate for teachers of secondary education) "Agrégation"
Ireland	Secondary school leaving certificate Oral Irish	University	3-4 years academic + 1 year pedagogical	minimum 100 hours over 3 terms	University degree + Higher Diploma in Education



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Luxembourg * 17	Secondary school leaving certificate (diplôme de fin d'études secondaires) Luxemburgish, French + German	University *18 + Luxembourg University Centre	At least 4 years academic - 1 year academic + pedagogical 2 years pedagogical	5 trimesters during last 2 years	University degree + secondary teaching certificate
Netherlands * 10	HAVO or VWO certificate	University (full-time)	5 years - 4 years academic + 1 year academic (per 1/8/87) + pedagogical 6 years part-time academic + pedagogical	850 hours during the 5th year 25% of total training time	University degree + secondary teaching certificate of the first grade Teaching certificate of the first grade
Portugal * 11	Completion of secondary education (12 years of schooling + final examination)	University	5 years academic (some pedagogical during 4th + 5th years)	During 5th year	University degree ("licenciatura") with education option
United Kingdom * 12	University entrance requirements - 2 'A' and 3 'O' levels including passes in mathematics and English	University or university level	3 years } academic + pedagogical 4 years } 4 years } 3 or 4 years academic + 1 year pedagogical	At least 20 weeks At least 15 weeks	Bachelor of Education (Ordinary) Bachelor of Education (Honours) BA, or BSc with education option PGCE (university graduate with Postgraduate Certificate of Education)
Scotland	Completion of full-time secondary education to higher or advanced level, or degree (or equivalent)	University + College of Education / College of Education University	3 or 4 year degree (or equivalent) course + 1 year pedagogical 3½ or 4½ year degree course (academic + pedagogical)	18 weeks (from 1987/1988)	Degree as appropriate + Teaching Qualification (Secondary Education) BA/BSc + Diploma in Education

NOTES *7 - See Lower Secondary

*10 - Teachers of VWO (pre-university) secondary education, including final 2 years

*11 - Complementary classes

*12 - There is no prescribed distinction between the training and qualifications required of teachers for nursery, primary or secondary schools. However, students are trained for teaching particular age ranges of children, and usually teach within those age ranges.

*15 - In some States (Länder) teachers have a special qualification and different training depending on whether they teach in Gymnasien or in Beruflichen Schulen (vocational schools).

*17 - See Lower Secondary

*18 - See Lower Secondary

Eurydice The Education Information Network in the European Community

Educational cooperation in the Community

The educational systems in Community countries vary considerably and this variety, which is the result of historic and cultural factors, itself constitutes a great wealth which should be preserved.

On the other hand it is in the interest of everyone to draw benefit from the experiences and projects of partner countries within the Community.

Educational policy makers in the European Community have long been aware of the value of information concerning innovations and changes introduced in other Member States in order that their own decisions might be well founded on the knowledge of alternative possibilities of practice, and the Member States agreed to promote close cooperation in the field of education at Community level.

In February 1976 the Council of the European Communities and the Ministers of Education adopted an action programme in the field of education. They agreed among other things to set up an information Network in order to increase and improve the circulation of information in the area of education policy*.

This information Network, known as EURYDICE, is designed therefore to underpin the developing programme of educational cooperation within the European Community.

The Education Committee of the European Community which has the task of coordinating and monitoring the action programme recommended that the use of Eurydice should in the first phase be limited to those in policy making positions. The Education Committee consists of representatives of the Member States and of the Commission.

In accordance with their own distinctive education structures, each Member State has designated at least one National Unit to participate in the Network and the Commission of the European Communities has arranged with the European Cultural Foundation the establishment of the European Eurydice Unit, which is part of the Network.

Eurydice is based on the mutual cooperation of the national units and the European Unit. In addition the latter coordinates and animates the network.

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