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# Foreword

Until now, the EURYDICE network has had access to two terminology tools – the European Education Thesaurus and the glossary of national terms in the EURYBASE national dossiers. Each tool exists for a specific purpose and is used to meet different needs.

The Thesaurus provides users with the terms they need for indexing documents to be used in searching for information via descriptors. The Thesaurus is organised in categories, but it does not in any way include specific terms used in the different countries. In the Thesaurus, the user will find the category ‘certification’ but will not come across any of the national terms used to denote the various types of qualifications (e.g. *Baccalauréat*, *Abitur*, etc.).

By contrast, each national dossier includes a glossary listing and explaining terms specific to the country, but these are in the language of origin, due to their untranslatable nature. The aim is both to avoid erroneous translation and to give users a better understanding of the concept in question. To date, this glossary has generally been limited to terms that are deemed to be untranslatable. It therefore does not allow users to search for the meaning of all the specific terms used to denote the various aspects of the education system in each of the different countries.

In view of the growing demand for such information and the many linguistic problems encountered by people attempting to understand and compare education systems, it has become increasingly important to have a glossary. This should contain all the relevant terms used in the various education systems, structured and categorised according to the original languages so as to simplify the search for information. This document represents an important step in this direction.

The scope of such an undertaking made it necessary for the glossary to be compiled in stages in the form of separate volumes on specific topics. This first volume of the European Glossary on Education lists the most important examinations, qualifications (e.g. certificates and diplomas) and titles currently in use in the European Union Member States, the EFTA/EEA countries and in six Central and Eastern European Countries (CEECs). Each of the educational terms is presented in the original language, and the glossary is being published in three language versions, English, French and German.

The glossaries of national terms drawn up by the EURYDICE National Units for the EURYBASE database formed the basis for this project. The work carried out at higher education level by the National Academic Recognition Information Centres (NARIC) has been taken into consideration. All relevant terms and their explanatory notes have been compiled and structured so as to provide the necessary coherence and improve the comparability of the information. A guide to the use of the glossary is also presented in the introduction.

The European Unit of EURYDICE would like to thank all the national units in the EURYDICE network for their contribution and also the national representatives of the NARIC network who provided expertise in relation to the higher education terms.

The presentation, drafting and editorial style are the responsibility of the EURYDICE European Unit.

In making this glossary available to all those who are trying to compare, understand or translate the terms used in the education systems in Europe, we hope that this tool will make a useful contribution to their understanding of the specific national situations.

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# Introduction

The glossary covers about **1000** specific terms used in the education systems for examinations, qualifications and titles. It is the first compilation of the terminology used in the area of certification in **24** countries. Only the official or widely used and recognised names proper to each education system are included. The aim is to enable the reader to find the definitions of frequently used terms that they might encounter when reading about or dealing with the education system of any given country. The only qualifications considered are those that are offered by or in partnership with educational institutions. Purely vocational qualifications obtained in out-of-school or adult education programmes are not included.

Qualifications and titles corresponding to names of professions, such as ‘teacher’ or ‘pharmacist’ have been avoided as far as possible. Only qualifications and academic titles in their own right have been included. Thus the glossary is not a dictionary or a list of professional designations used in the field of employment.

In order to provide easy access for a wide range of readers, the terms relating to examinations, qualifications and titles are presented in two sections.

In the **first section**, the reader will find **all** the terms for **all** countries and **all** educational levels listed in alphabetical order. Only generic terms, abbreviations and common synonyms appear in the alphabetical list. Apart from the explanatory note on the term, the information given for each entry includes a country reference, ‘associated terms’, i.e. the most common grammatical forms of the basic term, and the level of education concerned.

The **second section comprises summary tables**. These are presented by country. The terms of the category in question, i.e. examinations, qualifications and titles, are classified by level of education here. The countries are presented in the order used by the European Communities. Only generic terms are included in the national tables and the abbreviations are shown in brackets. The names of the examinations, qualifications and titles are presented vertically and the levels of education horizontally. Certain details of specific characteristics are shown below the summary tables where this seemed likely to contribute to understanding of the national situation. Only names still officially used are included.

The advantage of this dual structure is that it offers different routes of access to information. Readers who know a term but do not know what it means can search in the alphabetical list to find the name of the country, the explanatory note and related terms. However, if, for example, they need to search for all the terms used in a given country to refer to any particular level of education, they may consult the national summary table and can then return to the alphabetical table for a fuller definition of each of the terms.

For each country, a diagram illustrating the structure and stages of the education system is presented along with the relevant national table, with the aim of helping readers to understand the system in question and enabling them to establish the points at which the examinations take place and the qualifications and titles are awarded.

# User's guide

## Abgangszeugnis

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Abgangszeugnisse, Abgangszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

### Explanatory note:

Certificate awarded to pupils who have not achieved the targets of lower and upper secondary education, but have fulfilled their compulsory schooling requirement.

### • Main terms (in original language)

This section lists terms in the nominative, singular form, unless only the plural is used.

The expression appears in the official language of the country. Greek and Bulgarian terms are transliterated into the Roman alphabet with the term in the Greek or Cyrillic alphabet in parentheses.

In principle, the official name of the examination, the qualification or the title appears. Popular references have only been included if they are widely used and well known and liable to appear in texts about the education system (such as *Selectividad* in Spain).

Where two different terms are used for the same examination or qualification, there are two entries, but only the main term has an explanatory note which mentions the synonym. The explanatory note for the synonym includes only a reference back to the main term.

Where the same term is used for the examination, the qualification (diploma) or the title, there is only one entry but the explanatory note indicates that the term has two meanings.

Where a generic term is preceded or followed by the name of the specialisation or field of study, only the general term is entered and not all the different specialisations or fields of study. In these cases, the term is followed by a parenthesis indicating that the name of the specialisation generally precedes or follows the term in question. Common examples are the term *Licence* (+ specialisation) and not the full range of possible *Licences*, such as *Licence* in

chemistry, physics, journalism, etc.; 'doctorate' (+ specialisation) or *Ingénieur* (+ specialisation) and not *bio-ingénieur*, *ingénieur en agronomie* etc.

Common abbreviations for examinations and qualifications are entered separately, with cross-references to the unabbreviated terms in the explanatory notes. Abbreviations used in several countries appear only once, with an indication of the countries concerned and a cross-reference to the full terms and the explanatory notes.

The names of examinations and qualifications that have recently been superseded but are still found in the literature are mentioned as are the old names of those that have been renamed, with a cross-reference to the new term.

### • Grammatical variants

This heading covers the grammatical variants of each term (feminine, declined and plural forms, with the exception of those in English and French which involve only the addition of -s), indicating the main forms that the term may take in a text. These associated terms make it possible to find entries and the definition of a term even if the spelling is not identical with that of the basic term. In languages which use a large number of different grammatical forms, such as Finnish or Hungarian, only the root of the word is indicated and marked with an asterisk (\*), so that the reader will recognise the invariable part of the word. One or two examples of declined forms will be given.

Different spellings, such as, for instance, the German *Abschluß* and *Abschluss* are also indicated here.

## • Levels of education

The level of education at which an examination is held, a qualification awarded or a title conferred is indicated, regardless of the type of institution involved. For example, in France, even though the *Diplôme d'accès aux études universitaires* is issued by universities, it corresponds to upper secondary education, like the *Baccalauréat*.

The five main levels of education referred to in this glossary are defined below. These are primary, lower and upper secondary, post-secondary and higher. In view of the subject matter covered by the glossary, no reference is made to nursery education. These five main levels also define the classification of the examinations, qualifications and titles in the summary tables presented by country in Part II of the glossary.

- **Primary education** generally begins at 5 to 7 years of age and lasts four to seven years. In countries in which compulsory education is organised in a single continuous structure, with no transition from primary to lower secondary, the first six years are regarded as the primary level. In these countries, the examinations and/or certificates at the end of compulsory education are attributed to lower secondary education.
- **Lower secondary education** generally consists of two to four years of education following the primary level. In countries in which compulsory education is organised in a single continuous structure, this level constitutes the last stage or the last three years. In most cases, it consists of general education but some countries offer vocational education at this level. The branch of study leading to the examination or qualification is indicated in the explanatory note.
- **Upper secondary education** usually consists of two to five years of education. Admission normally requires the completion of lower secondary education. Upper secondary education is frequently subdivided into general, technical and vocational branches. It may prepare pupils for immediate entry to

employment or for entry to higher education. The branch of study leading to the examination and/or the qualification is indicated in the explanatory note.

- **Post-secondary education** covers courses of study or training that fall between the levels of upper secondary education and higher education. This category covers examinations and qualifications from programmes that in the national context are not considered to be at higher education level. These generally provide courses that are more advanced and specialised than those at secondary level in a technical or vocational field and last from six months to two or three years. It is not always necessary to have an upper secondary school leaving certificate to gain entry to these courses.
- **Higher education** includes programmes of education at university and non-university level and sub-degree, degree and post-graduate qualifications. An upper secondary school leaving certificate is a minimum requirement for entry to this level of education. Information on the different levels of qualification in higher education (university or not, doctorate or other post-graduate) are given in the explanatory note for each examination, qualification or title.

## • Explanatory notes/definitions of terms

The explanatory notes provide a definition of the examination, qualification or title indicated in the first section with a brief description of its main characteristics. Some specific terms needed to understand the context fully have been kept in the original language with a translation into the language of the glossary – for example, names of institutions or stages of education.

All cross-references to other terms, in particular from an examination to the qualification to which it leads, are marked by an arrow (►) followed by the name of the term in question.

## DEFINITIONS

The aspects covered in the definitions of the various terms are as follows:

## 1. Examination

Generally, an examination can be defined as a test or a series of tests (oral, written, or practical) in which students have to demonstrate their capacity, knowledge and skills in order to obtain a qualification or access to a certain level of education. In the majority of cases, these are external examinations organised and/or set at central level, or by an authority – local or regional – above that of the institution concerned, and they have a specific name.

University entrance examinations are included where they have an official name specific to the education system concerned. The same applies to intermediate examinations such as the *propedeutisch examen* in higher education in the Netherlands. At primary and secondary level, standardised tests used for educational guidance, pupil selection or monitoring of the education system are included if they have an official or widely used and well-known name.

The standard explanatory note for an **examination** includes the following information:

- ◆ the stage or **year** of study during which the examination is held; if study programmes vary in duration, an average indication is given;
- ◆ details of the **branch of study** (vocational, technical or general) in secondary education and the level (university, non-university or post-graduate) in higher education;
- ◆ the administrative **level** or the body responsible for organising/setting the examination (national, regional, the school or any combination of levels);
- ◆ whether the examination is **compulsory** or optional to obtain the qualification;
- ◆ the **content** and **organisation** of the examination; its nature (written, oral or practical); the number of subjects to be presented by pupils and the common core of subjects all pupils must present;
- ◆ the name of the **qualification** awarded or of the level of education to which it gives access (with a cross-reference to the corresponding term in the glossary).

## 2. Qualification and certificate

A certificate is the official proof of a qualification acquired by a pupil or student after passing an examination or it testifies to completion of a course of training.

The standard explanatory note for a **qualification** or **certificate** includes the following information:

- ◆ the stage or **year** of study at the end of which the qualification is awarded; if study programmes vary in duration, an average indication may be given;
- ◆ if there is an **examination** or if the qualification is awarded at the end of the course of study without an examination; where the examination has a specific **name**, the note refers to the term using an arrow; if the examination is organised by the school but does not have a specific name, its main characteristics are described (content and subjects, written or oral examinations etc.);
- ◆ to what level of education and/or occupation the qualification gives access;
- ◆ the **details mentioned** on the certificate, such as the specialised field, the subjects taken and/or passed, the grades and marks obtained in the examination;
- ◆ where appropriate, the **title** it confers (with cross-reference to the corresponding term in the glossary).

Where appropriate, mention should be made of whether the qualification forms part of an old or new **system**, the date when the new system came into force, and the date up to which the old system will remain in application.

## 3. Title

In most countries, titles are conferred only in higher education.

Only academic titles are mentioned, such as those obtained following a certain qualification or degree. Names of professional titles involving the common name of a profession (pharmacist, veterinary surgeon etc.) are not

included here, with the exception of the titles of architect and engineer in those countries in which they are in normal practice used as academic titles.

The standard explanatory note for a **title** includes the **name** of the qualification that confers the title in question and a cross-reference, with an arrow, to the relevant term.

# **Part I — Glossary**





### A level

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/Ni)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *General Certificate of Education Advanced Level*.

### Abgangszeugnis

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Abgangszeugnisse, Abgangszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who have not achieved the targets of lower and upper secondary education, but have fulfilled their compulsory schooling requirement.

### Abitur

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Abitur\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification obtained by pupils who have passed their ► *Abiturprüfung* at the end of upper secondary general education (*Gymnasiale Oberstufe*) generally after 13 years of schooling. Certificated in the ► *Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife*.

### Abiturprüfung

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Abiturprüfungen, Abiturprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

### Explanatory note:

Final examination at the end of the *Gymnasiale Oberstufe* (generally after year 13) leading to the ► *Allgemeine Hochschulreife*. The examination includes written and oral tests in four subjects that must cover three different subject areas (language, literature and the arts; the social sciences; and mathematics, science and technology). Depending on the *Land*, the *Schulaufsichtsbehörde* (school supervisory authority) will either set the topics for the written examination centrally or merely give approval if they are set by individual schools.

### Abschlusskolloquium

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:**

Abschlusskolloquium, Abschlusskolloquien, Abschlusskolloquium\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory final examination taken by students at the end of a 7-year post-graduate course of study in Psychotherapy. This is internally organised and comprises both a written dissertation and an oral examination. Successful students are awarded the ► *Abschlusszertifikat*.

### Abschlussprüfung

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Abschlussprüfung, Abschlussprüfungen, Abschlussprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory final examination taken by students at the end of university courses of varying duration. Until 1997, it was also taken at the end of short courses of study but this was abolished by law as from 1 August 1997. The examination is internally organised and varies according to the subject area. Successful students are awarded the ► *Abschlussprüfungszeugnis*.

### Abschlussprüfung der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Abschlußprüfung, Abschlussprüfungen, Abschlussprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination taken at the end of the 3- or 4-year secondary technical and vocational school (*berufsbildende mittlere Schule*) leading to the ► *Abschlussprüfungszeugnis der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule*. It includes both written and oral examinations before an examining board. The content is predominantly related to the specific occupations.

### Abschlussprüfung der Oberschule

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:**

Abschlussprüfungen, Abschlussprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Optional examination of completion of lower secondary general education (*Oberschule*), leading to the certificate ► *Abschlusszeugnis der Oberschule*. The examination is organised at the initiative and under the responsibility of the schools. It includes written and oral tests in German, mathematics and science.

### Abschlussprüfung der Realschule

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:**

Abschlussprüfungen, Abschlussprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory examination of completion of lower secondary education (*Realschule*), leading to the certificate ► *Abschlusszeugnis der Realschule*. The content of this

examination is defined by each school. It includes written and oral tests in German, mathematics and a foreign language.

### Abschlussprüfungszeugnis

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Abschlußprüfungszeugnis, Abschlussprüfungszeugnisse, Abschlussprüfungszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who pass the ► *Abschlussprüfung* in various university courses involving a minimum of 30 semester hours. The area of study, course subjects and marks are indicated. Depending on the regulations, this may be a professional qualification. Graduates receive the title ► *Akademische(r)* + indication of the professional sector.

### Abschlussprüfungszeugnis der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Abschlußprüfungszeugnis, Abschlussprüfungszeugnisse, Abschlussprüfungszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who successfully complete the ► *Abschlussprüfung der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule*. The subjects passed and the grades achieved are indicated. Holders are entitled to exercise certain regulated trades and occupations.

### Abschlusszertifikat

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Abschlußzertifikat, Abschlusszertifikate, Abschlusszertifikat\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Final certificate awarded to students who pass the ► *Abschlusskolloquium*. The specialisation is indicated. This attests to completed professional education as a Psychotherapist.

### Abschlusszeugnis der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Abschlußzeugnis, Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded after completion of 1 or 2 years in a *berufsbildende mittlere Schule* (secondary technical and vocational school). There is no final examination.

### Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Abschlußzeugnis, Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of apprenticeship training under the *duales System* to those who successfully complete the vocational school (*Berufsschule*). It is awarded on the basis of performance in the course of the year, without a final examination. The certificate includes a list of marks and indicates the final level of success. It is issued along with the ► *Lehrabschlussprüfungszeugnis* for the end of the workplace part of the training and entitles the holder to enter employment. The apprentice can take the ► *Lehrabschlussprüfung* at the end of the apprenticeship, but those who have passed the last year of the vocational school do not have to take the theoretical part of the examination.

### Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Abschlußzeugnis, Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by a *Berufsschule* at the end of the school part of vocational training in the *duales System* on the basis of adequate academic attainments, generally without a final examination. The certificate is always awarded together with a ► *Facharbeiterbrief*, a ► *Kaufmannsgehilfenbrief* or a ► *Gesellenbrief* documenting the final examination before the authority responsible for vocational training (chamber). It gives access to the occupation and includes the ► *Hauptschulabschluss*. A ► *Realschulabschluss* can also be awarded to pupils with the appropriate attainment profile.

### Abschlusszeugnis der Grundschule

**Country:** Belgium (German-speaking Community)

**Grammatical variants:**

Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Primary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of primary education to pupils who successfully meet the requirements of the final (sixth) year of primary school. It can also be awarded at the end of the first or second year of the 2-year lower secondary school. Each school determines the form and content of the certificate, which gives pupils access to lower secondary education but does not constitute a prerequisite for admission.

### Abschlusszeugnis der Hauptschule

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Abschlußzeugnis, Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of lower secondary general education in a *Hauptschule* (4 years). It is awarded on the basis of performance in the course of the year, without a final examination. The subjects passed and the grades achieved are indicated. It entitles the pupil to proceed to upper secondary education.

### Abschlusszeugnis der Oberschule

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:**

Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of lower secondary education in an *Oberschule* (4 years), awarded by schools to pupils who pass the ► *Abschlussprüfung der Oberschule*. It is recognised by the state. This certificate gives access only to upper secondary vocational education.

### Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts

**Country:** Belgium (German-speaking Community)

**Grammatical variants:**

Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

School leaving certificate awarded at the end of general, technical and artistic education in upper secondary (4 years) or upper secondary vocational education (5 years) to pupils who successfully meet the requirements of the last 2 years. The certificate indicates the type of education (general, technical or vocational) and mentions the pupil's right to attend higher education.

### Abschlusszeugnis der Polytechnischen Schule

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Abschlußzeugnis, Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who complete a 1-year course of study at a *Polytechnische Schule* at the level of upper secondary general education. It is awarded on the basis of performance in the course of the year, without a final examination. The subjects passed and the grades achieved are indicated. It entitles the pupil to proceed to the more demanding courses in the vocational school (*Berufsschule*) and to enter secondary technical and vocational schools without an entrance examination.

### Abschlusszeugnis der Realschule

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:** Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of lower secondary education in a *Realschule*, awarded by the school attended, to pupils who pass the ► *Abschlussprüfung der Realschule*. It is recognised by the state. This certificate gives access to upper secondary vocational or general education (in a *Fachschule*, *Berufsschule* or *Gymnasium*).

### Abschlusszeugnis der Unterstufe des Sekundarunterrichts

**Country:** Belgium (German-speaking Community)

**Grammatical variants:** Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of the third year of lower secondary general, technical or artistic education or the fourth year of lower secondary vocational education to pupils who successfully meet the requirements of the last 2 years. The certificate indicates the type of education (general, technical or vocational) and also mentions the basic optional subjects. It gives pupils access to upper secondary education, but does not constitute a prerequisite for admission.

### Absolutorium

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:**

Absolutoria, Absolutori\*

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination of completion of specialised post-secondary technical education (lasting 2 to 3 years) or following 6 to 8 years at a conservatoire. Successful students receive the ► *Vysvědčení o absolutoriu* certificate and the ► *Diplom* degree. The design and content of the examination are established by the head of the institution. It is assessed by an examining committee appointed by the Education Minister. The examination includes a theory examination in the subjects of the specialisation, an examination in a foreign language, a final written assignment and its defence, a performance at the conservatoire and, where appropriate, an examination of teacher training in the arts.

### Absolutórium

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:**

Absolútoría, Absolutorium\*

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of ► *Absolventská skúška*.

### Absolventská skúška

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:**

Absolventské skúšky\*, Absolventská skúška\*

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination of completion of higher vocational education lasting at least 1 year. It is also organised for students of the *konzervatórium* who have continued in specialised studies after having obtained the ► *Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške*. Successful pupils receive the ► *Absolventský diplom* certificate. The content of requirements for this examination is approved by the headteacher and varies depending on the type of institution. In general, it includes written and oral examinations, as well as a practical part covering the subjects of the specialisation. Synonym: *Absolutórium*.

**Absolventský diplom**

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:**

Absolventské diplomy, Absolventský diplom\*

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of higher vocational education at a *konzervatórium*, awarded to students who have passed the ► *Absolventská skúška* examination. It mentions the main subjects of the specialisation, as well as the examination marks, and differs depending on the type of institution.

**Access**

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Grammatical variants:** Access 1, 2 and 3

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

A 1-year qualification that will be offered under the *Higher Still* reforms, with the first courses beginning in 1999/2000. *Access* covers 3 sub-levels, with *Access 3* being broadly equivalent in level to the ► *Scottish Certificate of Education – Standard Grade General level*. *Access* qualifications are divided into units which are internally assessed on the basis of coursework, there is no external assessment. Units can be taken separately. The basic content of courses, including options, is specified centrally. These qualifications are at the basic level, and can be used for example for people with learning difficulties or those returning to study after obtaining few or no qualifications at school. Students can progress

to *Standard Grade Foundation* or *Intermediate 1* courses. The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) awards the qualification and moderates internal assessments.

**Advanced Higher**

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

A 1-year qualification, which will be offered under the *Higher Still* reforms, and will replace the ► *Certificate of Sixth Year Studies* and ► *General Scottish Vocational Qualification*. The first *Advanced Highers* will be available in 2000/2001. The qualification is divided into units which are internally assessed on the basis of coursework, but there is also an external assessment which determines the grade on a scale A to C. Units can be taken separately. The basic content of *Advanced Highers* in individual subjects, including options, is specified centrally. *Advanced Highers* may be taken into account for entry to higher education, but are not entry requirements, and can also lead to careers. The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) awards the qualification, carries out external assessments and moderates internal assessments.

**AESI**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Agrégé(e) de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur* and ► *Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur*.

**AESS**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Agrégé(e) de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur* and ► *Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur*.

**Afgangsbevis fra Folkeskolen**

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** Afgangsbeviset, Afgangsbeviser, Afgangsbeviserne

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to all pupils who have completed compulsory education. Lists marks for the year's work, and marks obtained in the optional final examinations after the ninth or tenth year, if they were sat. It gives pupils access to vocational education and training. If the required final examinations ► *Folkeskolens afgangsprøve* or ► *Folkeskolens udvidede afgangsprøve* have been taken, it gives access to the upper secondary general education courses of the *Gymnasium, HF, HHX* and *HTX*.

### Afsluitend examen

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination to conclude a first degree course in university education (*wetenschappelijk onderwijs – wo*) or non-university higher education (higher professional education – *hoger beroepsonderwijs – hbo*). Students who pass the final examination are awarded the certificate ► *Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen*.

### Afsluttende fagprøve

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** Afsluttende fagprøver, Afsluttende fagprøverne

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory final examination, organised by the Ministry of Education, held during the final six months of vocational training in the commercial and clerical fields and the equivalent of the ► *Svendeprøve* taken within the technical trades. It is composed of a written project report and an oral examination in the presence of an external examiner. It gives access to employment and confers the title of the occupation concerned.

### Agent technique breveté

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on pupils who have obtained the ► *Brevet de technicien*. Synonym: *Technicien breveté*.

### Agrégation

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who pass the competition to recruit upper secondary school teachers. The competition is aimed at holders of certificates awarded in an EU Member State or EEA country at the end of at least 4 years of education at post-secondary level. This certificate can be obtained at either a university or a higher education institute (*écoles normales supérieures*). Successful completion of this competition gives access to a year of professional training in an *institut universitaire de formation des maîtres (IUFM)* (University institute for the training of teachers) before beginning to teach. The title awarded is ► *Professeur agrégé*.

### Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded by *Hautes Écoles* (teacher training colleges) to students who have passed the examinations set by the individual institution and required under the programme in each subject and who have submitted their final dissertation (*mémoire*) at the end of 3 years of non-university, pedagogical higher education. The certificate mentions the section, options, subjects taken, subject of the final dissertation and final mark awarded. It confers the title ► *Agrégé(e) de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur*. The certificate gives access to teaching in the first 3 years of secondary general, technical and artistic education and 7 years of secondary vocational education. Abbreviation: *AESI*.

### Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded by university institutions or *Hautes Écoles* to students who have already received the ► *Licence en* (+ specialisation), who have passed the examinations set by the

individual institution and required under the programme in each subject, who have completed the teaching practice and presented two public lessons at the end of 1 year of university education. The certificate mentions the subjects taken, the topic of the two public lessons and the final mark awarded. It confers the title ► *Agrégé(e) de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur* and gives access to employment as a teacher in upper secondary school and short-cycle non-university higher education. Abbreviation: *AESS*.

### **Agrégation de l'enseignement supérieur**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

University teaching qualification awarded by universities to students who have presented and publicly defended their research report (original dissertation), three papers (on related questions) chosen freely, and who have given an oral lesson on a topic determined by the examination board (university authorities) at least 2 years after receiving the degree ► *Doctorat en*. The certificate mentions the field of study and the subjects of the dissertation and of each paper. It gives access to teaching at university level, but is not a compulsory qualification. It confers the title ► *Agrégé(e) de l'enseignement supérieur*.

### **Agrégé(e) de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have received the ► *Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur*. Abbreviation: *AESI*.  
Synonym: *Régent(e)*.

### **Agrégé(e) de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have received the ► *Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur*. Abbreviation: *AESS*.

### **Agrégé(e) de l'enseignement supérieur**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have received the ► *Agrégation de l'enseignement supérieur*.

### **Agronomexamen**

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree in the field of agriculture, awarded after a 4½-year programme of full-time study, which includes a degree project. The degree certificate mentions the subjects passed. The degree gives access to employment and general eligibility for doctoral studies.

### **Akademischer (+ professional sector)**

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:**

Akademische, Akademisch\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Academic title conferred on students who have been awarded the ► *Abschlussprüfungszeugnis* at a university, e.g. *Akademische(r) Mediator(in)* (conciliator), *Akademische(r) Berufsorientierungspädagoge(in)* (career guidance counsellor), *Akademische(r) Tourismusmanager(in)* (tourism manager) etc.

### **Allgemeine Hochschulreife**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Allgemein\* Hochschulreife\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification for admission to all higher education institutions and subject areas, usually obtained in the *Gymnasiale Oberstufe* after 13 years of schooling by passing the ► *Abiturprüfung*.

### **Általános iskolai bizonyítvány**

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:**

Általános iskolai bizonyítványok, Általános iskolai bizonyítvány\*

**Level of education:** Primary/lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of compulsory education (8 years), awarded on the basis of class marks, without a final examination. It mentions the subjects and the final year marks. It is required to gain access to upper secondary education or to employment.

### **Ammatillinen opistoasteen tutkinto**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** tutkinno-, tutkinto-, tutkinnot

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

A qualification awarded at the end of 2 to 3 years of vocational studies in post-secondary *opisto* institutions. There is no final examination. The qualification mentions the specialisation, the subjects passed, and the marks obtained during the course of study. This qualification gives access to higher level studies. From 1999, this qualification will be replaced by the ► *Ammattikorkeakoulututkinto* following the transfer of these courses from post-secondary institutions to non-university higher education polytechnics (*Ammattikorkeakoulu*). Swedish term: *Yrksexamen på institutnivå*.

### **Ammatillinen perustutkinto**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** tutkinno-, tutkinto-, tutkinnot

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Vocational qualification equivalent to the certificate of upper secondary vocational education ► *Todistus toisen asteen ammatillista opinnoista*. This qualification can also be obtained through the ► *Näyttötutkinto* examination. Swedish term: *Grundexamen*.

### **Ammattikorkeakoulututkinto**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** tutkinno-, tutkinto-, tutkinnot

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification of the non-university polytechnic institutions (*Ammattikorkeakoulu*

– *AMK*), non-university institutions of higher education, which from 1999 are replacing the qualifications obtained under the old system of post-secondary (*opisto*) and higher vocational education and training ► *Ammatillinen opistoasteen tutkinto*. The new qualification corresponds closely to the bachelor level degree. *AMKs* offer vocational higher education in various sectors and the programmes include basic and vocational studies, optional studies and practical training over 3 to 4 years of full-time study. There is no final examination. The certificate mentions the specialisation, the subjects passed and the marks obtained. Swedish term: *Yrkeshögskoleexamen*.

### **Apolytirio – Dimotikou scholeiou (Απολυτήριο Δημοτικού Σχολείου)**

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:**

Απολυτηρίου, Απολυτήρια, απολυτηρι-\*

**Level of education:** Primary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate awarded at the end of primary education (*Dimotiko Scholeio*) (6 years), to pupils who pass all of the subjects studied. There is no final examination. The certificate mentions the mark and the grade of the pupil's overall assessment, and gives access to lower secondary education. The school-leaving certificate is called *Titlos Spoudon* (Τίτλος Σπουδών) (Certificate of Study).

### **Apolytirio Eniaiou Polykladikou Lykeiou (Απολυτήριο Ενιαίου Πολυκλαδικού Λυκείου)**

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:**

Απολυτηρίου, Απολυτήρια, απολυτηρι-\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of comprehensive upper secondary education (*Eniaio Polykladiko Lykeio – EPL*) lasting 3 years, awarded to candidates on the basis of internal assessment throughout their studies in all of the subjects followed. It mentions the section, the subjects and the marks obtained, as well as the average mark and the grade. Depending on the option

chosen during the final year, the certificate may be one of two types:

- *Apolytirio Kladou Desmis* for candidates who have followed the general education section; it is then equivalent to the diploma
  - ▶ *Apolytirio Genikou Lykeiou*;
- *Apolytirio Kladou Proepaggelmatikis Ekpaidevsis* for candidates who have followed the pre-vocational education section; it is then equivalent to the diploma
  - ▶ *Ptychio Teknikou-Epaggelmatikou Lykeiou*.

This diploma entitles holders to sit the national examination ▶ *Genikes Exetaseis* which gives access to higher education as well as to vocational specialised studies. Abbreviation: *Apolytirio EPL*.

### **Apolytirio EPL (Απολυτήριο Ε. Π. Λ.)**

**Country:** Greece

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ▶ *Apolytirio Eniaiou Polykladikou Lykeiou*.

### **Apolytirio Genikou Lykeiou (Απολυτήριο Γενικού Λυκείου)**

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:**

Απολυτηρίου, Απολυτήρια, απολυτηρι-\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of upper secondary general education (*Geniko Lykeio*) lasting 3 years, awarded to candidates on the basis of internal assessment throughout their studies in all of the subjects followed. It mentions the course subjects and the marks obtained, as well as the average mark and the grade. This diploma allows participation in national examinations ▶ *Genikes Exetaseis* which gives access to higher education, as well as to vocational specialised studies and to non-specialised jobs.

### **Apolytirio Gymnasiou (Απολυτήριο Γυμνασίου)**

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:**

Απολυτηρίου, Απολυτήρια, απολυτηρι-\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

### **Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of lower secondary education (*Gymnasio*) lasting 3 years, awarded to candidates on the basis of internal assessment throughout their studies in all of the subjects followed. It mentions the course subjects and the marks obtained, as well as the average mark and the grade. This certificate gives access to upper secondary education.

### **Apolytirio Kladou Desmis (Απολυτήριο Κλάδου Δέσμης)**

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:**

Απολυτηρίου, Απολυτήρια, απολυτηρι-\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

One form of the certificate ▶ *Apolytirio Eniaiou Polykladikou Lykeiou*.

### **Apolytirio Kladou Proepaggelmatikis Ekpaidevsis (Απολυτήριο Κλάδου Προεπαγγελματικής Εκπαίδευσης)**

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:**

Απολυτηρίου, Απολυτήρια, απολυτηρι-\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

One form of the certificate ▶ *Apolytirio Eniaiou Polykladikou Lykeiou*.

### **Apolytirio Teknikou – Epaggelmatikou Lykeiou (Απολυτήριο Τεχνικού – Επαγγελματικού Λυκείου)**

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:**

Απολυτηρίου, Απολυτήρια, απολυτηρι-\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of upper secondary vocational education (*Techniko-Epaggelmatiko Lykeio – TEL*) lasting 3 years, awarded to candidates who, during the final year, have chosen to follow one of the sections identical to those of upper secondary general education (*Geniko Lykeio*). It is awarded on the basis of internal assessment throughout their studies in all of the subjects followed. It mentions the course subjects and the marks obtained, as well as the average mark and the grade. This certificate enables

pupils to sit the national examination ► *Genikes Exetaseis* which gives access to higher education, as well as to vocational specialised studies and to employment. Abbreviation: *Apolytirio TEL*.

### **Apolytirio TEL (Απολυτήριο Τ. Ε. Λ.)**

**Country:** Greece

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Apolytirio Technikou – Epaggelmatikou Lykeiou*.

### **Architect**

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification and title awarded to students who successfully complete a second cycle of non-university higher education in architecture (3 years) or interior design (2 years) in a *Hogeschool* following a degree ► *Kandidaat in de*. The examinations (written and/or oral as the teacher decides) are organised by the individual institution and cover all the subjects studied. The degree certificate indicates the name of the institution and the title of the diploma, while a supplement gives details of the subjects studied and the marks awarded. It gives entry to the profession. In interior design, the diploma and title are *interieurarchitect*.

### **Architecte**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma and title awarded by the *Instituts Supérieurs d'Architecture* to students who have passed the examinations required under the programme in each subject and presented the final dissertation (*mémoire*) at the end of 3 years of second-cycle university education (after the certificate ► *Candidature en*). The diploma mentions the subjects taken, the subject of the *mémoire* and the final mark awarded. It gives access to employment following a placement lasting 2 years and enrolment in the Architects Register.

### **Architecte diplômé par le Gouvernement**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma and title conferred on students on completing non-university final examinations in architecture (5 years of study until 1988 and 6 years subsequently). The oral and written final examinations set by each institution cover all the subjects studied. The qualification gives access either to the profession or to a year of further specialised education.

### **Arkitektexamen**

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree in the field of architecture, awarded after a 4½-year programme of full-time study, which normally includes a degree project. The degree certificate normally mentions the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained. The degree gives access to employment and general eligibility for doctoral studies.

### **Arquitecto**

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:**

Arquitectura, Arquitectos

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree and title awarded to students who have passed the examinations required under the programme and taken a final examination (written report on a practical project) at the end of long-cycle university studies in architecture (5 years) in an *Escuela Técnica Superior*. The written and/or oral examinations are organised by each teacher and cover each subject taken. The certificate mentions the specialisation. It gives access to the profession and/or to a ► *Doctorado en*. This degree corresponds to the ► *Licenciatura en*.

## Arquitecto Técnico

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Arquitecta Técnica, Arquitectos Técnicos

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree and title awarded to students who have passed the examinations required under the programme and taken a final examination (written report on a practical project) at the end of first-cycle university studies in architecture (3 years) in an *Escuela Universitaria*. The written and/or oral examinations are organised by each teacher and cover each subject taken. The certificate mentions the specialisation. It gives access to the profession and/or to second-cycle university studies. This degree corresponds to the ► *Diplomatura en*.

## Årskursbevis

**Country:** Norway

**Grammatical variants:** Årskursbeviset, Årskursbevisene

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded without a final examination to pupils at the end of completed courses lasting 1 year in an upper secondary school and to external candidates.

## ArtD.

**Country:** Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Philosophiae doctor* in the field of arts.

## Arts

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification and title awarded to students who successfully complete a 4-year second cycle of university study in medicine following a 3-year ► *Kandidaat in de* degree. The examinations (written and/or oral as the teacher decides) are organised by the individual institution and cover all the subjects studied. The degree certificate indicates the name of the institution and the

title of the diploma, while a supplement gives details of the subjects studied and the marks awarded. It gives entry to the medical profession and also to the third cycle of university studies. Beside those medical studies, a student can take up a 5-year course of study to become a dentist (*tandarts*) or a 6-year course of study to become a veterinary surgeon (*dierenarts*).

## Atestat profesional

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Atestatul profesional

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of vocational proficiency awarded to students who have passed the practical test ► *Probă practică*, at the end of upper secondary education (in specialised secondary schools). It mentions the specialisation. It gives access to employment.

## Attest van regelmatige lesbijwoning

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Grammatical variants:** Attesten van regelmatige lesbijwoning

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Attendance certificate issued to pupils who have taken a 1-year higher education preparatory course in art subjects or engineering. The aim of these courses is to prepare intending students for the entrance examinations for study in these fields. The certificate is not compulsory for admission to higher education.

## Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung, Ausbildungsabschlussprüfungen, Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination at the end of vocational training in the *duales System* to ascertain whether the trainee possesses the required skills and practical and theoretical knowledge. Depending on the occupation, successful completion of this examination leads to the award of a ► *Facharbeiterbrief*, ►

*Kaufmannsgehilfenbrief* or ► *Gesellenbrief*.  
The authority responsible for vocational training (chamber) sets the examinations, which include a practical and a written section.

### **Avgångsbetyg från grundskolan**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** -betyget, -betygen

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Peruskoulun päättötodistus*.

### **Avgangsprøve**

**Country:** Norway

**Grammatical variants:** Avgangsprøven, Avgangsprøver, Avgangsprøvene

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

School-leaving examination at the end of compulsory education lasting 10 years. It involves a written examination, in Norwegian (both forms)/Sami, mathematics or English. The examination is organised by the National Examination Board. Pupils are assessed by two external examiners. It may also involve an oral examination, organised locally. Pupils are assessed by teachers from another school. From the year 2000, pupils have to accomplish a final project in the last term of year 10. The teacher's written assessment of the project (without a mark) will be included in the ► *Vitnemål*.



## B.

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Bachelor*. The abbreviation may be followed by letters indicating the field of study.

## B.Ed.

**Country:** United Kingdom/Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Bachelor of Education*. See ► *Bachelor's degree*.

## B.Eng.

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Bachelor of Engineering*, ► *Bachelor's degree* awarded by the *National Council for Academic Awards* to students who successfully complete a degree programme of 4 years ab initio or 2 years following a ► *National Diploma*. Classification is determined by the student's performance.

## B.Sc.

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Bachelor of Science*. See ► *Bachelor's degree* awarded in science subjects.

## BA

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** BAs

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students in the first cycle of university in the field of arts and social sciences who obtain the degree ► *BA-gráða*.

## BA

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Bachelor of Arts*. See ► *Bachelor's degree* awarded in arts subjects.

## BA

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Bachelor of Arts*. See ► *Bachelor's degree*.

## Baccalaureat

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:** Baccalaureate

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

First degree awarded by the *Internationalen Akademie für Philosophie (IAP)* in various areas of study to students who pass the first degree examination after completion of the 2-year basic course of study (*Grundstudium*). The first degree examination is obligatory and consists of written examinations in philosophy and two chosen subjects. The

examination requirements and content are set internally by the institution.

### Baccalauréat

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who have passed the national final examination of the same name organised at the end of general and technological (3 years) or vocational (4 years) upper secondary education. The examination is organised by the Ministry of Education and consists of compulsory written and oral examinations as well as optional examinations covering the subjects taken in the final year (except in French, which is taken at the end of the second last year). The compulsory examinations for the general section are in mathematics, sciences, a foreign language, philosophy, history and geography, civics and physical education and sports, while the optional examinations vary according to the type of course. There are general, technological and vocational *baccalauréats*. The certificate mentions the branch and final results. It gives access to higher education and/or a trade or occupation for pupils in vocational education. It confers the title ► *Bachelier(ère)*.

### Baccalaureus

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

A transitional qualification and title awarded to students who successfully complete a 2-year first cycle of university study in philosophy and ethics. The examinations (written and/or oral as the teacher decides) are organised by the individual institution and cover all the subjects studied. The degree indicates the name of the institution and the title of the diploma, while a supplement gives details of the subjects studied and the marks awarded. This corresponds to the degree ► *Kandidaat in de* in other fields of study. It gives students entry to the second cycle of university studies.

### Baccalaureus

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Baccalaurei

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title obtained on the basis of the ► *Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen*. The title is used by graduates in non-technical fields. Graduates in the fields of engineering, agriculture and environmental science use the title ► *Ingenieur*. Abbreviation: *Bc.*, placed before the name. In international contexts, all *hbo*-graduates may use the title ► *Bachelor*, in abbreviated form *B.* placed after the name. The abbreviation may be followed by letters indicating the field of study.

### Bacharel

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Bacharéis

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on students who have obtained the ► *Bacharelato* degree.

### Bacharelato

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Bacharelatos

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded by university and polytechnic higher education institutions at the end of a specific course (usually 3 years) attesting to a scientific, academic or cultural education sufficient for the exercise of certain professional activities. It is awarded on the basis of the student's participation and semester and annual examination results in all subjects. The form of the certificate varies from one institution to the other but always indicates the subject area and the qualification or classification awarded. It confers the title ► *Bacharel* and gives access to employment or to further study leading to the ► *Licenciatura* degree.

### Bachelier(ère)

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on pupils who have obtained the ► *Baccalauréat* certificate.

## Bachelor

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:**

Bacheloren, Bachelorer, Bachelorerne

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title of graduates who have obtained the ► *Bachelorgrad*. It is followed by the name of the field concerned. Abbreviations: *B.Sc.* (*Bachelor of Science*) in natural sciences and engineering and *B.A.* (*Bachelor of Arts*) in all other fields.

## Bachelor

**Country:** Germany

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Higher education degree that will be available in the future to students who successfully complete a basic programme of study at a university, *Fachhochschule* or other institution of higher education normally requiring a minimum of 3 years and a maximum of 4 years, leading to a first qualification for a career. The minimum period of study laid down is in the interest of quality assurance. Bachelor courses have been introduced on a pilot basis in a large number of higher education institutions since the beginning of the 1990s.

## Bachelor

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Bachelors

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title used by all *hbo*-graduates in international contexts. Abbreviation: *B.* written after the name. The abbreviation may be followed by letters indicating the field of study. Used for ► *Baccalaureus*, ► *Ingenieur*.

## Bachelor of (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title describing the holder of a ► *Bachelor's degree*. The title includes the specialisation in which the degree was taken, e.g. *Bachelor of Arts*.

## Bachelor's degree

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded to students who successfully complete a first-degree course in universities and other higher education institutions, normally involving 3, but in some subjects up to 6, years of undergraduate study. Arts and science degrees may be taken at general or honours level, the latter demanding more specialised study at a higher level. Honours degrees are classified as first, second (upper/lower or I/II) or third class while general degrees are unclassified, i.e. on a pass/fail basis or with credit. Degrees are generally awarded on the basis of the student's results in a final examination which may, depending on the institution, be combined with marks obtained in intermediate examinations and/or in assessed course work and/or, depending on the subject, practical work. Degrees are designated Bachelor of Arts, Education, Law, Medicine, Science etc. according to the field of study, the official form frequently being in Latin. Holders of a good honours degree may proceed to a higher degree (► *Master's degree* or ► *Doctorate*). Holders of a general degree may proceed to certain post-graduate courses, e.g. teacher training, or to a professional qualification or enter employment. Abbreviations: *BA*, *BBS*, *B.Ed.* (*Bachelor of Education*), *B. Eng.*, *LL. B* (*Bachelor of Laws*), *M.B.* (*Bachelor of Medicine*), *B.Sc.*

## Bachelor's degree

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

In general, first degree awarded to students who successfully complete an undergraduate degree course at a university or other higher education institution normally lasting for 3 years (4 years in Scotland) although longer in some subjects, such as medicine. *Bachelor's degrees* may be taken in one or more than one subject at ordinary (general or pass) or at honours level, the latter demanding more specialised study at a higher level. Ordinary (general or pass) degrees are not graded.

Honours degrees are normally classified as first, second and third class. Students who do not achieve a high enough standard for an honours degree may be awarded a pass degree. Second class degrees are further divided into two divisions, upper and lower, also known as 2i and 2ii. (Students are normally required to sit final examinations but the classification of the degree usually takes into account the student's performance in interim examinations and coursework). Degree certificates normally indicate the name of the institution, the subject(s) studied and, where appropriate, for how long, and the grade obtained.

The most common general *Bachelor's degrees* are those in arts and science, abbreviated to *BA* and *B.Sc.* respectively. However, universities are free to decide on the designation of their degrees, and study of the same subject can lead to different degrees in different institutions.

Holders of a good honours degree (first class or upper second) may proceed to study for a higher degree ► *Master's degree*, or ► *Doctorate*. Graduates may also proceed to study for a ► *Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma*, or for a professional qualification, or enter the labour market. Holders are entitled to use the designatory letters *BA*, *B.Sc.* etc. after their name.

Exceptionally, certain *Bachelor's degrees* – in particular, the *Bachelor of Philosophy* and the *Bachelor of Letters* – are in fact postgraduate degrees.

### **Bachelorgrad**

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** -graden, -grader, -graderne

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

First university degree awarded after 3 years of study (3½ years in engineering). There is no Bachelor degree in Pharmacy, Theology, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine or Dentistry. Study programmes include project work equivalent to a minimum of two months' full-time work. There is not only one final examination at the end, but examinations at the end of the teaching of each individual subject throughout the course of study. The

degree mentions the subjects examined, credits obtained in any other examinations, the marks obtained, and the title and the field of specialisation. It confers the title ► *Bachelor* and gives access to studies leading to the ► *Candidatus*.

### **Bachiller**

**Country:** Spain

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded at the end of upper secondary general education (3 years of *Bachillerato Unificado y Polivalente* – *BUP* under the education system in effect prior to the reform of 1990, or 2 years of *Bachillerato* defined by the 1990 Organic Law on the General Organisation of the Education System – *Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo* – *LOGSE*). It is awarded to pupils who have passed in their continuous assessment in each subject. Pupils who have received the *BUP* certificate in a general upper secondary school can proceed to a 1-year pre-university preparatory course (*Curso de Orientación Universitaria* – *COU*) before taking the university entrance examination ► *Pruebas de Acceso a la Universidad*, to upper secondary vocational training (*Formación profesional de segundo grado* – *FP II*) or to employment. Pupils who have received the *Bachillerato* certificate in a secondary school have direct access to the ► *Pruebas de Acceso a la Universidad*, to advanced non-university vocational training (*Formación profesional específica de grado superior*) or to artistic higher education (generally if they have received the certificate ► *Título profesional del grado medio de + specialisation*).

### **BA-gráða**

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** BA-gráðu

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

General first degree awarded to students who successfully complete a 3- to 4 ½-year first course of university education ending with the ► *BA-próf* examination in the field of arts and social sciences. It mentions the subjects and the results obtained in the examination. It

gives access to university education in the corresponding field at post-graduate level. It confers the title ► *BA*.

### **Bakalár**

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:** Bakalári, Bakalár\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded by university institutions to students who have obtained the ► *Diplom* indicating the field of study pursued and ► *Vysvedčenie o štátnej skúške* certificate. Abbreviation: *Bc*.

### **Bakalár (+ field of study)**

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:** Bakaláři, Bakalář\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Vysokoškolský diplom* degree and a ► *Vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce* certificate. Abbreviation: *Bc.*, and *BcA*. in the field of arts.

### **Bakalavur (Бакалавър)**

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:** Bakalavri

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who pass the ► *Durjaven izpit* examination or defended a thesis and obtained the ► *Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie* qualification.

### **BA-próf**

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** -prófi, -prófs

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held at the end of the first cycle of university education lasting 3 to 4 ½ years in the field of arts and social sciences. It is compulsory for obtaining the degree ► *BA-gráda*, conferring the title ► *BA*. It includes a final dissertation and/or a research project, as well as tests throughout the courses of study, the content and assessment of which vary depending on the individual institution.

### **Barnmorskeexamen**

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Graduate diploma in the field of midwifery, awarded after a 1½-year programme of full-time study. Being a registered nurse is a precondition for admission to the programme. The degree certificate normally mentions the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained. The degree gives access to employment.

### **BBS**

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Bachelor of Business Studies*, ► *Bachelor's degree* awarded by the *National Council for Academic Awards* in a range of specialisations to students who successfully complete a degree programme of 4 years ab initio or 1 year following a ► *National Diploma*. Classification is determined by the student's performance.

### **Bc.**

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Bakalář*.

### **Bc.**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Baccalaureus*. The abbreviation is written after the name and may be followed by letters indicating the field of study.

### **Bc.**

**Country:** Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Bakalár*.

### **Bc.A.**

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Bakalář* in the field of arts.

**BEd**

**Country:** Iceland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students in the first cycle of university in the field of educational sciences who obtain the degree ► *BEd-gráda*.

**BEd-gráda**

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** BEd-gráðu

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

First degree awarded to students who successfully complete a 3- to 4 ½-year first course of university education ending with the ► *BEd-próf* examination in the field of educational sciences. It mentions the subjects and the results obtained in the examination. It gives access to university education in the corresponding field at post-graduate level and to the teaching profession at the level of compulsory education. It confers the title ► *BEd*.

**BEd-próf**

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** -prófi, -prófs

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held at the end of the first cycle of university education lasting 3 to 4 ½ years in the field of educational sciences. It is compulsory for obtaining the degree ► *BEd-gráda*, conferring the title ► *BEd*. It includes a final dissertation and/or a research project, as well as tests throughout the courses of study, the content and assessment of which vary depending on the individual institution.

**Befähigungsnachweis des sechsten Jahres**

**Country:** Belgium (German-speaking Community)

**Grammatical variants:** Befähigungsnachweise, Befähigungsnachweis\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded after the sixth year of technical or vocational secondary education to

pupils who have successfully completed their vocational training and have taken a corresponding examination before members of the trade or occupation. It indicates the type of education and specialisation and gives access to the relevant trade or occupation.

**BEP**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Brevet d'études professionnelles*.

**Berufliche Abschlussprüfung**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Berufliche Abschlussprüfungen, Berufliche Abschlussprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Second part of the final examination at the end of courses leading to two qualifications (*doppeltqualifizierende Bildungsgänge*) (general and vocational) in upper secondary education at a *berufliches Gymnasium*, *Fachgymnasium* or *Berufsfachschule*. The first part, the ► *Abiturprüfung*, leads to the ► *Allgemeine Hochschulreife* and gives right of access to higher education. The second part, the *Berufliche Abschlussprüfung*, consists of a written and a practical test and leads to vocational qualifications, for example as an *Erzieher* (qualified youth or child care worker), *physikalisch-technischer Assistent* (paramedical assistant) or *kaufmännischer Assistent* (clerical assistant), thus providing a vocational qualification under *Land* law.

**Berufsbildungsreife**

**Country:** Germany

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of ► *Hauptschulabschluss*.

**Berufsmatura**

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of ► *Fachhochschulreifepfprüfung*.

## Berufsqualifizierender Abschluss

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Berufsqualifizierender Abschluß, Berufsqualifizierende Abschlüsse, Berufsqualifizierend\* Abschluss\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification of a vocational training programme in the *duales System* based on the completion of compulsory general education at the end of lower secondary education. The certificate gives access to the relevant occupation as a qualified worker in one of approximately 350 recognised occupations requiring formal training (*anerkannte Ausbildungsberufe*).

## Berufsreifeprüfung

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Berufsreifeprüfungen, Berufsreifeprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination for candidates who have not taken the ► *Reifeprüfung*. It may be taken by those who have successfully completed the secondary technical and vocational school (*berufsbildende mittlere Schule*) or a ► *Lehrabschlussprüfung*. The examination is organised by recognised upper secondary schools and consists of written and oral examinations in four subjects – German, mathematics, a modern foreign language and a specialised subject. It leads to the award of the ► *Berufsreifeprüfungszeugnis*.

## Berufsreifeprüfungszeugnis

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Berufsreifeprüfungszeugnisse, Berufsreifeprüfungszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by recognised secondary schools to pupils successful in the ► *Berufsreifeprüfung*. The subjects passed and the grades achieved are indicated. It gives unrestricted access to higher education (*allgemeine Hochschulreife*) but does not confer any occupational rights.

## Betyg över avlagd yrkesexamen på andra stadiet

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** Betyget, Betygen

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Todistus toisen asteen ammatillisista opinnoista*.

## Betyg över kombinationsstudier

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** Betyget, Betygen

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Todistus yhdistelmäopinnoista*.

## Betyg över läroavtalsutbildning

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** Betyget, Betygen

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Todistus oppisopimuskoulutuksesta*.

## Bevis for (+ field of study)

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** Beviset, Beviser, Beviserne

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by institutions of non-university higher education at the end of a short- or medium-term course of higher education studies, or by universities at the end of some part-time programmes. The duration varies between 2 and 4 years (5 years for export engineering – *eksportingeniør*). There is a final examination, which varies depending on the field, but essentially comprised of written and oral examinations, as well as written assignments. The examining board can be composed of internal or external examiners, appointed by the Ministry of Education on the recommendation of the institution. The degree mentions the marks obtained in the examinations and the title awarded, usually the name of the trade or occupation to which it gives access (for example, *Journalist*, *Sygeplejerske*, *Byggetekniker*, *Markedsøkonom*, *Fysioterapeut*). This is also called *Eksamensbevis som + field of study*.

### Bevis for Højere Forberedelseeksamen

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** Beviset, Beviser, Beviserne

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Højere Forberedelseeksamen*. It includes the marks obtained in the examination in the common core subjects, the optional subjects and in the major written assignment. The examination result is the average of these marks. It is a basic qualification for entry to higher education.

### Bevis for Højere Handelseksamen

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** Beviset, Beviser, Beviserne

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Højere Handelseksamen*. It includes the marks for the entire school year, the marks obtained in the examinations, their respective averages, and the average of these averages. It is a basic qualification for entry to higher education and to employment.

### Bevis for Højere Teknisk Eksamen

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** Beviset, Beviser, Beviserne

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Højere Teknisk Eksamen*. It includes the marks for the entire school year, the marks obtained in the examinations, their respective averages, and the average of these averages. It is a basic qualification for entry to higher education and to employment.

### Billedkunstner

**Country:** Denmark

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to graduates who have obtained the ► *Billedkunstnergrad*.

### Billedkunstnergrad

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** -graden, -grader, -graderne

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded by the Royal Academy of Fine Arts to students who successfully complete studies lasting 5 or 6 years in visual arts. There is no final examination, but continuous assessment of the artistic work of the student throughout the course, as well as a final assignment. The degree mentions only the artistic field concerned. It confers the title ► *Billedkunstner* and gives access to employment, as well as to studies lasting 2 years to become an art teacher in this field (*Kunstformidler*).

### Brevet

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who have passed the national final examination (of the same name) held at the end of lower secondary education lasting 4 years (*collège*). The examination is organised at *département* level. It involves three examinations (in French, mathematics, and history and geography). Marks in the assessment during the final 2 years are also taken into account in awarding this certificate. It mentions the type of education (general, technological or vocational). It has replaced the *Brevet des collèges* certificate since 1986. Admission to upper secondary education is not conditional on this certificate.

### Brevet d'études professionnelles

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the (compulsory) national final examination marking the successful conclusion of the last 2 years of upper secondary vocational education (initial training lasting 2 years in a *lycée professionnel*, continuing training or distance learning). The examinations consist of two series of written and oral tests covering general

and vocational subjects. The certificate mentions the specialisation. It gives access to employment as a skilled worker and to preparatory classes for the vocational or technological ► *Baccalauréat*. Abbreviation: *BEP*.

### Brevet de maîtrise

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of technical and vocational proficiency. This is the highest vocational training qualification in Luxembourg. It is awarded following 3 years of study after obtaining the ► *Certificat d'aptitude technique et professionnelle* and gives access to employment. Synonym: *Maîtrise*.

### Brevet de technicien

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the (compulsory) national final examination organised at the end of general or technological upper secondary education. The examination is set by the national education authorities and consists of written, oral and practical tests. In the field of agriculture, this certificate is called *Brevet de technicien agricole*. It confers the title ► *Agent technique breveté* or ► *Technicien breveté*. The certificate mentions the specialisation. It gives access to employment. The pupils who received the highest marks have access to non-university higher education in their specialisation leading to the ► *Brevet de technicien supérieur* certificate. Abbreviations: *BT* and *BTA* for the specialisation in agriculture.

### Brevet de technicien supérieur

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students on completing the examinations called for in the 2-year programme of non-university higher education. Examinations are organised by each institution either at the end of or during a course and vary depending on the type of education and

specialisation. The certificate mentions the specialisation and gives access either to employment or to further studies. It confers the title ► *Technicien supérieur*. Abbreviation: *BTS*.

### Brevet de technicien supérieur

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification certifying the completion of studies awarded following 2 years of post-secondary vocational training in technical *lycées* (upper secondary schools), following a final examination held by the Ministry of Education and covering the subjects on the curriculum of the different sections (secretarial studies and office automation, accounting/management, overseas trade/marketing and cartoon animation). The qualification mentions the speciality and the mark obtained. It gives access to employment. Abbreviation: *BTS*.

### BS

**Country:** Iceland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students in the first cycle of university in the field of economics, business administration, medicine, natural sciences and engineering, who have obtained the degree ► *BS-gráða*.

### BSc

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Bachelor of Science*. See ► *Bachelor's degree*.

### BS-gráða

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** BS-gráðu

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

First degree awarded to students who successfully complete a 3- to 4 ½-year first course of university education ending with the ► *BS-próf*. It mentions the subjects and the results obtained in the examination. It

gives access to university education in the corresponding field at post-graduate level. In addition, in the field of nursing and physiotherapy, it gives professional certification. It confers the title ► *BS*.

### **BS-próf**

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** -prófi, -prófs

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held at the end of the first cycle of university education lasting 3 to 4 ½ years in the field of economics, business administration, medicine, natural sciences and engineering. It is compulsory for obtaining the degree ► *BS-gráda*, conferring the title ► *BS*. It includes a final dissertation and/or a research project, as well as tests throughout the courses of study, the content and assessment of which vary depending on the individual institution.

### **BT**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Brevet de technicien*.

### **BTA**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Brevet de technicien agricole*. See ► *Brevet de technicien*.

### **BTEC First Certificate/First Diploma/ First Qualification**

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Business and Technology Education Council First Certificate/First Diploma/First Qualification*. See ► *Business and Technology Education Council First Qualification*.

### **BTEC HNC/HND**

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Business and Technology Education Council Higher National Certificate/Higher National Diploma*. See ► *Higher National Certificate*, ► *Higher National Diploma*.

### **BTS**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Brevet de technicien supérieur*.

### **BTS**

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Brevet de technicien supérieur*.

### **Business and Technology Education Council First Qualification**

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

This qualification is awarded at both certificate and diploma levels. The *BTEC First Certificate* is normally awarded after 2 years' part-time study and the *BTEC First Diploma* after 2 years' full-time study, usually following completion of compulsory education. Offered by the Edexcel Foundation, an independent awarding body, and regulated by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority. Assessed internally by a combination of course assignments and end-of-year examinations, and moderated by Edexcel to standardise marking. Final qualifications are graded pass, merit or distinction and this is indicated. Progression to ► *National Vocational Qualification* (Level 3) and ► *A level*. Abbreviation: *BTEC First Certificate/First Diploma/First Qualification*.



### **Cand.**

**Country:** Iceland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Kandidat* followed by the name of the specialisation (also in the abbreviated form), e.g. *cand. pharm.* in pharmacy and *cand. oecon.* in economics.

### **Cand. (+ abbreviation of field of study)**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Candidatus* followed by the name of the field of study in the abbreviated form, for example *cand.med.* in the field of medicine, *cand.agric.* in the field of agriculture and *cand.theol.* in the field of theology.

### **Cand.mag.**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Candidatus magisterii.*

### **Candidat(e) en (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have received the ► *Candidature en* (+ specialisation).

### **Candidature en (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

### **Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who have passed the examinations set by the individual institution as required under the programme in each subject at the end of 2 or 3 years of first-cycle university or long-type non-university higher education. It is awarded by the universities and equivalent institutions, *Hautes Écoles* and *Instituts Supérieurs d'Architecture*. The certificate mentions the specialisation, subjects taken and final mark awarded. It confers the title ► *Candidat(e) en* (+ specialisation) and gives access to second-cycle university education or long-type non-university higher education.

### **Candidatus**

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** Candidata

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to graduates who have obtained the ► *Kandidatgrad* (Master's degree level). It is followed by the Latin name of the field concerned, very often in the abbreviated form, for example, *candidatus medicinae veterinariae* (abbreviation: *cand.med.vet.*).  
Synonym: *Kandidat*.

### **Candidatus (+ field of study)**

**Country:** Norway

**Grammatical variants:** Candidata

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree and title awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations and submit a final dissertation at the end of

university and non-university studies lasting 5 to 7 years at a university or other higher education institution. This certificate can also be awarded to students holding a ► *Candidatus magisterii* or equivalent certificate who pass final examinations at the end of post-graduate university studies lasting 1½ to 2 years. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations, the average of the marks in the main subjects, the subject of their final dissertation and its assessment. It gives access to employment and/or to studies for a doctorate. The term *Candidatus* is always followed by the name of the field of study, for example *candidatus medicinae* in the field of medicine, *candidatus musicae* in the field of music and *candidatus oeconomiae* in the field of economics. Abbreviation: *Cand.* followed by the name of the field of study also in the abbreviated form.

### Candidatus magisterii

**Country:** Norway

**Grammatical variants:** Candidata magisterii

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

First degree and title awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of undergraduate university and non-university studies lasting 4 years (3½ years in natural sciences). The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the final examinations and the average of the marks in the main subjects. It gives access to post-graduate studies in the principal field. Abbreviation: *Cand.mag.*

### CAP

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Certificat d'aptitude pédagogique.*

### CAP

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Certificat d'aptitude professionnelle.*

### CAPE

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Certificat d'aptitude au professorat des écoles.*

### CAPES

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Certificat d'aptitude au professorat de l'enseignement secondaire.*

### Carta Doutoral

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Cartas Doutorais

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded by universities to students who have passed the ► *Prova de doutoramento* examination. The programme consists of carrying out an individual investigation chosen by the student and directed and supervised by a professor or doctoral researcher. The duration of the project can vary from 3 to 6 years. The form of the certificate varies from one institution to the other but always indicates the field of study and the qualification awarded. It confers the title ► *Doutor.*

### Carta Magistral

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Cartas Magistrais

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded by universities to students who have participated in and passed the taught curriculum making up the specialised courses (2 years on average) for the ► *Diploma de Conclusão da Parte Curricular do Mestrado* and prepared, been examined in and had approved an original dissertation (*dissertação de mestrado*), testifying to advanced knowledge in

a particular field and ability to carry out research. The examining board consists of one internal and one external professor in the special subject area and the director of study for the dissertation. It may also include another two academic members of staff of the university awarding the degree. The form of the certificate varies from one institution to the other but always indicates the subject area, the grade awarded and the qualification obtained. It confers the title ► *Mestre*. It gives access to further study leading to the ► *Carta Doutoral* degree.

### CATP

**Country:** Luxembourg  
**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Abbreviation of ► *Certificat d'aptitude technique et professionnelle*.

### CCM

**Country:** Luxembourg  
**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Abbreviation of ► *Certificat de Capacité Manuelle*.

### CEB

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level of education:** Primary/lower secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Abbreviation of ► *Certificat d'Études de Base*.

### Centraal examen

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Centrale examens  
**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
A compulsory national examination set under the same conditions for all general secondary schools (school types *vbo*, *mavo*, *havo*, *vwo*). It is taken in the schools in the final year of secondary education, at a time specified by the Minister for Education. It consists of a written test for each examination subject. Tests, assessment and marking are based on national norms. For each school type, there is a central examination for a chosen combination of examination subjects (6 subjects in *vbo*, *mavo* and *havo*; 7 subjects in *vwo*). Dutch and one modern language are

compulsory subjects in all school types, except the *vbo* in which a modern language is not compulsory. The centraal examen is part of the ► *Eindexamen* (school-leaving examination).

### Certificaat

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Certificaten  
**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate, awarded to pupils who have passed one or more compulsory examination subjects in the partial school-leaving examination ► *Deeleindexamen* of secondary general education (school types *vbo*, *mavo*, *havo*, *vwo*).

The model of this certificate is prescribed by the Minister for Education. It mentions the school type, the subject(s) passed (in which a mark of 6 or more out of 10 is obtained), the final grade for each subject, the mark(s) in the internal school examination ► *Schoolexamen* and the mark(s) in the partial examination ► *Deeleindexamen* and the date of the final result. After the pupil has passed all the compulsory examination subjects, the certificates are replaced by one of the following diplomas:

► *Diploma voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs*;  
► *Diploma middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*;  
► *Diploma middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/vorbereidend beroepsonderwijs*;  
► *Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*;  
► *Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs*.

See also ► *Certificaat staatsexamen*, ► *Certificaat opleiding beroepsonderwijs*, ► *Certificaat middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*.

### Certificaat havo, mavo, mavo/vbo, mbo, vbo, vwo

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Certificaten havo, mavo, mavo/vbo, mbo, vbo, vwo  
**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Abbreviation of *Certificaat hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*, *Certificaat middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*, *Certificaat middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs*,

*Certificaat middelbaar beroepsonderwijs, Certificaat voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs, Certificaat voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs.* See ► *Certificaat* and *Certificaat middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*.

### **Certificaat hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Certificaten hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *Certificaat* (school type *havo*).

### **Certificaat middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Certificaten middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *Certificaat* (school type *mavo*).

### **Certificaat middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Certificaten middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *Certificaat* (school type *mavo/vbo*).

### **Certificaat middelbaar beroepsonderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Certificaten middelbaar beroepsonderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate, awarded to pupils who have passed a partial examination of a secondary vocational education course. After the pupil has passed all the tests for the secondary vocational education course, the certificates are replaced by the diploma ► *Diploma middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*. The model of this certificate is prescribed by the Minister for Education. It mentions the name of the sector (*sector*), the department (*afdeling*), the name and level of the course (*opleiding*)

and the examination subjects passed. Separately there is a list of marks per subject (also mentioning the name of the sector etc.).

**Note:** This will gradually be replaced by certificates under the law on adult and vocational education, introduced in 1996 (*Wet educatie en beroepsonderwijs*). See ► *Certificaat opleiding beroepsonderwijs*.

### **Certificaat opleiding beroepsonderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Certificaten opleiding beroepsonderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate, awarded to pupils who have passed a test for a defined part of a vocational training programme *deelkwalificatie*. After pupils pass all the tests for the *deelkwalificaties* of a vocational training course (*opleiding beroepsonderwijs* or *beroepsopleiding*), their certificates are replaced by the diploma ► *Diploma opleiding beroepsonderwijs*. The model of the certificate is not prescribed by the Minister for Education. The competent authority (school board) of the institution draws up its own teaching and examination regulations, and these are submitted to the Inspectorate for approval. The school board concerned issues the certificate.

### **Certificaat staatsexamen**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:**

Certificaten staatsexamen

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate, awarded to pupils who pass one or more compulsory examination subjects in the partial state examination ► *Deelstaatsexamen* of secondary general education (school types *mavo, havo, vwo*). The model of this certificate is prescribed by the Minister for Education. It mentions: the school type, the subject(s) passed (in which the mark 6 or more out of 10 is obtained), the final grade for each subject, and the date of the final result. After pupils pass all the compulsory examination subjects, their certificates are replaced by one of the diplomas:

*Diploma staatsexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs; Diploma staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs; Diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs.* See ► *Diploma staatsexamen.*

The certificates and diplomas awarded via the ► *Deelstaatsexamen* are equivalent to these awarded in full-time secondary general education. See also ► *Certificaat.*

### **Certificaat staatsexamen havo, mavo, vwo**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:**

Certificaten staatsexamen havo, mavo, vwo

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Certificaat staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs, Certificaat staatsexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs, Certificaat staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs.* See ► *Certificaat staatsexamen.*

### **Certificaat staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Certificaten staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *Certificaat staatsexamen* (school type *havo*).

### **Certificaat staatsexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:**

Certificaten staatsexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *Certificaat staatsexamen* (school type *mavo*).

### **Certificaat staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:**

Certificaten staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *Certificaat staatsexamen* (school type *vwo*).

### **Certificaat voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:**

Certificaten voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *Certificaat* (school type *vbo*).

### **Certificaat voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Certificaten voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *Certificaat* (school type *vwo*).

### **Certificación académica del ciclo elemental de las enseñanzas de idiomas**

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Certificaciones académicas del ciclo elemental de las enseñanzas de idiomas

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who have passed the final examination at the end of 3 years of the elementary cycle of the first level of language studies in an official language school (*Escuela Oficial de Idiomas*). The written and oral final examination is organised by each institution and covers the foreign language studied. The certificate mentions the language studied. It gives access to the advanced cycle of the first level of language studies in the same kind of school leading to the certificate ► *Certificado de aptitud del ciclo superior de las enseñanzas de idiomas*.

### **Certificado acreditativo del grado elemental de (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Certificados acreditativos del grado elemental de

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of 4 years of the elementary level of dance or music studies to pupils who have passed in the continuous assessment during these studies. It involves two areas of specialisation, music and dance, and mentions the subjects taken and the field studied in the case of the music studies. This certificate entitles pupils to take the entrance examinations for intermediate music or dance studies.

### Certificado de aptitud del ciclo superior de las enseñanzas de idiomas

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Certificados de aptitud del ciclo superior de las enseñanzas de idiomas

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who have passed the final examination at the end of 2 years of the advanced cycle of the first level of language studies in an official language school (*Escuela Oficial de Idiomas*). The written and oral final examination is organised by each institution and covers the foreign language studied. The certificate mentions the language studied. The certificate is a useful supplementary qualification for teachers in their competitive examinations to become civil servants and for advancing their careers.

### Certificado de Escolaridad

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Certificados de Escolaridad

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who did not obtain the ► *Graduado Escolar* certificate at the end of their 8 years of compulsory education (*Educación General Básica – EGB*) under the education system in effect prior to the 1990 Organic Law on the General Organisation of the Education System (*Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo – LOGSE*). This certificate has not been awarded since the 1997/98 school year. It gives access to upper secondary vocational training or, in the new education system established by the *LOGSE*, to the second stage

of compulsory lower secondary education (*Educación Secundaria Obligatoria – ESO*).

### Certificat + (specialisation)

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate, awarded by the University Centre, which lists the subjects studied, obtained following successful completion of the single year of studies. Holders are able to pursue their second year of studies in German, Austrian, Belgian, British or French universities. The different fields of specialisation are mentioned on the certificate (e.g. *Certificat d'Études Juridiques et Économiques, d'Études Littéraires et de Sciences Humaines, d'Études scientifiques*).

### Certificat d'aptitude au professorat de l'enseignement secondaire

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who have passed the competition to recruit general secondary education teachers. The competition is open to holders of a certificate awarded in any EU Member State or EEA country at the end of at least 3 years, or in a country outside the EU at the end of at least 4 years, of education at the post-secondary level. The competition is organised at national level and consists of a written examination which, if passed, entitles students to take the oral examination. Students may prepare for this competition in an *institut universitaire de formation des maîtres (IUFM)* (University institute for the training of teachers). The certificate mentions the field of study and gives students access to a year of pedagogical training in an *IUFM* before they begin to teach. It confers the title ► *Professeur certifié*. Abbreviation: *CAPES*.

### Certificat d'aptitude au professorat des écoles

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who pass the competition to recruit teachers for nursery and

primary schools (*maternelles* and *élémentaires*). The competition is open to holders of a certificate awarded in any Member States of the EU or in an EEA country at the end of at least 3 years of post-secondary education. The competition can be prepared (optionally) in an *institut universitaire de formation des maîtres (IUFM)* (University institute for the training of teachers). The competition is organised at regional level and consists of a written and an oral examination. It confers the title ► *Professeur des écoles*. The certificate gives students access to a year of pedagogical training in an *institut universitaire de formation des maîtres* before they begin to teach. Abbreviation: *CAPE*.

### Certificat d'aptitude pédagogique

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Non-academic professional certificate awarded to intending teachers who have already received a technical certificate at lower secondary, upper secondary or higher education level and who have passed the final examination organised by the French Community. The examination consists of a written part (résumé, explanations and commentaries on a text related to the teaching function) and an oral test (a lesson determined by the examination board and an oral examination on psychology, pedagogy, methodology and the practice of teaching). Candidates can take courses of preparation in *Écoles d'enseignement supérieur de Promotion sociale* (Higher education colleges of adult education) or sit the examination directly. The certificate gives access to teaching technical subjects at lower and upper secondary levels. Abbreviation: *CAP*.

### Certificat d'aptitude professionnelle

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Vocational aptitude certificate awarded to pupils who pass the (compulsory) national final examination after 2 years of upper secondary vocational education in a branch of industry, a craft or a service sector. The examination consists of written, oral and practical tests set by the national education authorities. This

certificate can be awarded after initial training lasting 2 years in a *lycée professionnel*, in continuing education or in distance learning. It mentions the specialisation and gives access to employment. Pupils who receive the highest marks can be admitted to long-cycle technological education leading to certain types of technological certificates ► *Baccalauréat*. Holders can also undertake an additional year of specialisation. Abbreviation: *CAP*.

### Certificat d'aptitude technique et professionnelle

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

General certificate, awarded at the end of the ► *Examen de fin d'apprentissage*, at the end of the final year of education (year 12, referred to as essentially practical) to pupils who have successfully completed both the school-based and the practical training. This certificate mentions the pupil's specialisation, without indicating the marks or the subjects studied. It gives access to study for the ► *Brevet de maîtrise* and to employment. Abbreviation: *CATP*.

### Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire du deuxième degré

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the first and second stages of transitional general, technical or artistic secondary education or the first and second stages of qualifying vocational, technical or artistic secondary education. It entitles pupils to enter the third stage of transitional or qualifying education. Since 1997/98, it has replaced the ► *Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Inférieur*. Abbreviation: *CESDD*.

### Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Inférieur

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the first 2 years (observation stage) and a third

year of transitional general, technical or artistic secondary education or a third and fourth year of qualifying vocational, technical or artistic secondary education. Since 1997/98, this has been replaced by the ► *Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire du deuxième degré*. Abbreviation: *CESI*.

### **Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils on the basis of their academic results in the final year of general, technical, artistic (6 years) or vocational (7 years) upper secondary education. Most schools set an internal final examination covering the principal subjects (determined by each school). The certificate mentions the branch (type of education and section). It is the minimum qualification for access to university and non-university higher education. Holders of this certificate in a vocational branch have access only to non-university short-type higher education. They can, however, gain access to university higher education or to long-type non-university higher education by obtaining the ► *Diplôme d'Aptitude à accéder à l'Enseignement Supérieur* certificate. Abbreviation: *CESS*.

### **Certificat d'Études de Base**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Primary/lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the final school year or the ► *Examen cantonal* or ► *Examen (inter)diocésain* final examinations set at the end of primary education (6 years). The meeting of all the teachers of the class (*conseil de classe*) can also award it to pupils who have passed the assessment of the first or second year (A or B) or the second year (C – common or P – vocational) in lower secondary education. It gives full rights of access to secondary education. Abbreviation: *CEB*.

### **Certificat d'études pédagogiques**

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

State certificate awarded by the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, marking the successful conclusion of 3 years of studies at the higher institute of studies and educational research (*Institut supérieur d'études et de recherche pédagogiques – ISERP*), following a final examination held by the Ministry and covering the curriculum of the specialisation. The certificate exists in two options – primary teaching and pre-school education. The certificate gives entitlement to participation in the competitive examination for entry to teaching in the chosen field.

### **Certificat d'études spécialisées**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who hold the ► *Diplôme d'État de Docteur* (State doctorate) in dental surgery (odontology) and who have passed the final examination set at the end of a year of post-graduate training in the same field. Final examinations are set by each institution and cover the subjects studied. The certificate attests to the highest level of knowledge in the chosen field. Abbreviation: *CES*.

### **Certificat d'Initiation Technique et Professionnelle**

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of the first stage of the two-stage apprenticeship, following a period varying from 2 to 4 years. The certificate is awarded when a pupil has passed the examination covering the different courses organised in modules. It also mentions the specialisation without indicating the marks or the subjects studied. This certificate gives access to the second stage which leads to the ► *Certificat d'aptitude technique et professionnelle*. It also gives access to employment.

### **Certificat de absolvire**

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Certificatul de absolvire

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary/higher

**Explanatory note:**

- Certificate of completion of general and specialised secondary schools awarded without a final examination to students who fail the final national examination ► *Examen de bacalaureat*. It certifies general qualification and gives access to certain schools of post-secondary education.
- Certificate of completion of post-secondary studies awarded to students who have passed the ► *Examen de absolvire*. It mentions the specialisation and certifies qualification for a trade or occupation to which it gives access.
- This certificate can also be obtained in teacher training departments, attached to universities. It is issued on the basis of school results, without a final examination. It mentions the subjects and the marks obtained during the course.
- It is also issued to students who have passed the ► *Colocviu* examination at the end of a 1-year further training course at post-graduate level. It mentions the specialisation and gives access to employment.

### Certificat de capacitate

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Certificatul de capacitate

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of lower secondary education lasting 4 years, issued to pupils who have passed the final national examination ► *Examen de capacitate*. It mentions the subjects and the results obtained in the examination. It gives access to upper secondary education.

### Certificat de Capacité Manuelle

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who have passed only the practical side of vocational training and have therefore passed only the practical subjects in the ► *Examen de fin d'apprentissage*. It mentions the specialisation, without

giving an indication of marks or subjects studied. This certificate gives access to low-skilled jobs on the labour market. Abbreviation: *CCM*.

### Certificat de fin d'études secondaires

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Upper secondary school leaving certificate awarded since 1994 to pupils who have failed the ► *Baccalauréat* examination, but who achieved an average mark of at least 8/20 over all the examinations. It certifies the pupil's examination results but does not grant access to higher education. Abbreviation: *CFES*.

### Certificat de fin de scolarité

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who complete compulsory education (9 years). There is no specific examination and it is not necessary to have passed the year; the pupil needs only to have completed the 9 years. Passing the year leads to the award of a grade. It allows those who so wish to enter working life or to continue either in upper secondary general education or in secondary technical education.

### Certificat de formation générale

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded since 1989 to young people over the age of 16 who have completed the education system without receiving a lower secondary leaving certificate. It certifies the core knowledge acquired in French, mathematics and current affairs and the preparedness of pupils in the final 2 years of specialised lower secondary education to enter social and working life (*section d'éducation spécialisée – SES* and *établissements régionaux d'enseignement adapté – EREA*), i.e. for pupils in the special education section of a *collège* or in regional special schools. Abbreviation: *CFG*.

### Certificat de Qualification

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by schools of the French Community to pupils in either the sixth or the seventh year of technical or artistic education leading to a qualifying certificate, or the sixth or seventh year of vocational secondary education, or in the context of an education programme with a reduced time-table under the same conditions as in full-time education. It gives access to employment. Abbreviation: *CQ*.

### Certificat de studii universitare de lungă durată

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Certificatul de studii universitare de lungă durată

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of university studies lasting 4 to 6 years, awarded to students who have failed the ► *Examen de licență*. It mentions the specialisation obtained during the studies. It can be obtained on simple request.

### Certificat de studii universitare de scurtă durată

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Certificatul de studii universitare de scurtă durată

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of short-term university education lasting 3 years, awarded by the institutions attended to students who fail the ► *Examen de absolvire*. It mentions the specialisation obtained during the studies. It can be obtained on simple request.

### Certificat de synthèse clinique et thérapeutique

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who pass the final examination organised following advanced university medical (4 years) or dental (odontology) studies (3 years). The examination is set by each institution and consists of

theoretical or practical examinations in the subjects studied. The certificate mentions the field of study although there is no specialisation at this level. It gives access to post-graduate university education. Abbreviation: *CSCT*.

### Certificate in (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded on completion of a 1-year or 2-year full-time course in a specified subject area in a non-university college, e.g. *Certificate in Dental Nursing*. The certificate mentions only the specialisation. It gives access to employment in certain fields and can lead to certain forms of further study.

### Certificate of Achievement

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification aimed at low-attaining pupils aged 16 who are unlikely to achieve grade G in the ► *General Certificate of Secondary Education* examinations. Offered by various independent qualification-awarding bodies in a range of subjects and regulated by the national qualifications and curriculum authorities. Assessed through school-based continuous assessment and externally set tasks and tests. Categorised as an entry level qualification within the National Framework of qualifications. There are three grades which are aligned with levels 1-3 of the National Curriculum, i.e. the levels expected of typical 5, 7, and 9 year olds. Pupils may progress to the ► *General Certificate of Secondary Education*.

### Certificate of Higher Education

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

A sub-degree level higher education qualification usually in a specialised or vocational subject. Courses are offered by universities and other higher education institutions and, in Scotland, *Colleges of Further Education*, and normally take 1 year's full-time or 2 years' part-time study, depending on the institution. Some institutions use different terms

for the qualification such as *University Certificate* or *College Certificate*. Courses are of a standard equivalent to the first year of a degree programme and may allow progression to this type of further study. Although access is not automatic, successful candidates may also progress to courses leading to membership examinations of professional associations or to employment in a related field. Individual institutions decide assessment arrangements and also what information (such as grades) is provided on the corresponding certificate; the subject area would normally be mentioned, e.g. *Certificate in Textiles*, *Certificate in Fundamentals of Accountancy*. Courses leading to the *Further and Adult Education Teachers' Certificate* are open to people with technical qualifications who wish to teach in further education institutions although the qualification does not guarantee access to employment.

#### Certificate of Sixth Year Studies

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

An optional, single-subject, advanced upper secondary examination, and the resulting qualification, taken by some pupils in a variable number of subjects (generally between 2 and 4) chosen by the pupil in the final (6th) year of secondary education following one year of study after the ► *Scottish Certificate of Education – Higher Grade* examinations. These are nationally standardised examinations organised and certificated by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). Individual examinations may include written, oral and practical components and take into account assessed course work throughout the year. The certificate indicates the subject(s) examined and the grade(s) obtained by the pupil on a scale from A to E, grades down to D being regarded as a pass. It may be taken into account, but is not a requirement, for entry to higher education. Abbreviation: *CSYS*.

#### CES

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Certificat d'études spécialisées*.

#### CESDD

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire du deuxième degré*.

#### CESI

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Inférieur*.

#### CESS

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur*.

#### CFES

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Certificat de fin d'études secondaires*.

#### CFG

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Certificat de formation générale*.

#### CITO-toets

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Primary

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of ► *Eindoets Basisonderwijs*.

#### CITP

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Certificat d'Initiation Technique et Professionnelle*.

### City & Guilds Diploma of Vocational Education Foundation level

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/Nl)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Vocational qualification designed to be taken alongside the ► *General Certificate of Secondary Education*, by 14- to 16-year-olds of all abilities. It aims to develop personal and social skills, and brings together a range of cross-curricular themes, studied within one of a range of broad vocational contexts. Pupils may progress to ► *A level*, ► *General National Vocational Qualification* or vocational qualifications.

### Civilingenjörsexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree in the field of engineering, awarded after a 4½-year programme of full-time study, which normally includes a degree project. The degree certificate normally mentions the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained. The degree gives access to employment and general eligibility for doctoral studies.

### Colocviu

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Colocviul

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held by post-graduate institutions, at the end of a 1-year further-training course. It is compulsory for obtaining the certificate ► *Certificat de absolvire*. Its content and the level of requirements depend on each institution.

### CQ

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Certificat de Qualification*.

### CSCT

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Certificat de synthèse clinique et thérapeutique*.

### CSYS

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Certificate of Sixth Year Studies*.



### DAES

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Abbreviation of ► *Diplôme d'Aptitude à accéder à l'Enseignement Supérieur*.

### DAEU

**Country:** France  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Abbreviation of ► *Diplôme d'accès aux études universitaires*.

### DEA

**Country:** Belgium (French Community), France  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
Abbreviation of ► *Diplôme d'études approfondies*.

### DEC

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
Abbreviation of ► *Diplôme d'études complémentaires*.

### Deeleindexamen

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Deeleindexamens  
**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
The partial school-leaving examination, i.e. the ► *Eindexamen* in less than the compulsory number of examination subjects in secondary

general education (school types *vbo*, *mavo*, *havo*, *vwo*). The *deeleindexamen* is taken in schools under the same conditions and at the same time as the ► *Eindexamen*. The *deeleindexamen* leads to a ► *Certificaat* for each subject passed.

### Deelstaatsexamen

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Deelstaatsexamens  
**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
The partial state examination, i.e. the ► *Staatsexamen* in less than the compulsory number of examination subjects for general secondary education (school types *mavo*, *havo*, *vwo*). The *deelstaatsexamen* is taken before a state board of examiners under the same conditions and at the same time as the ► *Staatsexamen*. It leads to a national certificate for each subject ► *Certificaat staatsexamen*.

### Delkompetansebevis

**Country:** Norway  
**Grammatical variants:**  
Delkompetansebeviset,  
Delkompetansebevisene  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
A partial-competence certificate which is awarded as documentation that the student/apprentice has completed the 3-year (possibly 5-year) training, but has not met the conditions for receiving a diploma or a ► *Fagbrev*, ► *Svennebrev* (craft/journeyman's) certificate.

## DES

**Country:** Belgium (French Community), France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Diplôme d'études spécialisées*.

## Designkandidat

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree and title awarded to students who pass final examinations at the end of 4½ years of studies at a university or another higher education institution. This certificate can also be awarded to students holding a ► *Høgskolekandidat* (3 years) who pass final examinations at the end of post-graduate university studies lasting 1½ years.

## DESS

**Country:** France, Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées*.

## DEUG

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Diplôme d'études universitaires générales*.

## DEUST

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Diplôme d'études universitaires scientifiques et techniques*.

## DI

**Country:** Austria

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of the title ► *Diplom-Ingenieur*. Titles obtained through study at a *Fachhochschule* are followed by the abbreviation *FH*.

## Didaktor (+ specialisation) (Διδάκτωρ)

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:**

Διδάκτορα, Διδάκτορες, διδάκτορ-\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who already hold the diploma ► *Didaktoriko Diploma*. It is followed by the name of the field concerned.

## Didaktoriko Diploma (+ specialisation)

(Διδακτορικό Δίπλωμα)

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:**

Διδακτορικού Διπλώματος, Διδακτορικά

Διπλώματα, διδακτορικ-\* δίπλωμ-\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma of completion of post-graduate studies, lasting a minimum of 3 years, awarded by the university to

- students who already hold the diploma ► *Metapychiako Diploma Eidikefsis sti(n)* in the field concerned, after preparation of a doctoral thesis which has been presented in public and passed by a seven-member university committee which assesses the original version of the thesis and judges whether it makes a contribution to the field of knowledge; and
- to students who have not obtained a ► *Metapychiako Diploma Eidikefsis sti(n)* (Specialist Postgraduate Degree), but only a ► *Ptychio* (degree), on the basis of legally stipulated admission procedures and only for subject areas for which there are no organised post-graduate courses, after these students have prepared a doctoral thesis as in the previous case. It confers the title ► *Didaktor* (Doctor) followed by the name of the subject of specialisation.

## Dip.H.E.

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Diploma of Higher Education*.

## Dipl. Arch. FH

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Diplom-Architekt FH* ► *Diplom*.

**Dipl.-Ing.**

**Country:** Austria

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of the title ► *Diplom-Ingenieur*. Titles obtained through study at a *Fachhochschule* are followed by the abbreviation *FH*.

**Dipl. Ing. FH**

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Diplom-Ingenieur FH* ► *Diplom*.

**Diplom**

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomý, diplom\*

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded to pupils who have passed the ► *Absolutorium* final examination at the end of specialised post-secondary technical education lasting 2 or 3 years or of conservatoire education lasting 6 to 8 years. The specialisation is mentioned. Students may enter employment. Holders of this diploma are called ► *Diplomovaný specialista v oboru*.

**Diplom**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Diplome, Diplom\*

**Level of education:** Higher/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

- Qualification at higher education level giving access to a profession awarded by universities and equivalent institutions of higher education in the economics and social sciences and in the natural sciences and engineering in particular, *Fachhochschulen* in any subject area and *Musikhochschulen* or *Kunsthochschulen*. The standard period of study averages 8 to 9 semesters (4 to 4½ years). Studies at *Fachhochschulen* include one or two semesters of practical experience spent

outside the institution. After passing the ► *Diplomprüfung*, the student receives a report indicating the results of the examination and the subject of the dissertation and the marks for it. It may also give the field of study and main subjects. At the same time as the report, the student also receives the *Diplom* certificate testifying to the award of the *Diplom* degree. Those awarded by *Fachhochschulen* have suffixed *Fachhochschule (FH)*.

- In tertiary sector other than in higher education institutions, *Berufsakademien* can award a *Diplom* – with the suffix *BA (Berufsakademien)* – in certain subject areas. The education lasts 3 years in the form of a *duales System*, i.e. a combination of practical vocational education in a firm and specialised education in an academic institution (*Studienakademie*). The certificate gives access to a profession.

**Diplom (+ field of study)**

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomý, Diplom\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

- Diploma certifying the completion of short-term university studies (3 or 4 years) awarded to students who have passed the ► *Štátna skúška* examination and defended a final written dissertation (*obhajoba záverečnej práce*). It gives access to employment and/or to university studies at master's level. It confers the title ► *Bakalár*.
- Diploma certifying the completion of long-term university studies (4 to 6 years), awarded to students who have passed the ► *Štátna skúška* examination and defended a final written dissertation (*obhajoba diplomovej práce*). It gives access to employment and/or post-graduate studies. It confers the title ► *Magister*, ► *Inžinier* or ► *Doktor* (in the field of medicine or veterinary medicine).
- Diploma certifying the completion of university studies awarded to the students who have obtained the title ► *Magister* and passed the ► *Rigorózná skúška* examination and defended a final written dissertation (*obhajoba rigoróznaj práce*).

It confers the title ► *Doktor* in the field studied. It gives access to the relevant profession and/or post-graduate studies.

- Diploma certifying the completion of post-graduate studies, awarded following 3 years' full-time to 5 years' part-time scientific or artistic studies, to students who have defended a final written dissertation (*obhajoba dizertačnej práce*). It gives access to employment. It confers the title ► *Philosophiae doctor*.

### Diplom (+ name of profession)

**Country:** Belgium (German-speaking Community)

**Grammatical variants:** Diplome, Diplom\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who pass the final examination at the end of 3-year non-university courses in a nursing school or teacher training college. The final examination includes examinations in all subjects covered and a final written dissertation, that must be presented to an examination board. The certificate notes the specialisation, the title of the final dissertation, subjects taken and examination results. It entitles students to exercise the profession concerned and gives access to further study at university.

### Diplom (+ professional sector)

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Diplome, Diplom\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/higher

**Explanatory note:**

- Diploma of vocational competence awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Diplomprüfung* at the end of upper secondary level courses in the areas of paramedical specialities and the higher levels of health care and nursing. It is awarded along with the ► *Diplomprüfungszeugnis*. The title *Diplom* is always followed by the designation of the relevant professional field, e.g. *Diplomierte Gesundheits- und Krankenschwester* (qualified nurse). It is a qualification giving access to the profession.
- Diploma awarded to students who pass the ► *Diplomprüfung* at the end of higher non-university courses of study in social work

or paramedical colleges (minimum duration 3 years). The term is always used with an indication of the professional sector concerned, e.g. *Diplomsozialarbeiter* (qualified social worker). Holders are entitled to work in the relevant sector.

### Diplom (+ professional sector)

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:** Diplome, Diplom\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional qualification awarded to students who pass the ► *Diplomprüfung* at the end of the main course of study (*Hauptstudium*) (2 years following the ► *Vordiplom*) in architecture and engineering at the *Fachhochschule Liechtenstein*. The title conferred by this qualification is the professional designation followed by the abbreviation *FH* (*Fachhochschule*), e.g. *Diplom-Architekt FH*, *Diplom-Wirtschaftsinformatiker FH*.

Abbreviations: *Dipl.Arch. FH*, *Dipl.Ing. FH*.

### Diploma (+ specialisation) (Δπλώμα)

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:**

Δπλώματος, Δπλώματα, διπλωμ-\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma of completion of university studies, varying from 4 to 6 years, awarded by an institution of polytechnic higher education (*Polytechnio*) to candidates who have passed the examinations in all of the subjects studied. The diploma mentions the specialisation, the title, the overall mark and the grade obtained. It gives access to employment, in the field of the specialisation, as well as to post-graduate studies. Synonym of ► *Ptychio*.

### Diplomă de absolvire

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de absolvire

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification certifying the completion of upper secondary vocational studies (*Școala profesională* and *Școala de ucenici*) or short university studies (3 years), issued to students who have passed the ► *Examen de absolvire*.

In all cases, it mentions the specialisation obtained. It gives access to the profession or (for students of university level) to university studies lasting 4 to 5 years in a field similar to that of the specialisation.

### Diplomă de bacalaureat

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de bacalaureat

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification certifying the completion of general and specialised upper secondary education, issued by the secondary schools to students who have passed the final national examination ► *Examen de bacalaureat*. It mentions the subjects and the results obtained in the examination. It is a basic qualification for entry to higher education.

### Diploma de Conclusão da Parte Curricular do Mestrado

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomas de Conclusão da Parte Curricular do Mestrado

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded by universities to students who successfully complete the taught curricular part of specialised study for the ► *Carta Magistral* degree. Assessment covers both the written work presented and oral and written examinations and these are marked on a scale from 0 to 20.

### Diplomă de doctor

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de doctor

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification in various domains awarded by the institutions accredited by the Ministry of National Education, to students who have passed the examination ► *Teză de doctorat* at the end of a doctoral programme lasting 4 years. It mentions the specialisation and confers the title ► *Doctor*. It gives access to employment.

### Diploma de Ensino Básico

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomas de Ensino Básico

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of the 9 years of compulsory education (*Ensino Básico*) which is divided into three stages, to pupils who are successful in the final assessment of the third stage but with no final examination. It is awarded by the school board. It mentions the subjects and the level. It entitles pupils to proceed to upper secondary education.

### Diploma de Estudos Secundários

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:**

Diplomas de Estudos Secundários,

Diplomas de Fim de Estudos Secundários

**Level of education:** Upper Secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of the 3 years of upper secondary courses, either general (*CG*) or technological (*CT*) and of vocational education courses, to pupils who pass the final assessment laid down in the curriculum. The certificate indicates the subjects taken and the final assessment. In the special case of foreign languages, the number of years of learning is mentioned. It is the minimum qualification required for entry to higher education.

### Diplomă de licență

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de licență

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification certifying the completion of university studies lasting 4 to 6 years, awarded to students who pass the examination ► *Examen de licență*. It mentions the specialisation obtained and confers the title ► *Licențiat*. It gives access to employment and/or to specialised post-graduate or doctoral studies.

### Diplomă de merit

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de merit

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded at the end of general and specialised secondary schools to students who have obtained a minimum score of 9.5 (on a scale of 1 to 10) during all of the years of

study and a maximum of 10 in the final national examination ► *Examen de bacalaureat*. It certifies the student's exceptional results.

### Diploma de Qualificação Profissional de Nível II

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomas de Qualificação Profissional de Nível II

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who have completed a course in initial vocational training or a level II vocational qualification course in a vocational school or a set of technical training supplementary credits in second chance education, qualifying for a given occupation. There is no examination. The certificate mentions the subjects, the level of the course, and its equivalence to the ► *Diploma de Ensino Básico*. It gives access to employment.

### Diploma de Qualificação Profissional de Nível III

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomas de Qualificação Profissional de Nível III

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to successful pupils at the end of a 3-year upper secondary technological course (*CT*) or of an upper secondary vocational education course. The certificate issued by vocational schools shows the final assessment based on the pupil's subject average grade and the final assessment in the ► *Prova de Aptidão Profissional*. This latter confers the title of intermediate technician and gives access to employment.

### Diplomă de specializare postuniversitară

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:**

Diploma de specializare postuniversitară

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Specialist qualification issued at the end of a 1-year supplementary post-graduate course to students who pass the final examinations held by each institution. It mentions the

specialisation. It gives access to employment in the field of the specialisation.

### Diplomă de studii academice postuniversitare

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de studii academice postuniversitare

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded at the end of 2 to 3 years of academic courses by post-graduate institutions (independent or attached to institutions of higher education) to candidates who pass the final examination, of which the content and the level of requirements depend on each institution. It mentions the specialisation and gives access to employment.

### Diplomă de studii aprofundate de Master

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de studii aprofundate de Master

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded to students who pass the examination ► *Dizertație* at the end of advanced post-graduate studies lasting 1½ to 2 years. It mentions the specialisation obtained and confers the title ► *Master (magister)*. This qualification gives access to the relevant profession.

### Diplomă de studii aprofundate de specializare

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de studii aprofundate de specializare

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded to students who pass the examination ► *Dizertație* at the end of advanced post-graduate studies lasting 1 year. It mentions the specialisation obtained and this qualification gives access to the relevant profession.

### Diploma di abilitazione all'insegnamento nelle scuole materne

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi di abilitazione all'insegnamento nelle scuole materne

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded by teacher-training schools for pre-primary education (*scuola magistrale*), at the end of studies lasting 3 years, to pupils who pass the final examination ► *Esame di abilitazione all'insegnamento nelle scuole materne*. It includes the name of the specialisation and the mark obtained. This diploma gives access to pre-primary school teaching.

Note: However, with the implementation of the amending law of 1990, these courses will be phased out, the last courses under this system having begun in 1997/98.

**Diploma di Accademia di Belle Arti**

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:**

Diplomi di Accademia di Belle Arti

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded by Academies of Fine Arts (*Accademia di Belle Arti*), at the end of studies lasting 4 years, to students who pass the examinations in all of the subjects, plus the final test. This test consists of writing and presenting an assignment on a subject concerning art, as well as the creation of a number of works in the student's artistic field. The diploma mentions the field and the title (e.g. *Diploma di licenza in pittura* for studies in painting). It gives access to employment in the field concerned and to the national examination *Esame di abilitazione all'insegnamento* for candidates wishing to teach.

**Diploma di educazione fisica**

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:**

Diplomi di educazione fisica

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded by higher institutes of physical education (*Istituto Superiore di Educazione Fisica – ISEF*), at the end of studies lasting 3 years, to students who pass the examinations in all of the subjects, plus the final test which consists of writing and presenting an assignment. The candidate's achievements throughout the studies are also taken into consideration. The diploma mentions the field and the mark obtained. It

entitles students to proceed to post-graduate study and to the national examination *Esame di abilitazione all'insegnamento*, which gives access to posts of physical education teacher.

Note: The *ISEF* are becoming Faculties of Motor Science as from 1999/2000 and the qualifications awarded will then be the ► *Diploma Universitario*, ► *Diploma di Laurea* or the ► *Diploma di Specializzazione*.

**Diploma di Laurea**

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi di Laurea

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded by university institutions, at the end of studies lasting from 4 to 6 years, to students who pass the examinations in all subjects (► *Esame di profitto*), plus the final examination ► *Esame di laurea*. The diploma mentions the field, the title, the subjects studied, and the grade only if it is the maximum grade. Upon special request, the candidate may receive a certificate setting out all the marks received in each subject. The title conferred is ► *Dottore/Dottoressa*. It gives access to employment, to post-graduate study (e.g., to studies leading to the diploma ► *Dottorato di Ricerca*) and to the national examination *Esame di abilitazione all'insegnamento* for candidates wishing to teach. Abbreviation: *DL*. Standard name: *Laurea*.

**Diploma di licenza elementare**

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi di licenza elementare

**Level of education:** Primary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of primary education, lasting 5 years, to pupils who pass the final examination ► *Esame di licenza elementare*. This certificate mentions the general assessment of the pupil's abilities and gives access to secondary education.

**Diploma di licenza media**

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi di licenza media

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by the school at the end of lower secondary education, lasting 3 years, to pupils who pass the final examination ► *Esame di licenza media*. This certificate mentions the general assessment of the pupil's abilities by an examining board, and gives access to upper secondary education.

**Diploma di maestro d'arte**

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi di maestro d'arte

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded at the end of the first cycle of secondary education art studies, lasting 3 years, in an *istituto d'arte*, to pupils who pass the final examination ► *Esame di licenza di maestro d'arte*. The diploma includes the name of the specialisation and the marks obtained. The title conferred is ► *Maestro d'arte*. This diploma gives access to employment or to the second cycle of secondary education art studies in an *Istituto d'arte*.

**Diploma di maturità**

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi di maturità

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma valid until 1998 awarded by the school at the end of upper secondary education, lasting from 4 to 5 years depending on the type of school, to pupils who pass the final examination ► *Esame di maturità*. It includes the name of the specialisation and the general assessment mark obtained. Depending on the type of school, this diploma is a basic requirement for entry to higher education (candidates having followed 4 years of upper secondary education must still complete an extra year of study), as well as to employment. Starting from 1998/99, it is replaced by the ► *Diploma di superamento dell'esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore*.

**Diploma di qualifica**

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi di qualifica

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded at the end of the first stage of vocational secondary education, lasting 3 years, in an *istituto professionale*, to pupils who pass the final examination ► *Esame di qualifica*. The diploma includes the name of the specialisation and the marks obtained. The title conferred is ► *Operatore*. This diploma gives access to employment, as well as to second stage of vocational secondary education in an *istituto professionale* or to specialisation courses in regional vocational training institutions.

**Diploma di Specializzazione**

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:**

Diplomi di Specializzazione

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded by university institutions at the end of extra specialisation studies at post-graduate level, lasting at least 2 years, to students who pass the examinations in all subjects, as well as the final examination ► *Esame di specializzazione*. It mentions the specialisation and the grade only if it is the highest grade. It gives access to employment. Abbreviation: *DS*.

**Diploma di superamento dell'esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore**

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi di superamento dell'esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma which, from 1998/99, replaces the ► *Diploma di maturità*. It is awarded by the school at the end of upper secondary education, lasting from 4 to 5 years, to pupils who pass the final examination ► *Esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore*. It includes the name of the specialisation, the length of studies, the general assessment mark obtained, the sum of the marks of the three written examinations, the mark of the oral examination, the formative

evaluation and the school credits. Depending on the type of school, this diploma is a basic requirement for entry to higher education (candidates having followed 4 years of upper secondary education must still complete an extra year of study), as well as to employment. Titles conferred are ► *Tecnico* for the *istituto professionale* (second stage) and ► *Perito* for the *istituto tecnico*.

### Diploma Epaggelmatikis Katartissis (Δίπλωμα Επαγγελματικής Κατάρτισης)

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:**

Διπλώματος, Διπλώματα, διπλωμ-\*

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma of completion of post-secondary studies, lasting 4 semesters (or 2 for students who have followed the programme of upper secondary education in an *Eniaio Polykladiko Lykeio* or in a *Technico-Epaggelmatiko Lykeio*). It is awarded by a vocational training institution (*Instituto Epaggelmatikis Katartissis – IEK*) to students who pass the examinations in all of the subjects studied, obtain the certificate of completion of their practical training placement (*Vevaiossi Epaggelmatikis Katartissis*) and pass the final examination before an examining board (*Kendriki Exetastiki Epitropi Pistopoiissis Epaggelmatikis Katartissis*) appointed by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs. The diploma gives access to employment in the field of the specialisation.

### Diploma havo, mavo, mavo/vbo, mbo, vbo, vwo

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Havo-, mavo-, mavo/vbo-, mbo-, vbo-, vwo-diploma, -diploma's

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviations of ► *Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*, ► *Diploma middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*, ► *Diploma middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs*, ► *Diploma middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*, ► *Diploma voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs*, ► *Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs*.

### Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma's hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of upper secondary general education (*havo*). Diploma granted to pupils who pass the ► *Eindexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs* in the final 5th year of *havo*. The model of the diploma is prescribed by the Minister for Education. The diploma mentions the school type and the subjects passed. A list of marks mentions for each examination subject the marks in the internal school examination ► *Schoolexamen* and the national examination ► *Centraal examen*; the final marks and the result of the school-leaving examination ► *Eindexamen*. The diploma grants access to higher vocational education (*hbo*).

### Diploma in (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification usually awarded to students who successfully complete a course of 1, 2 or 3 years in non-university or university higher education, e.g. *Diploma in Business Studies*. The diploma mentions only the specialisation. It gives access to employment in certain fields and can lead to certain forms of further study.

### Diploma middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma's middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of lower secondary general education (*mavo*). Diploma granted to pupils who pass the ► *Eindexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs* in the final 4th year of *mavo*. The model of the diploma is prescribed by the Minister for Education. The diploma mentions the school type, the subjects passed and the level at which the programme has been studied. A list

of marks mentions for each examination subject the level at which the programme has been studied, the marks in the internal school examination ► *Schoolexamen* and the national examination ► *Centraal examen*, the final marks and the result of the school-leaving examination ► *Eindexamen*. The diploma grants access to vocational education.

### Diploma middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma's middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of *mavo/vbo* (lower secondary general education/pre-vocational education) for which pupils must take theoretical subjects plus one vocational subject at level C, the second highest available. Diploma awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Eindexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs* in the final 4th year of *mavo/vbo*. The model of the diploma is prescribed by the Minister for Education. The diploma mentions the school type, the subjects passed and the level at which the programme has been studied. A list of marks mentions for each examination subject the level at which the programme has been studied, the marks in the internal school examination ► *Schoolexamen* and the national examination ► *Centraal examen*, the final marks and the result of the school-leaving examination ► *Eindexamen*. The joint qualification gives access to vocational education. To be accepted for full-length vocational training-courses, pupils require three subjects at level C.

### Diploma middelbaar beroepsonderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma's middelbaar beroepsonderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Exit qualification, awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Examen middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*, the leaving examination of a secondary vocational education course varying in length between 2 and 4 years (*opleiding middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*). The model of this diploma is prescribed by the Minister for Education. It mentions the name of the sector (*sector*), the department (*afdeling*), the name and level of the course (*opleiding*) and the examination subjects passed. There is a separate list of marks for each subject (also mentioning the name of the sector etc.). The diplomas of 3- and 4-year courses grant access to higher vocational education (*hbo*).

**Note:** Gradually to be replaced by the diploma's under the law on adult and vocational education, introduced in 1996 (*Wet educatie en beroepsonderwijs*). See ► *Diploma opleiding beroepsonderwijs*.

### Diploma of Higher Education (+ field of study)

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

A sub-degree level higher education qualification usually in a specialised or vocational subject, for example, Nursing or Industrial Minerals Technology. Courses are offered by universities and other higher education institutions and normally take 2 years' full-time study, although some institutions offer 1-year courses. Some institutions use different terms for the qualification, such as *University Diploma* in (+ specialisation) or *College Diploma* in (+ specialisation).

Courses are of a standard equivalent to the first 2 years of a degree programme and normally allow progression to further study for a full first degree. Although access is not automatic, successful candidates may also progress to courses leading to membership examinations of professional associations or to employment in a related field. Individual institutions decide assessment procedures and also what information (such as grades) is provided on the corresponding certificate; the subject area would normally be mentioned. Abbreviation: *Dip.H.E.*

### Diploma opleiding beroepsonderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma's opleiding beroepsonderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Exit qualification, awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Examen beroepsonderwijs*, the leaving examination of a vocational training course (*opleiding beroepsonderwijs* or *beroepsopleiding*). Vocational training courses are provided at four levels of qualification, varying in study load, expressed in years of study (2 to 4 years in general). The model of this diploma is not prescribed by the Minister for Education. The competent authority of the institution draws up its own teaching and examination regulations, and these are submitted to the Inspectorate for approval. The competent authority of the institution issues the diploma.

### Diploma secundair onderwijs

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma's secundair onderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded to pupils who pass the final examinations (written and oral) held at the end of a 3-year course of upper secondary general, technical, art or vocational education. In vocational education, it is awarded only to pupils who have already obtained the ► *Getuigschrift (tweede graad secundair onderwijs)* (certificate of upper secondary education). The examinations are set by the individual school and cover all the subjects studied. In the vocational, technical and art branches, there is a practical examination (*geïntegreerde proef*) at the end of the second and seventh years and this forms part of the overall assessment. It is a basic requirement for admission to higher education.

### Diploma staatsexamen

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:**

Diploma's staatsexamen

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of secondary general education (*mavo, havo, vwo*), granted to pupils who pass the ► *Staatsexamen* before a state board of examiners. The model of the diploma is prescribed by the Minister for Education. The diplomas awarded via the *staatsexamen* are:

*Diploma staatsexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs, Diploma staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs, Diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs.*

The diplomas of the *staatsexamen* are equivalent to these granted after the ► *Eindexamen*:

► *Diploma middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs, ► Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs, ► Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs.*

### Diploma staatsexamen havo, mavo, vwo

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:**

Diploma's staatsexamens havo, mavo, vwo

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Diploma staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs, Diploma staatsexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs, Voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs.* See ► *Diploma staatsexamen.*

### Diploma staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:**

Diploma's staatsexamens hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *Diploma staatsexamen.*

### Diploma staatsexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:**

Diploma's staatsexamens middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *Diploma staatsexamen.*

### Diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:**

Diploma's staatsexamens voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *Diploma staatsexamen*.

### Diploma Superiore per le Industrie Artistiche

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi Superiori per le Industrie Artistiche

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded by higher institutes of the art industry (*Istituto Superiore per le Industrie Artistiche – ISIA*), at the end of studies lasting 4 years, to students who pass the examinations in all of the subjects, plus the final test which consists of writing and presenting an assignment on a practical project. The candidate's achievements throughout the studies are also taken into consideration. The diploma mentions the field, the specialisation (e.g. *Diploma di disegno industriale*, for the diploma in industrial design), as well as the mark obtained. It gives access to employment in the field concerned.

### Diploma Universitario

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi Universitari

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded by university institutions, at the end of a first period of study lasting 2 to 3 years, to students who pass the examinations in all subjects, plus the final examination ► *Esame di diploma universitario*. The diploma mentions the field, the title, the subjects studied, and the grade only if it is the maximum grade. Upon special request, the candidate may receive a certificate setting out all the marks received. The title conferred is ► *Diplomato universitario* (+ field of study). It gives access to the second cycle of university studies leading to the diploma ► *Laurea*, as well as to employment. Abbreviation: *DU*.

### Diploma voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:**

Diploma's voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of pre-vocational education (*vbo*). Diploma granted to pupils who pass the ► *Eindexamen voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs* in the final 4th year of *vbo*. The model of the diploma is prescribed by the Minister for Education. The diploma mentions the school type, the specialisation, the subjects passed and the level at which the programme has been studied. A list of marks mentions for each examination subject the level at which the programme has been studied, the marks in the internal school examination ► *Schoolexamen* and the national examination ► *Centraal examen*, the final marks and the result of the leaving examination ► *Eindexamen*. The diploma grants access to vocational education.

### Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma's voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of pre-university education (*vwo*). Diploma granted to pupils who pass the ► *Eindexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs* in the final 6th year of *vwo*. The model of the diploma is prescribed by the Minister for Education. The diploma mentions the school type, the specialisation (*Gymnasium* or *Atheneum*) and the subjects passed. A list of marks mentions for each examination subject the marks in the internal school examination ► *Schoolexamen* and the national examination ► *Centraal examen*, the final marks and the result of the leaving examination ► *Eindexamen*. The diploma grants access to university education (*wo*) or to higher vocational education (*hbo*).

### Diploma za doktor na naukite (Диплома за доктор на науките)

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi za doktor na naukite

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded by a specialised state body (*Висша атестационна комисија* – Higher Attestation Commission) to candidates who have publicly defended a thesis relating to an individual or original scientific research project (without duration given). It gives access to employment. It confers the title ► *Doktor na naukite* in the field of research pursued.

### Diploma za sredno obrazovanie (Диплома за средно образование)

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi za sredno obrazovanie

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of upper secondary general education including the orientation and technical sections, awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Zrelosten izpit* final examination. It indicates the specialisation, the average of the marks in general courses and orientation courses obtained during the last 3 years of study, and the marks in the final examination. It gives access to employment and is a qualification for entry to higher education.

### Diploma za sredno-spetzialno obrazovanie (Диплома за средно-специално образование)

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi za sredno-spetzialno obrazovanie

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who have passed the ► *Zrelosten izpit* final examination at the end of upper secondary technical education lasting 4 or 5 years (*Technikum*). It indicates the average of the marks in the general courses and the vocational training courses obtained during the studies and the marks in these examinations. It gives access to employment and is a qualification for entry to higher education.

### Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie (Диплома за завършена степен на висшето образование)

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree certifying the completion of higher non-university studies lasting 3 years or university studies lasting 4 to 5 years. It confers the title ► *Specialist po* (non-university studies), ► *Bakalavur* (first cycle of university studies) or ► *Magistur* (second level of university studies). It is awarded to students who have defended a final thesis or passed the ► *Durjaven izpit* examination. The certificate indicates the average of the marks obtained in all the examinations taken throughout the period of study, an assessment of the thesis, its title and the specialised field. This is always accompanied by a list of the marks. It gives access to the second level of university studies (for graduates from the first level), to post-graduate studies (for those graduating from the second level) and/or to employment.

### Diplomado en (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:**

Diplomada en, Diplomados en

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have received the degree ► *Diplomatura en*. It is followed by the name of the specialisation.

### Diplomato universitario (+ field of study)

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:**

Diplomata universitaria, Diplomati universitari, Diplomate universitarie

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title attributed to students who obtain the diploma ► *Diploma Universitario*. It is accompanied by the name of the field concerned.

### Diplomatura en (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomaturas en

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded at the end of the first cycle of university studies (3 years), generally in an *Escuela Universitaria*, to students who have passed the examinations required under the programme. It confers the title ► *Diplomado en*. The examinations are organised by each institution and cover each subject taken. The certificate mentions the specialisation (technical, scientific or artistic). It gives access to the second cycle of university studies.

### Diplôme d'accès aux études universitaires

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by authorised universities to pupils who have passed the individual examinations set at the end of a year of university preparatory education. The examination consists of written and oral tests to assess general knowledge and culture, as well as pupils' methods and techniques in terms of the requirements of higher education. It is aimed at pupils who have interrupted their initial education for at least 2 years. The certificate mentions the pupil's profile (literary or scientific). It has replaced the ► *Examen spécial d'entrée à l'université* (special university entrance examination) since 1994 and gives access to higher education. Abbreviation: *DAEU*.

### Diplôme d'Aptitude à accéder à l'Enseignement Supérieur

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by the examining board of the French Community to pupils who pass the ► *Examen d'Aptitude à accéder à l'Enseignement Supérieur* taken at the end of upper secondary education. It gives access to university higher education. Abbreviation: *DAES*.

### Diplôme d'Éducateur

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

### Explanatory note:

Qualification awarded by the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, marking the successful conclusion of 3 years of studies at the institute of educational and social studies (*Institut d'Études Éducatives et Sociales – IESS*). This training is accessible to pupils who have completed 5 years of general or technical secondary education without obtaining the ► *Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires*. At the end of the third year, students sit a final examination, administered by the Ministry. The marks of the dissertations, as well as the marks obtained during the entire course, are taken into account. The qualification mentions the chosen speciality. It gives access to occupations in the socio-educational field.

### Diplôme d'éducateur gradué

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded by the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, marking the successful conclusion of 3 years of studies at higher level at the institute of educational and social studies (*Institut d'Études Éducatives et Sociales – IESS*). The training is accessible to holders of a ► *Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires*. At the end of the third year, students sit a final examination, administered by the Ministry. For the final marks, the marks of dissertations, as well as the marks obtained during the entire course, are taken into account. The qualification mentions the chosen speciality. It gives access to occupations in the socio-educational field. Holders of this qualification bear the title of ► *Éducateur gradué*.

### Diplôme d'État d'infirmier(ère)

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded to pupils who pass the final examination at the end of upper secondary technical education (3 years) in the field of health care. The examination is organised by the Ministry of Education and covers both the theoretical and practical

aspects of the profession. It gives access to employment and to higher education.

### **Diplôme d'État de docteur (+ spécialisation)**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded to students who have received post-graduate training in a hospital and at university and defended a thesis at the end of either the short courses in medicine (8½ years), dentistry (6 years) and pharmacy (6 years) or, for those who have been successful in the competitive examination for an internship, the long courses of 10 or 11, 8 and 9 years respectively. This diploma can also be obtained at the end of a non-university post-graduate veterinary training programme (1 to 4 years and thesis defence). The diploma gives access to the relevant profession and confers the title  
▶ *Docteur* (+ specialisation).

### **Diplôme d'études approfondies**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded at the end of 1 or 2 years of post-graduate education (3 years in certain fields) to students who have already received a university or long-type non-university higher education qualification and who have passed the examinations set by the individual institution as required under the programme for each subject. The certificate mentions the field of study, subjects taken and the final mark awarded, and gives access to doctoral studies. Abbreviation: *DEA*.

### **Diplôme d'études approfondies**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded to students who have submitted a final written dissertation (*mémoire*) and passed the examinations set at the end of one year of post-graduate education. This diploma is awarded for 1 year of research on a specific topic. The written and oral final examinations are set by each institution and cover the subjects taken. The diploma mentions the specialisation. It is a

preparation for and gives access to doctoral studies. Abbreviation: *DEA*.

### **Diplôme d'études complémentaires**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of 1 year of university education (after first or second cycle university education or long-type non-university higher education) to students who have passed the examinations set by the individual institution required under the programme in each subject. The programme is aimed at complementing and extending basic education in the same or a different subject. The certificate mentions the field of study, all subjects taken, and the final mark awarded. Abbreviation: *DEC*.

### **Diplôme d'études spécialisées**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of 1 or 2 years or up to 6 years in certain science or health courses of specialised post-graduate (third-cycle) education to students who have passed the examinations set by the individual institution as required under the programme for each subject. It mentions the specialisation, subjects taken and final mark awarded. Services provided by para-medical professionals holding this qualification are eligible for refunds under the Belgian medical insurance scheme. Abbreviation: *DES*.

### **Diplôme d'études spécialisées**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Specialised diploma awarded to students (*internes*) who have received post-graduate training in medicine or pharmacy in a hospital and have passed the written and oral final examinations covering the specialisation studied. Each institute sets its own examinations. The certificate is attached to the  
▶ *Diplôme d'État de docteur* (+ specialisation) (State doctorate), mentions the specialisation and gives access to the profession (as a specialist). Abbreviation: *DES*.

### Diplôme d'études supérieures en gestion

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification marking the successful conclusion of short-term training in advanced management studies lasting 2 years at the *Centre Universitaire*, following a final examination with dissertations. In the computer science section, the preparation of a project is compulsory. The final mark also takes into consideration the marks obtained during the whole course. The examination is administered by the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training which also awards the qualification corresponding to the student's chosen section (*section informatique de gestion, section commerce et banque* or *section gestion et contrôle*). The qualification mentions the division of the student's section, as well as the marks obtained. It allows immediate entry into working life.

### Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by the *Hautes Écoles* at the end of a programme of long-type higher education lasting 1 or 2 years (after the second cycle of long-cycle higher education). This certificate is not yet available.

### Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded to students who already hold the ► *Maîtrise* (Master's) or equivalent qualification and who have passed the final examinations set at the end of a year of post-graduate education that includes an obligatory placement in a firm. The written and oral examinations are set by each institution and cover all subjects studied. Students must also submit a report on their placement. The certificate mentions the specialisation and gives access to employment. Abbreviation: *DESS*.

### Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded by the *Centre Universitaire* at the end of specialised post-graduate studies in the field of *contentieux communautaires* (1 year). This qualification will be offered from 1999/2000 onwards. Abbreviation: *DESS*.

### Diplôme d'études universitaires générales

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded to students who have passed the examinations required under the programme of undergraduate university education (2 years). The examinations are set by each institution and cover the subjects studied. The certificate mentions the major subject area and gives access either to employment or to continued university education. Abbreviation: *DEUG*.

### Diplôme d'études universitaires scientifiques et techniques

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who have passed the examinations required under the programme of short-cycle university education lasting 2 years in conjunction with a placement in a firm. Tests are set by each institution and cover the subjects studied. The certificate mentions the specialisation and gives access either to employment or to continued university education. Abbreviation: *DEUST*.

### Diplôme d'Ingénieur industriel

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification which has replaced (since the 1997/98 academic year) the ► *Diplôme d'Ingénieur technicien*. The duration of the new training course has been increased from 3 years to 4, at the higher institute of technology (*Institut Supérieur de Technologie – IST*). In order to obtain this qualification awarded by the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, the student has to sit a final examination and prepare an independent

project with a thesis. The final mark is calculated on the basis of the marks for dissertations and of success during the course. There are four specialisations: mechanical engineering, electronic engineering, civil engineering and applied computer science engineering. The qualification allows immediate access to employment, as well as the pursuit of studies in university institutions abroad. Holders of this qualification bear the title of ► *Ingénieur industriel*.

### Diplôme d'Ingénieur technicien

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification which has been replaced (since the 1997/98 academic year) by the ► *Diplôme d'Ingénieur industriel*.

### Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded for passing the ► *Examen de fin d'études secondaires*, held at the end of secondary general education (lasting 7 years). The marks obtained by the pupil in this examination appear as an annex. This qualification mentions the specialisation and gives access to all forms of higher education.

### Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires techniques

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded for passing the ► *Examen de fin d'études secondaires techniques*, at the end of upper secondary technical education. It mentions the section as well as the branches in which the pupils have been examined. It gives access to working life and to all forms of higher education.

### Diplôme de recherche technologique

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded to students who have submitted a final dissertation (*mémoire*) at the

end of 1½ or 2 years of post-graduate university education. It certifies technological research studies aimed at resolving a relevant problem in the industrial or tertiary sectors in close conjunction with a firm. The certificate mentions the specialisation and gives access to employment. Abbreviation: *DRT*.

### Diplôme de spécialisation

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by *Hautes Écoles* at the end of 1 year of education at non-university level (after short-cycle, non-university higher education).

### Diplôme de technicien

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded for passing the ► *Examen de fin d'études du technicien*, at the end of the upper stage of technician training. The qualification indicates the *division* (section) as well as the branches in which the pupils have been examined. It gives access to employment at technician level and to the pursuit of higher technical studies in the specialisation chosen in the technician training.

### Diplôme des grandes écoles

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded by the *grandes écoles* to students who have passed all the examinations called for in the programme of non-university higher education (2 to 5 years) in various specialisations. The examinations are set by each institution and vary for each specialisation. The diploma mentions the specialisation and gives access to employment or to post-graduate university education. In certain cases, it confers the title ► *Ingénieur*.

### Diplôme national de technologie spécialisée

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to holders of the ► *Brevet de technicien supérieur* or ► *Diplôme universitaire de technologie* certificate who pass the examinations required under a 1-year programme of non-university higher education in the field of technology (organised on a sandwich basis alongside training in a firm). The examinations are set by each institution and vary for each specialisation. The certificate mentions the specialisation and entitles students to enter the open competition to recruit teachers for *lycées professionnels* (vocational upper secondary schools). Abbreviation: *DNTS*.

**Diplôme universitaire de technologie**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of 2 years of university education in an *institut universitaire de technologie (IUT)* to students who pass the continuous assessment throughout their education. The certificate mentions the specialisation, gives access to employment and to further studies, and confers the title ► *Technicien supérieur*. Abbreviation: *DUT*.

**Diplomeksamen**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who pass final examinations at the end of university music studies lasting 2 years following a ► *Kandidat i musikk* or equivalent certificate. Each institution defines the content and level required in the final examination. The examination consists of a solo recital or the composition of one or more musical works. Students are assessed by two examiners of whom one is external to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate gives access to employment as a musician, singer or composer.

**Diplomeksamen (Musik)**

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomeksamenen, Diplomeksamener, Diplomeksamenerne

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded by an academy of music to students who successfully complete music studies lasting 5 years. There is continuous assessment of the performance of the student throughout and at the end of the course. Depending on the specialisation, the student may also be assessed in theoretical subjects. The degree gives access to a programme of specialisation of 2 to 4 years' duration.

**Diplomgrad**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Diplomgrade, Diplomgrad\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Academic degree, awarded on the basis of a higher education examination, that specifies the subject area, for example *Diplom-Ingenieur*, *Diplom-Psychologe*. It can be awarded by a university or equivalent higher education institution, *Fachhochschule* (with the suffix *FH*) or by some *Berufsakademien* (professional academies) (with the suffix *BA*). A *Diplomgrad* can also be awarded at the end of further study, supplementary and follow-up courses (*postgraduale Studiengänge*) in which further academic or vocational qualifications can be taken and the knowledge obtained from study or work given greater academic depth.

**Diplom-Ingenieur**

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Diplom-Ingenieurin(nen), Diplom-Ingenieure

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Academic title conferred on students who have been awarded the ► *Diplomprüfungszeugnis* at the end of technical higher education. Abbreviations: *Dipl.-Ing.* and *DI*. Titles obtained through study at a *Fachhochschule* are followed by the abbreviation *FH*.

**Diplomingeniør**

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomingeniøren, -ingeniører, -ingeniørerne

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who successfully complete the ► *Bachelorgrad* in engineering, at the end of studies lasting 3½ years in a university or an institution of non-university higher education (*Teknika* or *Ingeniørhøjskoler*). Synonym: *Bachelor of Science* (specialisation: engineering). See also ► *Bachelorgrad*.

**Diplomovaný specialista v oboru**

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:**

Diplomovaný specialisté v oboru,

Diplom\* specialist\* v oboru

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Diplom* degree. Abbreviation: *DiS*.

**Diplomprüfung**

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomprüfungen, Diplomprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary/higher

**Explanatory note:**

- Final examination at the end of 2½ years' training for paramedical specialities and 3 years for the higher levels of health care and nursing. Pupils who pass the examination receive the ► *Diplomprüfungszeugnis* and the diploma of vocational competence ► *Diplom* (+ professional sector).
- Final examination at the end of 2 years' post-secondary commercial, social and technical-vocational courses at a *Kolleg*. The examination is organised internally by the institution and takes place before a board. Pupils who pass the examination receive the ► *Diplomprüfungszeugnis*.
- Final examination at universities and *Fachhochschulen* (minimum duration 4 years) and also at social work or paramedical colleges and academies for midwifery (non-university, minimum duration 3 years). The examination is organised internally by the institution and takes place before a board. Content is related to the individual course of study. It includes a written dissertation or examination and oral examinations.

Successful students receive the ► *Diplomprüfungszeugnis*, while those in the colleges also receive the diploma of vocational competence, the ► *Diplom* (+ professional sector).

**Diplomprüfung**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomprüfungen, Diplomprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Higher/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination for the award of a ► *Diplom* by a university or equivalent higher education institution or *Fachhochschule*, *Kunsthochschule* or *Musikhochschule*. In tertiary education other than in a higher education institution, some *Berufsakademien* also set this final examination. The examination consists of a dissertation (*Diplomarbeit*) and oral and written examinations in the relevant subjects (*Fachprüfungen*) or artistic and creative examinations at a *Kunst-* or *Musikhochschule*.

**Diplomprüfung**

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:** Diplomprüfungen, Diplomprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination of the *Fachhochschule* Liechtenstein taken at the end of the main course of study (*Hauptstudium*) in architecture or engineering. Obligatory for obtaining the ► *Diplom* and the professional designation. The examination requirements and content are set internally by the institution. The examination includes written and/or oral examinations and the preparation of a dissertation.

**Diplomprüfungszeugnis**

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:**

Diplomprüfungszeugnisse,

Diplomprüfungszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary/higher

**Explanatory note:**

- Certificate awarded for passing the ► *Diplomprüfung* at the end of upper secondary level courses in the areas of paramedical specialities and the higher levels of health care and nursing, along with the diploma of professional competence ► *Diplom* (+ professional sector). The individual examinations are listed on the *Diplomprüfungszeugnis*.
- Certificate awarded for passing the ► *Diplomprüfung* at the end of post-secondary level courses. It indicates the specialisation and entitles holders to exercise a profession in the relevant vocational branch.
- Final degree certificate testifying to success in the ► *Diplomprüfung* at universities and *Fachhochschulen*. It indicates the field and branch of study or *Fachhochschule* course of study. Holders are entitled to exercise the relevant profession or to commence study for a doctorate. Evidence of passing the ► *Diplomprüfung* leads to the conferring of the academic title ► *Magister* (+ specialisation) or ► *Diplom-Ingenieur*.

**DiS.**

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Diplomovaný specialista v oboru*.

**Dizertație**

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Dizertația

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination of completion of advanced post-graduate studies lasting 1 year or 1½ to 2 years, which is compulsory for obtaining the qualification ► *Diplomă de studii aprofundate de specializare* or ► *Diplomă de studii aprofundate de Master* conferring the title ► *Master (magister)*. It is organised by the educational institution. It consists of the defence of a written work, presented to a board of examiners comprised of professors.

**DL**

**Country:** Italy

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Diploma di Laurea*.

**DNTS**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Diplôme national de technologie spécialisée*.

**Docteur (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on students who have obtained the ► *Diplôme d'État de docteur* (+ specialisation) qualification. The title is always followed by the name of the field in which it was awarded, for example: *docteur en chirurgie dentaire*, *docteur en médecine* (general medicine or medical speciality), *docteur en pharmacie*.

**Docteur en (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have received the ► *Doctorat en* (+ specialisation) certificate. It is always followed by the name of the specialisation, for example, *docteur en médecine*, *docteur en médecine vétérinaire*, *docteur en sciences de l'éducation*.

**Doctor**

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title accorded to holders of a ► *Doctorate*. The title is combined with the specialisation in which the degree was taken, e.g. *Doctor of Philosophy* (abbreviation: *Ph.D.*).

**Doctor**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Doctoren, Doctors

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Academic title obtained after the successful completion of a ► *Doctoraat*. The title is conferred only by universities. The abbreviated title ► *Dr* is placed before the name.

**Doctor**

**Country:** Romania

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Academic title in different domains conferred on candidates who pass the examination ► *Teză de doctorat* and obtain the qualification ► *Diplomă de doctor* at the end of the doctoral programmes organised by university institutions or by research institutions. Abbreviation: *Dr*.

**Doctor (+ field of study)**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree and title awarded to students who submit and defend a thesis at the end of a specific course of doctoral studies lasting 3 years. The certificate mentions the subject of the thesis and its assessment. The term *doctor* is followed by the name of the field in which it was awarded, for example *doctor scientiarum* in the fields of mathematics and natural sciences. The certificate and title *doctor philosophiae* are more general and can be obtained in all fields without a specific course of studies. Students must do research at an advanced level for several years leading to the production of a thesis. Abbreviation: *Dr*; followed by the name of the field of study also in the abbreviated form.

**Doctor (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on students who have been awarded the degree of *Doctor* after the public defence of a thesis based on original research that takes at least 2 years. It is followed by the name of the field of study. The degree gives entry to the profession of university teacher.

**Doctor en (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:**

Doctora en, Doctores en

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have received the ► *Doctorado en* degree. It is always followed by the name of the specialisation.

**Doctor of (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title used by the holder of a ► *Doctorate*. Registered medical practitioners holding a first degree in medicine also use the courtesy title of doctor.

**Doctoraat**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Doctoraten

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Doctoral degree for researchers. The doctorate can be obtained only at universities and is the highest university degree. It is accessible to graduate of university or non-university higher education. Graduates have to carry out independent research and complete a thesis on the subject of their research under the supervision of a full professor, who has to give approval to publication of the thesis, which has to be defended in public. Design engineers conclude the doctorate with the production of a technological design. Most doctoral candidates achieve their degree through an official research training post, either as a trainee research assistant (*assistent in opleiding – AIO*) in a university or as a trainee researcher (*onderzoeker in opleiding – OIO*) in a research school (*onderzoekschool*). During a 4-year appointment, graduates are expected to work on research and to produce a thesis or a technological design (for design engineers). Graduates may also complete a doctorate on their own, under the supervision of a full professor. After the successful completion of the doctorate, the title ► *Doctor* is awarded. See also ► *Promotie*.

### Doctoraatsgetuigschrift

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who successfully complete a course of doctoral education covering a number of courses, seminars and colloquia related to the chosen specialisation. It is in some universities a precondition to the public defence of the thesis.

### Doctorado en (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:**

Doctorada en, Doctorados en

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Doctoral degree awarded to students who already hold the ► *Licenciado en*, ► *Ingeniero* or ► *Arquitecto* degree and have defended a thesis at the end of post-graduate studies. It confers the title ► *Doctor en* (+ specialisation) and gives access to the academic profession.

### Doctorandus

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Doctorandussen, Doctorandi

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded by a university on the basis of the ► *Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen*, to students who pass the final examination for a first degree. Abbreviation: *Drs* placed before the name. However, the titles for university graduates in the fields of engineering and agriculture are ► *Ingenieur* and in the field of law ► *Meester*. In international contexts, all university graduates may adopt the title ► *Master*.

### Doctorat en (+ field of study)

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

- Degree awarded to students who have submitted and publicly defended a research report (original dissertation) and one or more supplementary theses after 3 to 5 years of post-graduate education. The certificate mentions the specialisation,

subject of the research and supplementary thesis(es) and final mark awarded. It gives access to employment and/or further studies preparatory to the ► *Agrégation de l'enseignement supérieur*.

- Degree also awarded at the end of second-cycle university education in medicine (4 years) or veterinary medicine (3 years) to students who have already been awarded the ► *Candidature en* qualification and have passed the examinations set by the individual institution required under the programme in each subject. It mentions the subjects taken and final mark awarded. The certificate gives access to third cycle or post-graduate education and/or the profession, following enrolment in the Medical or Veterinary Register.

The certificate confers the title ► *Docteur en* followed by the name of the specialisation.

### Doctorat en (+ specialisation)

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded to students who already hold the ► *Diplôme d'études approfondies* certificate and who have defended a thesis at the end of 3 or 4 years of post-graduate university education. It entitles students to enter the competition for the recruitment of lecturers or to prepare for the ► *Habilitation à diriger des recherches* certificate (i.e. qualification required to be allowed to supervise research). It confers the title ► *Docteur* (+ specialisation).

### Doctorate

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Higher academic degree awarded 2 or 3 years after the ► *Master's degree* or, exceptionally, 3 or 4 years after the ► *Bachelor's degree* to students who have undertaken original research and completed and publicly defended a thesis. A doctorate can be obtained in most fields of study, the most common being the *Doctor of Philosophy* ► *Doctor*.

## Doctorate

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Higher academic degree normally awarded to students after 3 years of full-time individual research, on the basis of a thesis, which must be based on original research and thought, clearly presented and 'add to mankind's pool of knowledge'. The thesis is usually examined by a panel of examiners and the student subsequently undergoes an oral examination conducted by the examiners. The title awarded is normally ► *Doctor of* (Philosophy) (abbreviation: *Ph.D.* or *D.Phil.*) regardless of the field of study of the research, except for a few specialised fields, e.g. the degree of *Doctor of Musical Arts (A.Mus.D.)* and the *Doctor of Medicine (MD)*.

## Doktor

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** Doktorn, Doktorer, Doktorena

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Tohtori*.

## Doktor

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** Doktors

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who pass the ► *Doktorspróf* examination. The title ► *Dr.phil.* is awarded to arts students following completion of a doctoral programme while students who carry out independent research receive this title followed by the Latin name relative to their specialisation.

## Doktor

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Doktorzy, Doktor\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded by the faculty council or the academic council of the higher education institution to students who have obtained the ► *Dyplom doktora* qualification. Abbreviation: *Dr.*

## Doktor

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -n, -er, -erna

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title describing the holder of a ► *Doktorexamen*, with a prefix referring to the faculty, e.g. *filosofie doktor*, or the area of academic study mentioned, e.g. *doktor i medicinsk vetenskap*.

## Doktor (+ field of study)

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:**

Doktorin(nen), Doktoren

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Academic title conferred on students who have completed 2 years' study, prepared a thesis and had it accepted, passed the ► *Rigorosum* and been awarded the ► *Rigorosenzeugnis*. Depending on the regulations, successful students then have access to all academic/scientific posts. Abbreviation: *Dr.* (+ field of study).

## Doktor (+ field of study) (Доктор)

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:** Doktori

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded by a specialised state body (*Висша атестационна комисия* – Higher Attestation Commission) to students who have obtained the ► *Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie*, ► *Magistur* and who have publicly defended a doctoral thesis after at least 3-years' doctoral studies organised by the universities, specialised higher education institutions or scientific bodies. It gives access to employment as a scientist.

## Doktor (+ field of study)

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:** Doktoři, Doktor\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

- Title awarded to students of medicine or veterinary medicine who have obtained the ► *Vysokoškolský diplom* degree and the ► *Vysvědčení o státní rigorózní zkoušce* certificate. Abbreviation: *MUDr.* in the

field of medicine, and *MVDr.* in the field of veterinary medicine.

- Title awarded to holders of the ► *Magistr* degree, who have obtained the ► *Vysokoškolský diplom* degree and the ► *Vysvědčení o státní rigorózní zkoušce* certificate. It can be obtained (without a specific programme of studies) in the field of law (abbreviation: *JUDr.*), human and social sciences and educational science (abbreviation: *Ph.Dr.*), natural sciences (abbreviation: *RNDr.*), pharmacy (abbreviation: *PharmDr.*) and in the field of theology (abbreviation: *ThDr.*).
- Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Vysokoškolský diplom* degree and the ► *Vysvědčení o státní doktorské zkoušce* certificate. Abbreviation: *Ph.D.* and *Th.D.* in the field of theology.

#### Doktor (+ field of study)

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** Doktoren, doktorer, doktorerne

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who successfully complete the ► *Doktorgrad*. It is followed by the Latin name of the field concerned, usually in its abbreviated form (for example, *dr. phil.* in human sciences, *dr.scient.* in natural sciences). Abbreviation: *Dr.*

#### Doktor (+ field of study)

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Doktoren

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who successfully complete the ► *Doktorgrad*. It is followed by the Latin name of the field concerned, usually in its abbreviated form (for example, *Dr.phil.* in human sciences). Abbreviation: *Dr.*

#### Doktor (+ field of study)

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:** Doktori, Doktor\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have passed the ► *Štátna skúška* examination and obtained the

► *Diplom* in the field of medicine (*doktor medicíny*; abbreviation: *MUDr.*) and veterinary medicine (*doktor veterinárskej medicíny*; abbreviation: *MVDr.*). It is also awarded to students who have passed the ► *Rigorózná skúška* examination and obtained the ► *Diplom* in the field of natural sciences (abbreviation: *RNDr.*), pharmacy (abbreviation: *PharmDr.*), human sciences and arts (abbreviation: *PhDr.*), law (abbreviation: *JUDr.*), educational sciences (abbreviation: *PaedDr.*), theology (abbreviation: *ThDr.*).

#### Doktor der Philosophie

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Academic title awarded on successful completion of doctoral studies at the *Internationalen Akademien für Philosophie (IAP)*. Students must submit and publicly defend a doctoral thesis and take an oral examination in Philosophy. Abbreviation: *Dr.phil.*

#### Doktor habilitowany

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:**

Doktorzy habilitowani, Doktor\* habilitowan\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title certifying the highest academic level, awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Dyplom doktora habilitowanego* qualification. It is awarded by the faculty council of the institution of higher education, by the institutions of the Polish Academy of Sciences or by the scientific board of other institutions authorised and approved by the Central Commission for Academic Title and Academic Degrees. Abbreviation: *Dr hab.*

#### Doktor na naukite (Доктор на науките)

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:** Doktori na naukite

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Academic title awarded by a specialised state body (*Висша атестационна комисия* – Higher Attestation Commission) to candidates who obtain the ► *Diploma za doktor na naukite* qualification.

## Doktorátus

**Country:** Hungary

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of the title ► *Doktori cím* and of the ► *Doktori fokozat* degree.

## Doktorgrad

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** -graden, -grader, -graderne

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded to post-graduate students who have successfully defended a thesis in public after a minimum of 5 to 8 years of individual original research. It mentions the name of the field concerned. It entitles the holder to the title ► *Doktor* and may also give access to posts as full professor in higher education in the field of the specialisation. In medicine, holders of this qualification have access to the top posts in hospitals.

## Doktorgrad

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Doktorgrade, Doktorgrad\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Academic degree awarded by a university or equivalent higher education institution on the basis of a ► *Promotion* following a first professional qualification. A *Doktorgrad* entitles the recipient to use the title ► *Doktor*. The Latin title indicates the area in which the doctorate was taken and is placed in the abbreviated form before the individual's name (e.g. *Doctor philosophiae – Dr.phil.*).

## Doktori cím

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:**

Doktori cím, Doktori címek, Doktori címeke

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Doktori fokozat* degree. This title is also awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Egyetemi oklevél* degree at the end of university studies in the faculties of medicine,

veterinary medicine, dentistry and law. Abbreviation: *Dr.* (+ field of study). Synonym: *Doktorátus*.

## Doktori fokozat

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Doktori fokozatot, Doktori fokozatok, Doktori fokozatok

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded at the end of the doctoral programme to students who have passed the final ► *Doktori szigorlat* examination. It mentions the specialised subjects. This diploma gives access to employment. It confers the title ► *Doktori cím*. Synonym: *Doktorátus*.

## Doktori szigorlat

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Doktori szigorlatot, Doktori szigorlatok, Doktori szigorlatokat

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination on completion of a doctoral programme, which is compulsory for obtaining the ► *Doktori fokozat* degree conferring the title ► *Doktori cím*. It consists of the public defence, before an examining board, of a thesis, the content of which must be approved in advance by the council of doctors.

## Doktors examen

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Tohtorintutkinto*.

## Doktorsexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Doctoral degree, awarded after 4 years of full-time doctoral studies, which can be pursued in all faculties. Students write a dissertation and defend it orally in the presence of external examiners. The name of the degree refers either to the faculty, e.g. *filosofie doktorsexamen* (Doctorate of Philosophy), or to the area of academic study in which it is obtained, e.g.

*ekonomie doktorsexamen*. The degree certificate normally mentions the specialisation, the title of the dissertation and the date of the oral defence. The *doktorsexamen* qualifies for teaching at university. The corresponding title is ► *Doktor*, mentioning the faculty or area of academic study, e.g. *filosofie doktor*.

### Doktorsgráda

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** Doktorsgrádu

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded to students who pass the ► *Doktorspróf* examination. It mentions the subjects and the results obtained in the examination. It entitles the holder to occupy a teaching or research position in the university. It confers the title ► *Doktor*.

### Doktorspróf

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** -prófi, -prófs

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held following a 3- or 4-year doctoral programme to students who already hold the ► *Magister* degree. This examination is also taken by students who have carried out independent research following the ► *Meistaragráda* or ► *Kandidatsgráda*. It leads to the ► *Doktorsgráda*.

### Dott./Dott.ssa

**Country:** Italy

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Dottore in*.

### Dottorato di Ricerca

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Dottorati di Ricerca

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded by university institutions, at the end of post-graduate study and research lasting 3 years, to students who have written and defended a thesis or a graphic project before a national examining board. The diploma mentions the field, the subject of the thesis and the title. The title conferred is ► *Dottore di ricerca*. Abbreviation: *DR*.

### Dottore di Ricerca

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Dottoressa di ricerca, Dottori di ricerca, Dottoresse di ricerca

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title attributed to students who obtain the diploma ► *Dottorato di Ricerca*.

### Dottore in (+ field of study)

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Dottoressa, Dottori, Dottoresse

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title attributed to candidates having obtained the diploma ► *Diploma di Laurea*. Abbreviation: *Dott./Dott.ssa*.

### Doutor

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Doutores

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Highest academic title, conferred on students who pass the ► *Prova de doutoramento* examination.

### DR

**Country:** Italy

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Dottorato di Ricerca*.

### Dr

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doctor*, written before the name.

### Dr

**Country:** Poland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doktor*.

**Dr hab.**

**Country:** Poland  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
 Abbreviation of ► *Doktor habilitowany*.

**Dr. (+ field of study)**

**Country:** Germany  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
 Abbreviation of ► *Doktor* followed by the field of study in the abbreviated form, e.g. *Dr.phil.*

**Dr.**

**Country:** Hungary  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
 Abbreviation of ► *Doktori cím*.

**Dr.**

**Country:** Romania  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
 Abbreviation of ► *Doctor*.

**Dr. (+ field of study)**

**Country:** Austria  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
 Abbreviation of ► *Doktor* (+ field of study), e.g. *Dr.phil.*

**Dr. (+ field of study)**

**Country:** Denmark  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
 Abbreviation of ► *Doktor* followed by the field of study.

**Dr. (+ field of study)**

**Country:** Norway  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
 Abbreviation of ► *Doctor* (followed by the name of the field of study in the abbreviated form, e.g. *dr. agric.* in agriculture; *dr. psychol.* in psychology).

**Dr. (Д-р)**

**Country:** Bulgaria  
**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doktor*.

**Dr.phil.**

**Country:** Iceland  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
 Abbreviation of *Doktor philosophiae* in arts subjects. See ► *Doktor*.

**Dr.phil.**

**Country:** Liechtenstein  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
 Abbreviation of ► *Doktor der Philosophie*.

**Drs**

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
 Abbreviation of ► *Doctorandus*, written before the name.

**DRT**

**Country:** France  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
 Abbreviation of ► *Diplôme de recherche technologique*.

**DS**

**Country:** Italy  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
 Abbreviation of ► *Diploma di Specializzazione*.

**DU**

**Country:** Italy  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
 Abbreviation of ► *Diploma Universitario*.

**Durjaven izpit (Държавен изпит)**

**Country:** Bulgaria  
**Grammatical variants:** Durjavni izpiti  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
 Final state examination held in university and non-university institutions at the end of the final year of study. It is compulsory for

obtaining the ► *Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie* qualification. The content and examination requirements depend on the individual faculty. It includes written and/or oral examinations.

## DUT

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Diplôme universitaire de technologie*.

## Dyplom doktora

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Dyplomy doktora, Dyplom\* doktora

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification certifying the completion of post-graduate studies, awarded to students who have completed a minimum of 3 years of the doctoral programme and passed the ► *Egzamin doktorski* examination. It confers the title ► *Doktor*. It mentions the specialisation. It allows the holder to occupy posts in higher education or in research institutions.

## Dyplom doktora habilitowanego

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Dyplomy, Dyplom\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded to students who have passed the ► *Kolokwium habilitacyjne* examination. It confers the title ► *Doktor habilitowany*. It mentions the specialisation. It is a qualification for the most important positions at higher education level or in research institutions.

## Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Dyplomy, Dyplom\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification certifying the completion of university education, awarded by the scientific council of the faculty concerned to students who have passed the ► *Egzamin magisterski* examination following 5 to 6 years of study, or the ► *Egzamin dyplomowy* examination, following 3 to 4 years of study. It confers the title ► *Magister* (following studies lasting 5 to 6 years) and ► *Licencjat* or ► *Inżynier*, following 3 to 4 years of study. It mentions the field of study and the specialisation, the final marks and the title awarded. It gives the right to practice the relevant profession or to continue education at post-graduate level.

## Dyplom ukończenia szkoły policealnej

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Dyplomy, Dyplom

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of post-secondary education (2 or 2½ years or 1 year), awarded on the basis of school results in the final year of studies and the marks in the ► *Egzamin z przygotowania zawodowego* examination (after 2 or 2½ years of study, conferring the title ► *Technik*) or ► *Egzamin z nauki zawodu* (after 1 year of study, conferring the title of ► *Robotnik wykwalifikowany*). It gives access to the trade or occupation.



### Éducateur gradué

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded at the end of 3 years of training leading to the ► *Diplôme d'éducateur gradué*.

### Egyetemi oklevél

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Egyetemi oklevelet, Egyetemi oklevelek, Egyetemi okleveleket

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded at the end of university studies, lasting from 4 to 6 years or more, to students who have passed the final ► *Záróvizsga* examination. It mentions the specialisation and the marks obtained in the examination. It gives access to employment and/or to a doctorate. It confers the title ► *Okleveles* (+ field of study).

### Egzamin dojrzałości

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:**

Egzaminy dojrzałości, Egzamin\* dojrzałości

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

National examination, held at the end of upper secondary general education (4 years) and upper secondary technical and vocational education (5 or 4 years). It is compulsory only to obtain the ► *Świadectwo dojrzałości* certificate, required in order to gain access to higher education. It includes dissertations on Polish language and literature, and one in an

optional subject (depending on the pupil's choice), set by the regional education authorities. Oral examinations (determined by each institution) cover Polish language and literature, one foreign language and one optional subject. Synonym: *Matura*.

### Egzamin doktorski

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:**

Egzaminy doktorskie, Egzamin\* doktorski\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

National examination on completion of post-graduate studies lasting a minimum of 3 years, which is compulsory for obtaining the ► *Dyplom doktora* qualification, conferring the title ► *Doktor*. It consists of the defence of a thesis and includes two oral examinations relating to the subject of the thesis and one on a subject chosen from philosophy or economics.

### Egzamin dyplomowy

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:**

Egzaminy dyplomowe, Egzamin\* dyplomow\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

National examination on completion of short-term university studies (3 or 4 years), which is compulsory for obtaining the ► *Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych* qualification, conferring the title ► *Licencjat* or ► *Inżynier* depending on the field of study. These are defined and assessed by each faculty and vary depending on the field of study.

## Egzamin magisterski

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:**

Egzaminy magisterskie, Egzamin\* magisterski\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

National examination on completion of long-term university studies (5 to 6 years). It is compulsory for obtaining the ► *Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych* qualification which confers the title ► *Magister* or ► *Lekarz* (+ specialisation), depending on the field and duration of studies. This examination consists of the defence of a dissertation (*praca magisterska*) or, in the case of technical studies, of a practical application project. It also includes oral examinations, which vary depending on the faculty and the field of study.

## Egzamin wstępny do szkoły średniej

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:**

Egzaminy wstępne do szkół średnich, Egzamin\* wstępny\* do szkół średnich

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

National compulsory entrance examination to all upper secondary schools (except basic vocational schools – *szkoły zasadnicze*) held in order to select pupils on a basis of attainment (limited number of places). It is aimed at pupils who have obtained the certificate of completion of compulsory education ► *Świadectwo ukończenia szkoły podstawowej*. The examination includes dissertations in Polish and mathematics (certain schools may organise an oral examination in a subject related to the pupil's chosen specialisation). The content is set by the regional education authorities.

## Egzamin z nauki zawodu

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Egzaminy z nauki zawodu, Egzamin\* z nauki zawodu

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory vocational examination, held at the end of upper secondary vocational education

lasting 3 or 4 years (or post-secondary education, lasting 1 year). Its content and the level of requirements are defined by each school. Success in the theoretical and practical examinations relating to the occupation gives entitlement to the ► *Świadectwo ukończenia szkoły zasadniczej* (in basic vocational training lasting 3 years) and ► *Świadectwo ukończenia liceum zawodowego* certificates (in vocational schools lasting 4 years) and ► *Dyplom ukończenia szkoły policealnej* (in post-secondary school lasting 1 year).

## Egzamin z przygotowania zawodowego

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:**

Egzaminy z przygotowania zawodowego, Egzamin\* z przygotowania zawodowego

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory vocational proficiency examination, held by upper secondary technical schools (or post-secondary school of 2 or 2½ years) at the end of the final year of studies, to verify the practical and complete knowledge of the techniques relating to a specialisation. Its content and the level of requirements are defined by each school. Success in this examination gives entitlement to the certificate of completion of secondary technical education ► *Świadectwo ukończenia technikum zawodowego* or of post-secondary education ► *Dyplom ukończenia szkoły policealnej*.

## Eindexamen

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Eindexamens

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

School-leaving examination of *vbo*, *mavo*, *havo*, *vwo*. The eindexamen comprises two parts, an internal school examination ► *Schoolexamen* and a national examination ► *Centraal examen*. Successfully candidates are awarded one of the diplomas:

► *Diploma voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs*;  
► *Diploma middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*; ► *Diploma middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroeps-onderwijs*; ► *Diploma hoger algemeen*

voortgezet onderwijs; ► *Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs*. See also ► *Staatsexamen*.

**Note:** New-style examinations are scheduled for *havo* in the 2000/2001 school year and for *vwo* in the 2001/2002 school year (or one year earlier for the experimental schools). In the new *centraal examen* for *havo* and *vwo*, Dutch and English will be compulsory and one classical language for *vwo* (*gymnasium*), and all the subjects of the specialised component of the subject combination, opted for by the pupil. From the school year 1999/2000 (or one year earlier for the experimental schools), the pupils in the fourth year of *havo* and *vwo* opt for one of four groups of subjects prescribed by the Minister for Education. The number of compulsory examination subjects from the specialised component of the group varies between 3 and 6. (Not all subjects have the same weight).

For *vbo* and *mavo*, new-style examinations – as a consequence of an educational reform to be implemented in the school year 1999/2000 – will be administered in the 2002/2003 school year. From August 1999, the new *vmbo* (*voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*) (pre-vocational secondary education) will replace both *vbo* and *mavo*.

### **Eindexamen havo, mavo, mavo/vbo, vbo, vwo**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Havo-, mavo-, mavo/vbo-, vbo-, vwo-eindexamen

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Eindexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*, ► *Eindexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*, ► *Eindexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs*, ► *Eindexamen voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs*, ► *Eindexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs*. See ► *Eindexamen*.

### **Eindexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Eindexamens hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

School-leaving examination in the final 5th year of upper secondary general education (*havo*). It is divided into an internal school examination ► *Schoolexamen* and a national examination ► *Centraal examen*. The *havo*-examination covers six subjects. It is compulsory to sit Dutch language and literature and one modern language. Successful candidates are awarded the diploma ► *Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*.

**Note:** New-style examinations are scheduled for the 2000/2001 school year (or one year earlier for experimental schools). See ► *Eindexamen*.

### **Eindexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Eindexamens middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

School-leaving examination in the final 4th year of lower secondary general education (*mavo*). It is divided into an internal school examination ► *Schoolexamen* and a national examination ► *Centraal examen*. The *mavo*-examination covers six subjects. It is compulsory to sit Dutch plus one modern language. Successful candidates are awarded the diploma ► *Diploma middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*.

**Note:** For *vbo* and *mavo*, new-style examinations – as a consequence of an educational reform to be implemented in the 1999/2000 school year – will be administered in the 2002/2003 school year. From August 1999, the new *vmbo* (*voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*) (pre-vocational secondary education) will replace both *vbo* and *mavo*.

### **Eindexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Eindexamens middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

School-leaving examination in the final 4th year of *mavo/vbo* (lower secondary general education/pre-vocational education) for which pupils must take theoretical subjects plus at least one vocational subject at level C, the second highest awarded. Successful candidates are awarded a national diploma ► *Diploma middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs*.

Note: For *vbo* and *mavo*, new-style examinations – as a consequence of an educational reform to be implemented in the 1999/2000 school year – will be administered in the 2002/2003 school year. From August 1999, the new *vmbo* (*voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*) (pre-vocational secondary education) will replace both *vbo* and *mavo*.

### Eindexamen voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Eindexamens voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

School-leaving examination in the final 4th year of pre-vocational education (*vbo*). It is divided into an internal school examination ► *Schoolexamen* and a national examination ► *Centraal examen*. The *vbo*-examination covers six subjects, general and vocational. Pupils choose a minimum of two vocational subjects. Examinations can be taken at three levels in the case of vocational subjects and four levels in the case of general subjects. Vocational subjects have no national examination, but are issued by a *vbo*-examinations office. Successful candidates are awarded the diploma ► *Diploma voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs*.

Note: For *vbo* and *mavo*, new-style examinations – as a consequence of an educational reform to be implemented in the 1999/2000 school year – will be administered in the 2002/2003 school year. From August 1999, the new *vmbo* (*voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*) (pre-vocational secondary education) will replace both *vbo* and *mavo*.

### Eindexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Eindexamens voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

School-leaving examination in the final 6th year of pre-university education (*vwo*). It is divided into an internal school examination ► *Schoolexamen* and a national examination ► *Centraal examen*. The *vwo*-examination covers a minimum of seven subjects. It is compulsory to sit Dutch language and literature and one modern language; for *gymnasium* pupils, one classical language (Latin or Greek language and literature) is also compulsory. Successful candidates are awarded the ► *Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs*.

Note: New-style examinations are scheduled for the 2001/2002 school year (or one year earlier in experimental schools).

### Eindoets Basisonderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Primary

**Explanatory note:**

Test commissioned by the Minister for Education and developed by the National Institute for Educational Measurement (*Instituut voor Toetsontwikkeling*) to measure individual pupils' levels of attainment in the last year (year 8) of primary education (*basisonderwijs*). Optional test. The test consist of four parts each of 60 multiple choice questions, relating to language, arithmetic, data handling and 'the world around us' (*wereldoriëntatie*), the last part being optional. The test measures the performance both of the individual pupil and of the school concerned compared to other schools participating in the test. The test is taken by around 75% of all primary schools. It does not lead to any qualification, but the results are used in the school report describing the level of attainment and potential of every pupil leaving primary education. The pupil's school report is for the use of the chosen secondary school. Synonym: *CITO-toets*.

### Eksamen fra videregående opplæring

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

School-leaving certificate organised by the national authorities at the end of upper secondary education (lasting 3 years). It is a prerequisite for obtaining a ► *Vitnemål* certificate. It involves examinations in Norwegian language and literature and one or more principal subjects in the final year.

### Eksamensbevis som (+ field of study)

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** Eksamensbeviset, Eksamensbeviser, Eksamensbeviserne

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of ► *Bevis for* + (field of study).

### End of Key Stage Assessment

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Primary/lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *National Curriculum Assessment* and ► *Northern Ireland Curriculum Assessment*.

### Érettségi vizsga

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Érettségi vizsgát, Érettségi vizsga\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Final academic upper secondary school leaving examination, taken by pupils who have completed 4, 6 or 8 years of education in one of the three types of *Gimnázium* and have already obtained the ► *Gimnáziumi bizonyítvány*. The examination comprises a written part, set by the Ministry of Education, and an oral part organised by the school, both of which cover a combination of compulsory and optional specialized subjects. The compulsory subjects are Hungarian language and literature, mathematics, history and a foreign language. Successful pupils receive the ► *Gimnáziumi érettségi bizonyítvány*.

### Erikoistumistutkinto

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** tutkinno-, tutkinto-, tutkinnot

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

A specialised higher degree awarded at the end of 3 to 8 years of specialised study in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine to students who already hold a degree of ► *Lisensiaatti*. It entitles graduates to enter the profession and to use the title *Erikoislääkäri* (in medicine), *Erikoishammaslääkäri* (in dentistry) and *Erikoiseläinlääkäri* (in veterinary medicine). Swedish term: *Specialiseringsexamen* or *Yrkesinriktad påbyggnadsexamen*.

### Erweiterte Berufsbildungsreife

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Erweitert\* Berufsbildungsreife\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Term used in certain *Länder* for ► *Erweiterter Hauptschulabschluss*.

### Erweiterter Hauptschulabschluss

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Erweiterter Hauptschulabschluß, Erweitert\* Hauptschulabschluss\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

General school-leaving qualification awarded by certain *Länder* at the end of lower secondary general education to pupils who have completed the tenth school year. There is no final examination. It gives access to the *Berufsfachschule* subject to certain admissions requirements. Synonym: *Erweiterte Berufsbildungsreife*.

### Erweiterter Realschulabschluss

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Erweiterter Realschulabschluß, Erweitert\* Realschulabschluss\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

General school-leaving qualification awarded after year 10. The qualification is awarded by certain *Länder*. Pupils must have passed the tenth school year and in some cases taken a final examination and attained certain marks. In addition to the rights to which holders of a *Realschulabschluss* are entitled, the

qualification gives access to the *Gymnasiale Oberstufe* or *Fachgymnasium*. In some *Länder*, this certificate is called *Erweiterter Sekundarabschluss I*.

### Erweiterter Sekundarabschluss I

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Erweiterter Sekundarabschluss, Erweitert\* Sekundarabschluss\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym for ► *Erweiterter Realschulabschluss*.

### Esame di abilitazione all'insegnamento nelle scuole materne

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Esami di abilitazione all'insegnamento nelle scuole materne

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held at the end of training for nursery school teachers (*scuola magistrale*). Only pupils who have obtained satisfactory marks during the entire year of study may enter. The examination consists of two written tests, an oral test and a practical test. This leads to the ► *Diploma di abilitazione all'insegnamento nelle scuole materne*.

**Note:** With the implementation of the amending law of 1990, these courses will be phased out, the last courses under this system having begun in 1997/98.

### Esame di diploma universitario

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Esami di diploma universitario

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held by university institutions, in line with criteria established officially at national level, at the end of the study cycle leading to the diploma ► *Diploma Universitario*, for students who have already passed the examinations in all subjects ► *Esami di profitto*. It consists of the defence of a final written assignment before an examining board appointed by the Faculty Council. Successful completion of this examination leads to the title ► *Diplomato universitario*, followed by the name of the specialist field.

### Esame di idoneità

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Esami di idoneità

**Level of education:** Primary/lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held by state institutions of primary, lower and upper secondary education for pupils who have followed courses in an officially-recognised private school. The examination covers all of the subjects taught. Successful completion of this examination allows candidates access to the proper class of primary, lower or upper secondary state education.

### Esame di laurea

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Esami di laurea

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held by university institutions, in line with criteria established officially at national level, at the end of study leading to the diploma ► *Diploma di Laurea* for students who have already passed the examinations in all subjects ► *Esami di profitto*. It consists of the defence of a final written assignment before an examining board appointed by the Faculty Council. Successful completion of this examination gives entitlement to the title ► *Dottore in*, followed by the field of study.

### Esame di licenza di maestro d'arte

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Esami di licenza di maestro d'arte

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held by the school at the end of the first cycle of upper secondary artistic studies in an *Istituto d'Arte*. Only pupils who have obtained satisfactory marks during the final year of studies may enter. The examination consists of written and oral tests covering the entire range of subjects. It leads to the ► *Diploma di maestro d'arte*.

### Esame di licenza elementare

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:**

Esami di licenza elementare

**Level of education:** Primary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held by the school at the end of primary education. It includes two written tests and one oral test. It is taken before an examining board comprised of the class teachers and two others appointed by the teachers' council. It leads to the ► *Diploma di licenza elementare*.

### Esame di licenza media

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Esami di licenza media

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held by the school at the end of lower secondary education (*scuola media*) before an examining board. It includes three written tests in Italian, mathematics and one foreign language, as well as a test in all subjects. This examination leads to the ► *Diploma di licenza media*.

### Esame di maturità

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Esami di maturità

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

National examination valid until 1998, held at the end of upper secondary education before an examining board appointed by the ministry. Pupils are allowed to enter the examination only if they have received satisfactory marks during the final year. It includes two written tests in Italian and, depending on the branch, mathematics or Latin/Greek or a foreign language and one oral test. This examination formerly led to the ► *Diploma di maturità*. From 1998/99, it is replaced by the ► *Esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore*.

### Esame di profitto

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Esami di profitto

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examinations held by university institutions covering the individual subjects of the course curriculum leading to the ► *Diploma Universitario*, ► *Diploma di Laurea* or ► *Diploma di Specializzazione*. Successful completion of these examinations allows candidates to sit the final examination of this period of study ► *Esame di laurea*.

### Esame di qualifica

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Esami di qualifica

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held by the school at the end of upper secondary vocational education (*istituto professionale*). Pupils are allowed to sit the examination only if they have received satisfactory marks during the final year. It includes two written tests and one oral test. This examination leads to the ► *Diploma di qualifica*.

### Esame di specializzazione

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:**

Esami di specializzazione

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held by university institutions, in line with criteria established officially at national level, at the end of the period of study leading to the ► *Diploma di Specializzazione*, for students who have already passed the examinations in all subjects ► *Esami di profitto*. It consists of the defence of a final written assignment before an examining board appointed by the Faculty Council. Successful completion of this examination gives entitlement to the title ► *Specializzato in* accompanied by the specialist field.

### Esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Esami di Stato conclusivi dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

National examination which, from 1998/99, replaces the examination held at the end of upper secondary education before an examining board appointed by the ministry. Pupils are allowed to enter the examination only if they have received satisfactory marks during the final year. It includes three written tests in Italian and, depending on the branch, mathematics or Latin/Greek or a foreign language. The third test is a cross-curricular examination. There is also one oral test. This examination leads to the ► *Diploma di superamento dell'esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore*.

**Esame integrativo**

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Esami integrativi

**Level of education:** All levels

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held by the educational institution concerned for candidates who:

- are studying at any education level in Italy or abroad and wish to enrol in the equivalent year in another type of institution of the same level in Italy;
- have completed the supplementary upper secondary course of study (*corso integrativo*) lasting 1 year (after having successfully completed upper secondary studies lasting less than 5 years).

The tests are defined by the educational institution concerned. Following successful completion of this examination, candidates receive a certificate without a specific title or indication of marks giving them access to higher education.

**ESEU**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Examen spécial d'entrée à l'université*.

**Exam. oecon.**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Examinatus oeconomiae*.

**Exame de equivalência à frequência**

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:**

Exames de equivalência à frequência

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory tests to be taken by pupils in terminal subjects in years 10 and 11, and by pupils of year 12 in subjects not requiring the compulsory nationwide final examination, taken by external pupils and independent candidates in the context of general or technological courses.

**Exame final de âmbito nacional**

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Exames finais de âmbito nacional

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory nationwide final examination leading (except for pupils who have to take ► *Exame de equivalência à frequência*) to the award of the ► *Diploma de Estudos Secundários*, taken in some subjects at the end of upper secondary education (year 12) by pupils who have regularly attended officially recognized schools (internal pupils), by pupils whose attendance was for some reason interrupted or who attended schools not officially recognized (external pupils), and by independent candidates in the context of the general or technological courses.

**Examen (inter)diocésain**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Primary

**Explanatory note:**

Optional examination, organised at the end of primary education in schools in the non-State (Catholic) network. It consists of written tests covering French and mathematics set by the diocesan inspectors. Success in this examination can be taken into account in awarding the ► *Certificat d'Études de Base* certificate.

**Examen beroepsonderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:**

Examens beroepsopleidingen

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving examination for an exit qualification for a vocational training course (*opleiding beroepsonderwijs* or *beroepsopleiding*), leading to a ► *Diploma opleiding beroepsonderwijs*. Exit qualifications describe knowledge, understanding, skills and where applicable, the vocational attitude which those completing vocational training courses should possess with a view to their future career and role in society. Exit qualifications are formulated by the National Vocational Education Bodies for each sector of employment, group of sectors or occupational group. The exit qualifications are divided up into a number of partial qualifications. The leaving examination consists of units which correspond to the partial qualifications. The examination is successfully passed if all the tests leading to the partial qualifications for the educational programme are passed.

**Examen cantonal**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Primary

**Explanatory note:**

Optional examination organised at the end of primary education by certain administrative subdivisions (*cantons*) under the supervision of the cantonal inspector of primary education. The examination consists of written tests in the main subjects. Success in this examination can be taken into account in awarding the ► *Certificat d'Études de Base*. This examination is taken only by pupils in the official grant-aided communal and provincial education network and can replace the examination set by the school.

**Examen d'admission à l'enseignement secondaire général**

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Primary

**Explanatory note:**

Selection examination, held at the end of primary education which lasts 6 years. It is reserved for pupils who wish to enter secondary general education, even though, according to their marks in the official selection procedure, they have been judged to be suited to secondary technical education. The parents must lodge an appeal

against this decision for a pupil to sit the examination. The examination covers German, French and arithmetic. Pupils who pass may be admitted into secondary general education.

**Examen d'Aptitude à accéder à l'Enseignement Supérieur**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Optional examination, organised at the end of upper secondary vocational education by the examination board of the French Community. Pupils who pass this examination are awarded the ► *Diplôme d'Aptitude à accéder à l'Enseignement Supérieur*. This certificate is only intended for pupils who have passed their final year assessment in certain vocational schools and for foreign pupils.

**Examen de absolvire**

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Examenul de absolvire

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary/higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination of completion of studies, held at different levels of vocational education (upper secondary, post-secondary and higher education). The tests are devised by each institution, on the basis of criteria developed by the Ministry of National Education and approved by the national education authorities. The number of tests and their content differ according to the type, level and specialisation of the educational institution. It is compulsory for obtaining the certificate ► *Certificat de absolvire* (in schools of post-secondary education) or the qualification ► *Diplomă de absolvire* (in upper secondary vocational schools or in institutions of short-term university education).

**Examen de bacalaureat**

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:**

Examenul de bacalaureat

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Final national examination organised for general and specialised secondary schools

lasting 4 or 5 years. It is compulsory for obtaining the qualification ► *Diplomă de bacalaureat*, which gives access to higher education. The tests (written and oral) are devised by the Ministry of National Education and differ depending on the school's specialisation, or on the section. They cover Romanian language and literature, the language and literature of the linguistic minority (for pupils pursuing their studies in one of the minority languages), mathematics, history, the foreign language studied, a choice of one subject from physics, chemistry, biology and Romanian geography, and one specialist subject. In schools of general, theological, artistic or sports education, pupils are allowed to choose one human sciences subject instead of mathematics.

#### Examen de capacitate

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:**

Examenul de capacitate

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Final national examination set under national control at the end of 4 years of lower secondary general education. It is compulsory for obtaining the certificate ► *Certificat de capacitate*. It includes written, oral and practical tests (for pupils in artistic and sports schools), devised by each institution, on the basis of Ministry of National Education criteria and directives. They must be approved by the regional education authorities. The tests cover Romanian language and literature, mathematics, history and Romanian geography. Pupils from linguistic minorities must sit an extra examination covering their own language and literature.

#### Examen de fin d'apprentissage

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination marking the successful conclusion of vocational studies which takes place at the end of the final year of education (year 12, referred to as essentially practical). It is held by the school and includes a theoretical part and a practical part. This examination

gives entitlement either to the ► *Certificat d'aptitude technique et professionnelle*, or to the ► *Certificat de Capacité Manuelle*, if the pupil passes only the practical part.

#### Examen de fin d'études du technicien

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held nationally at the end of secondary technician-training studies. Success in the examination gives entitlement to the ► *Diplôme de technicien*.

#### Examen de fin d'études secondaires

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

National examination held at the end of secondary general education by the Ministry of Education and covering the subjects in the final year of the pupil's section of studies, including German as language of instruction, mathematics, sciences and a foreign language. Success in this examination gives entitlement to the ► *Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires*.

#### Examen de fin d'études secondaires techniques

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

National examination held at the end of secondary technical education by the Ministry of Education and covering the subjects in the final year of the pupil's section of studies. This examination gives entitlement to the ► *Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires techniques*, which specifies the section as well as the branches in which the pupil has been examined.

#### Examen de licență

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Examenul de licență

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination of completion of university studies lasting 4 to 6 years. It is held by the institution and is compulsory for obtaining

the qualification ► *Diplomă de licență*, conferring the title ► *Licențiat*. It consists of the defence before an examining board of a written work on a subject chosen by the student from several proposed by the faculty.

### Examen mbo

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Mbo-examen

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Examen middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*.

### Examen middelbaar beroepsonderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:**

Examens middelbaar beroepsonderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving examination for an exit qualification of a secondary vocational education course, varying in length between 2 and 4 years (*opleiding middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*), leading to a ► *Diploma middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*. The examination consists of an internal school examination and a national leaving examination. Abbreviation: *Examen mbo*.

Note: Gradually to be replaced by the examinations under the law on adult and vocational education, introduced in 1996 (*Wet educatie en beroepsonderwijs*). See ► *Examen beroepsonderwijs*.

### Examen spécial d'admission aux études universitaires de 1er cycle en sciences appliquées

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination set at the start of the academic year by the authorities of each university that confers the title ► *Ingénieur* (civil), on the basis of a programme laid down by the government of the French Community. It comprises written examinations in mathematical subjects – analysis, algebra, trigonometry and numerical

calculation, geometry and analytical geometry. The examination is compulsory and access to applied science courses is conditional on passing it. Intending students who do not have enough education in mathematics to take the examination can make this good by taking a year's preparatory course in the upper secondary schools.

### Examen spécial d'entrée à l'université

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Former entrance examination to university education, replaced since 1994 by the ► *Diplôme d'accès aux études universitaires* certificate. Abbreviation: *ESEU*.

### Examinatus oeconomiae

**Country:** Norway

**Grammatical variants:** Examinata oeconomiae

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree and title awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of undergraduate university studies lasting 3½ years in the field of economics. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations and the average of the marks in the main subjects. It gives access to post-graduate university studies in the same field. Abbreviation: *Exam. oecon.*

### Extraneï-examens

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Final school-leaving examinations for examination candidates not registered as pupils at the school, but only taking the final examination ► *Eindexamen* at the school for general secondary education under the same conditions and at the same time as pupils in full-time education.





### Facharbeiterbrief

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Facharbeiterbriefe, Facharbeiterbrief\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of vocational competence awarded in the context of vocational training in the *duales System* to pupils who pass the ► *Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung* in a recognised occupation requiring formal training (*anerkannter Ausbildungsberuf*). This certificate is always awarded along with an ► *Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule*. It gives access to the occupation and constitutes a prerequisite for access to a *Fachschule*, after pupils gain the required occupational experience, and for qualification as a master craftsman.

### Fachgebundene Hochschulreife

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Fachgebunden\* Hochschulreife\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification entitling holders to study particular subjects at a higher education institution. It can be obtained in various training courses with a vocational focus in upper secondary education. Certificated in the ► *Zeugnis der Fachgebundenen Hochschulreife*.

### Fachhochschulreife

**Country:** Germany

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification entitling holders to study at a *Fachhochschule*, or in some *Länder* at a *Berufsakademie*. It can usually be obtained by means of a final examination at the end of the twelfth school year in a *Fachoberschule* or under certain conditions in another full-time vocational school. The final examination includes written, oral and in some cases practical tests. Certified in the ► *Zeugnis der Fachhochschulreife*.

### Fachhochschulreifeprüfung

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:** Fachhochschulreifeprüfungen, Fachhochschulreifeprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Optional final examination, taken at the end of upper secondary vocational education (four years in the *duales System*, three semesters in evening classes). It leads to the certificate ► *Fachhochschulreifezeugnis*. The content of this examination is developed by each institution. It includes written tests in German, English, mathematics and physics and oral tests in mathematics, German and English, as well as in a subject to be chosen from history, political science, law and economics, or chemistry. Synonym: *Berufsmatura*.

### Fachhochschulreifezeugnis

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:**

Fachhochschulreifezeugnisse,

Fachhochschulreifezeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of upper secondary vocational education awarded to pupils who pass the examination ► *Fachhochschulreifeprüfung*. It mentions the specialisation, the subjects and the examination results. It gives access to specialised higher education (in a *Fachhochschule*), without an entrance examination.

### Fachoberschulreife

**Country:** Germany

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

School-leaving qualification generally considered equivalent to a ► *Realschulabschluss*, awarded in general education in lower secondary education at the end of year 10 and in *Berufsaufbauschulen* in upper secondary education. It is a prerequisite for admission to a *Fachoberschule*.

### Fagbrev

**Country:** Norway

**Grammatical variants:** Fagbrevet, Fagbrevene

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of a vocational qualification in a craft trade awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Fagprøve* examination at the end of a vocational training course lasting 3 years minimum. It specifies the trade and the results of the examination. It gives access to the trade.

### Fagkarakterbevis

**Country:** Norway

**Grammatical variants:** Fagkarakterbeviset,

Fagkarakterbevisene

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

A subject-grade certificate which documents completion of one or more subjects which are part of a course.

### Fagprøve

**Country:** Norway

**Grammatical variants:**

Fagprøven, Fagprøver, Fagprøvene

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory vocational examination organised at the end of an apprenticeship in a firm or upper secondary school. It leads to a ► *Fagbrev* certificate. It is aimed at pupils who have taken courses lasting 3 years in an upper secondary vocational school and for external candidates. Schools and/or firms develop the contents of this examination on the basis of the training programme in the particular sector, in accordance with the vocational training directives of the Ministry of Education. The examination includes three sections: planning, implementation and documentation relevant to carrying out a practical task. External candidates must pass theoretical examinations relating to the trade.

### Felsőfokú szakképesítést igazoló bizonyítvány

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:**

Felsőfokú szakképesítést igazoló bizonyítvány, Felsőfokú szakképesítést igazoló bizonyítványok

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma of vocational qualification awarded at the end of 2 years of non-university vocational higher education to students who have passed the ► *Szakmai vizsga* examination. It certifies the vocational qualification (*felsőfokú szakképesítés*) included in the National List of Qualifications. It mentions the subjects studied and the results obtained during the studies. It gives access to the appropriate trade or occupation and entitles holders to continue their studies in non-university higher education colleges (*Főiskola*) or in university higher education (*Egyetem*).

### Felvételi vizsga

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Felvételi vizsgát, Felvételi vizsga\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Entrance examination, set and organised by institutions of upper secondary general and vocational education, and higher education institutions in order to select pupils according to their knowledge and ability. In the first case, it includes written examinations in the mother tongue, mathematics (on rare occasions, in history and literature) and in the specialist subjects chosen by the pupil, in addition to an oral examination relating to the pupil's chosen subjects. The content is determined by each institution. The academic requirements for entrance to higher education institutions are set out in detail by each institution.

**Fiskerikandidat**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree and title awarded to students at the end of a 5-year university course in fisheries. Students must pass written and oral final examinations set by the institution and present a final dissertation. Students are assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations, the subject of the final dissertation and its assessment. It gives access to employment and/or to studies for a doctorate.

**Foaie matricolă**

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Foaie matricolă

**Level of education:** Lower secondary/upper secondary/higher

**Explanatory note:**

Student matriculation record, indicating the level of education, the subjects and the marks obtained during all of the years of study. This document is used at lower secondary, upper secondary and university levels. It certifies the completion of studies. A copy of this record is issued, without examination. At the end of lower secondary education it gives access to upper secondary vocational education lasting between 1 and 3 years.

**Főiskolai oklevél**

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Főiskolai oklevet, Főiskolai oklevelek, Főiskolai okleveleket

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded at the end of 3 or 4 years of non-university higher education in a college (*Főiskola*), to students who have passed the ► *Záróvizsga* final examination. It mentions the field of study, the specialisation and the final mark. It gives access to employment and entitles students to take a college post-graduate course or to continue their studies at university (*Egyetem*).

**Folkeskolelærer**

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** Folkeskolelæreren, -lærer, -lærerne

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who successfully complete the 4-year teacher training programme taken at a specialised (non-university) teacher training college (*Lærerseminarium*). It gives access to employment as a teacher at compulsory education level (primary and lower secondary).

**Folkeskolens afgangsprøve**

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:**

Folkeskolens afgangsprøver

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Non-compulsory leaving examination, which may cover 10 subjects, at the end of the ninth year, on completion of compulsory education. This examination includes a nationally coordinated written part and an oral part set by the subject teacher and a teacher from another school in accordance with statutory provisions laid down for the individual subjects. Pupils who pass the examination have the marks obtained in the optional final examination entered into the ► *Afgangsbrev* for *Folkeskolen*. It is required for admission to the *Gymnasium*, *HHX* and *HTX* in upper secondary education.

### **Folkeskolens udvidede afgangsprøve**

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:**

Folkeskolens udvidede afgangsprøver

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Non-compulsory advanced leaving examination on completion of the optional tenth year of the *Folkeskole*, which may cover 6 subjects. This examination includes a nationally coordinated written part and an oral part set by the subject teacher and a teacher from another school in accordance with statutory provisions laid down for the

individual subjects. Pupils who pass the examination have the marks obtained in the non-compulsory final examination entered into the ► *Afgangsbrev for Folkeskolen*. It is required for admission to *HF* courses in upper secondary education.

### **Fristående yrkesprov**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** -provet, -proven

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Näyttötutkinto*.



## **GAS**

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Gediplomeerde in de aanvullende studies van* (followed by the name of the field of study).

## **GCE A level**

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *General Certificate of Education Advanced Level*.

## **GCE AS Examination**

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *General Certificate of Education Advanced Supplementary Examination*.

## **GCE AS Level**

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Level*.

## **GCSE**

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *General Certificate of Secondary Education*.

## **Geaggregeerde voor het secundair onderwijs**

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Teaching qualification awarded to students who successfully complete either a first cycle of non-university education in a *Hogeschool (groep 1)* or a second cycle of university or non-university education (*groep 2*). The examinations are written and/or oral (as the teacher decides) and cover all the subjects studied. The degree certificate indicates the name of the institution and the title of the diploma, while a supplement gives details of the subjects studied and the marks awarded. It gives entry to the teaching profession at lower (*groep 1*) or upper (*groep 2*) secondary school level.

## **Gediplomeerde in de aanvullende studies van (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded to students who, in accordance with the university programme, successfully complete one year of additional post-graduate education. The examinations are written and/or oral (as the teacher decides) and cover all the subjects studied. The diploma indicates the field of study and gives entry to the relevant profession or occupation. Abbreviation: GAS.

### **Gediplomeerde in de gespecialiseerde studies van (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded to students who in accordance with the programme successfully complete a 1- or 2-year course of specialised university post-graduate education. The examinations are written and/or oral (as the teacher decides) and cover all the subjects studied. The diploma indicates the field of study and gives entry to the relevant profession or occupation. Abbreviation: *GGS*.

### **Gediplomeerde in de voortgezette studie van (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded to students who in accordance with the programme successfully complete advanced post-graduate studies in a *Hogeschool*. The examinations are written and/or oral (as the teacher decides) and cover all the subjects studied. The diploma indicates the field of study and gives entry to the relevant profession or occupation.

### **Gegradueerde (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded to students who successfully complete, in accordance with the programme, a 3-year course of non-university higher education in various fields (e.g. accountancy, nursing). The examinations are written and/or oral (as the teacher decides) and cover all the subjects studied. The diploma indicates the field of study and gives entry to the relevant profession or occupation or to post-graduate studies.

### **General Certificate of Education Advanced Level**

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualifications normally awarded at the end of 2 years of post-compulsory general education

to pupils who meet the required standard. These qualifications, which are awarded on a single subject basis, are certificated by independent awarding bodies, all of which offer syllabuses for a range of subjects. Working within a framework regulated by the national qualifications and curriculum authorities, the awarding bodies draw up the syllabuses, set and mark examination papers, and moderate coursework to ensure consistency of standards. Most pupils study 3 subjects, choosing from a wide range of general and some vocational subjects. Syllabuses may be linear, with evaluation at the end of the course, or modular, with evaluation at the end of each block of work as well as at the end of the course. Schemes of assessment vary, but must include externally set assessments, taken under supervised and timed conditions, which may be written and/or oral and/or practical, depending on the subject. Course work may also contribute to the final grade. The certificate(s) indicate the name(s) of the individual subject(s), and grade(s) obtained. Passes are graded on a descending scale from A to E, and grades N and U are regarded as fails. The qualification is categorised as an advanced level qualification within the National Framework of qualifications. It is a qualification for entry to higher education, depending on the institution and programme concerned and the number and grades of passes obtained. It also gives access to employment and to certain forms of training. Abbreviation: *A level*, *GCE A level*.

### **General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Level**

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination replacing the ► *General Certificate of Education Advanced Supplementary Examination* to be available for first teaching from September 2000. To represent the first year of a full ► *General Certificate of Education Advanced Level* course of study, and therefore set at a lower standard. Pupils will study up to five subjects at *AS level*. Abbreviation: *GCE AS Level*.

## General Certificate of Education Advanced Supplementary Examination

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

### **Explanatory note:**

A single subject qualification. Covers about half the content of a full subject at ► *General Certificate of Education Advanced Level*, but to the same depth and with the same rules about assessment, grading and coursework. Available as linear or modular courses, they can be taken over 1 or 2 years. To be replaced from 2000 by the new ► *General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Level* qualification. Abbreviation: *GCE AS examination*.

## General Certificate of Secondary Education

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

### **Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded at the end of the first two years of upper secondary education, i.e. the last year of compulsory education, to pupils (age 15 to 16) who meet the required standard. This qualification is the main method of pupil assessment at age 16, under the National Curriculum assessment arrangements, although it can be taken at any age.

The qualifications, which are on a single subject basis, are certificated by independent awarding bodies, each of which offers syllabuses in a wide range of National Curriculum and other subjects. Working within a framework regulated by the national qualifications and curriculum authorities, the awarding bodies draw up the syllabuses, set and mark examination papers, and moderate coursework to ensure consistency of standards. Most pupils take *GCSEs* in English, mathematics and science and a range of other subjects. Syllabuses may be linear, with evaluation at the end of the course, or modular, with evaluation at the end of each block of work as well as at the end of the course. Schemes of assessment vary, but always include externally set and marked assessments, taken under supervised and timed conditions, which may be written and/or oral and/or practical, depending on the subject. Coursework may also contribute to

the final grade. The certificates indicate the names of the individual subject(s) passed and the grade(s) obtained by the pupil, on a descending scale A\*, A, B, C, D, E, F and G. Grades A\* to C are regarded as higher grade passes, and as intermediate level qualifications within the National Framework of qualifications. Grades D to G are regarded as lower grade passes, and as foundation level qualifications within the National Framework of qualifications. Grade U (unclassified) is regarded as a fail. This qualification gives access to employment and to certain forms of training and to many programmes of post-compulsory upper secondary education. Abbreviation: *GCSE*.

## General National Vocational Qualification

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

### **Explanatory note:**

A qualification intended to offer a comprehensive preparation for employment as well as a route to higher level qualifications as an alternative to ► *General Certificate of Secondary Education* or *General Certificate of Education* qualifications. Courses leading to *GNVQs* are aimed at young people over compulsory school age who remain in full-time education, although they can be taken by students of any age. Certificated by independent awarding bodies, working within a framework regulated by the national qualifications and curriculum authorities. Qualifications are available in 15 broad vocational areas (e.g. business, retail distribution services), and at three levels equivalent to foundation, intermediate and advanced within the National Framework of qualifications.

*GNVQs* are made up of units which can be certificated separately if the full qualification is not completed. Assessment is primarily based on internal assessment, moderated by the awarding body to ensure consistency of standards, although it also includes externally assessed tests. Completed *GNVQs* are graded at pass, merit and distinction. Advanced *GNVQs* are a qualification for entry to higher education, depending on the institution and

programme concerned and the grade obtained.  
Abbreviation: *GNVQ*.

### General Scottish Vocational Qualification

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

A qualification taken by pupils who remain in full-time education for 2 years after the minimum school leaving age, providing a comprehensive preparation for employment as well as a qualification for entry to higher level qualifications. Awarded by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). Constitutes an alternative to the more academic ► *Scottish Certificate of Education – Higher Grade*. Evaluation is by assessment, including practical components. The certificate indicates the subjects studied and passed.  
Abbreviation: *GSVQ*.

### Genikes Exetaseis (Γενικές Εξετάσεις)

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:**

Γενικών Εξετάσεων, γενικ-\* εξετασ-\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory national entrance examination for institutions of higher education (*Anotato Ekpaidevtiko Idrima – AEI* and *Technologiko Ekpaidevtiko Idrima – TEI*), organised by the Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs for candidates who have obtained their upper secondary school leaving certificate ► *Apolytirio Genikou Lykeiou*. The examinations include written examinations in four main subjects, defined on the basis of the subjects the student intends to study and has taken as optional subjects during the final year of secondary education. Passing this examination gives access to higher education.

### Gesellenbrief

**Country:** Germany

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of vocational training in the *duales System* to trainees who pass the ► *Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung* in a craft before the authority responsible for

vocational qualification (chamber). Certificate always awarded together with the ► *Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule*. It qualifies the holder for a vocational qualification and constitutes a prerequisite for further qualification as a master craftsman (*Handwerksmeister*).

### Getuigschrift (+ type of course)

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Grammatical variants:** Getuigschriften

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the final examinations set at the end of lower and upper secondary vocational education. Depending on the type of education, there are three certificates: the *getuigschrift eerste graad secundair onderwijs* (certificate of lower secondary education) which is awarded at the end of the first 2 years of secondary education i.e. lower secondary, the *getuigschrift tweede graad secundair onderwijs* (certificate of upper secondary education) which is awarded at the end of the first 2 years of upper secondary education to pupils who have already obtained the certificate of the end of lower secondary education (it can replace the ► *Studiegetuigschrift*), and the *getuigschrift van leertijd* (apprenticeship certificate) which is awarded at the end of the first 2 years of upper secondary vocational education with an apprenticeship in parallel. The examinations (written or oral) are set by the individual school and cover all the subjects studied. The certificate mentions the type of education. It can be taken into account for the admission of the pupil to the next level of education.

### Getuigschrift Basisonderwijs

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Grammatical variants:** Getuigschriften

**Level of education:** Primary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who, at the end of primary education, have satisfactorily attained the curriculum objectives. The certificate refers to the relevant legislation and bears the signatures of the chairman and members of the teaching staff involved as well as the name and signature of the

chairman of the school's organising body, the name of the school and the name and signature of the pupil. The assessment, carried out by the teachers collectively, covers *inter alia* written examinations set by the school. The certificate entitles the pupil to enter the first year of secondary education. It can also be awarded to a pupil who passes the first year of general secondary education or the second year of vocational secondary education.

### Getuigschrift basisvorming

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Getuigschriften

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate, awarded to pupils who complete the period of basic secondary education (*basisvorming*) by passing all the tests ► *Toetsen basisvorming*.

### Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Getuigschriften van de afsluitende examens

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by universities and higher professional education institutions – *hbo* institutions (*hogescholen*) – to students who pass the final examination for a first degree (in general, 168 credits equivalent to 4 years of study, but at university level 210 credits/5 years of technical study and of study in dentistry, and 252 credits/6 years of study in medicine, pharmacy and veterinary medicine). The ► *Afsluitend examen* is a review of the student's academic achievement to determine whether all the requirements of the programme have been met, i.e. whether the student has passed all the intermediate examinations (*tentamens*) as required by the teaching and examination regulations of the particular institution. The examination is organised by an examining board set up by the institution and responsibility for its content lies with the competent authority of the institution. The certificate lists the name of the course, the subjects in which the student is examined, and – where appropriate – the professional qualification obtained. It gives the graduate

from non-university education the legal right to use the academic titles ► *Baccalaureus*, ► *Ingenieur* or (for international use) ► *Bachelor*. In university education it leads to the titles of ► *Doctorandus*, ► *Ingenieur*, ► *Meester* or (for international use) ► *Master*.

### Getuigschrift van het propedeutisch examen

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Getuigschriften van de propedeutische examens

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate received after successful completion of the propaedeutic examination ► *Propedeutisch examen*. This examination is taken at the end of the first year of study in both university and non-university education (higher professional education – *hogere beroepsonderwijs* – *hbo*). Students must pass this examination.

### GGS

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Gediplomeerde in de gespecialiseerde studies van* (followed by the name of the field of study).

### Gimnáziumi bizonyítvány

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:**

Gimnáziumi bizonyítványok,

Gimnáziumi bizonyítvány\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of upper secondary academic education (*Gimnázium*), awarded on the basis of class marks, without a final examination. It mentions the subjects and the results obtained during the studies. This certificate enables pupils to take the ► *Érettségi vizsga* examination or to gain access to employment.

### Gimnáziumi érettségi bizonyítvány

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:**

Gimnáziumi érettségi bizonyítványok,

Gimnáziumi érettségi bizonyítvány\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of secondary academic education, awarded by schools to pupils who pass the ► *Érettségi vizsga* examination. It mentions the subjects and the results obtained in the examination. It is necessary for entry to higher education.

## GNVQ

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/Ni)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *General National Vocational Qualification*.

## Graduado en Educación Secundaria

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:**

Graduados en Educación Secundaria

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded at the end of lower secondary general education (*Educación Secundaria Obligatoria – ESO*, defined by the 1990 Organic Law on the General Organisation of the Education System – *Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo – LOGSE*) lasting 4 years to pupils who pass in their continuous assessment in each subject taken. Pupils are assessed by all their teachers together, coordinated by the teacher responsible for the class and with advice from the guidance services (*Departamento de orientación*). The results in this assessment can be taken into account in guiding the pupil to pursue further education or a career. The certificate gives access to upper secondary education, general branch (*Bachillerato*) and vocational branch (*Formación profesional específica de grado medio*).

## Graduado Escolar

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Graduados Escolares

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded under the education system in effect prior to the reform under the 1990 Organic Law on the General Organisation of the Education System (*Ley*

*Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo – LOGSE*), at the end of 8 years of compulsory education (*Educación General Básica – EGB*) to pupils who passed all the subjects. It gave access to upper secondary general education (*Bachillerato Unificado y Polivalente – BUP*) or lower secondary vocational education (*Formación Profesional de primer grado – FP I*). This certificate will be completely replaced by the certificate ► *Graduado en Educación Secundaria*, when courses of an equivalent level defined by the 1990 *LOGSE* are fully established.

## Graduat en (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded by *Hautes Écoles* at the end of 3 years of short-cycle non-university higher education to students who pass the examinations set by the individual institution required under the programme in each subject and who have submitted a final dissertation (*mémoire*). The certificate mentions the specialisation, subjects taken, subject of the *mémoire* and final mark awarded. It confers the title ► *Gradué(e) en* followed by the specialisation. The qualification gives access to the relevant profession, to specialised education leading to the ► *Diplôme de spécialisation* and to second cycle long-term higher education or to university education.

## Graduate Diploma

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded following a (usually) 1-year course to graduates seeking vocational reorientation.

## Gradué(e) en (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded by *Hautes Écoles* to students who obtain the certificate of ► *Graduat en (+ specialisation)*. As distinct from ► *Candidat(e) en*, ► *Licencié(e) en*, ► *Maître en etc.*, *gradué(e)* can be used as an adjective as

part of a professional title (the professional designation + *gradu e(e)*), e.g. *infirmier( re) gradu e(e)*, * ducateur(trice) gradu e(e)*, *biblioth caire documentaliste gradu e(e)*.

### Grundexamen

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** examina

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Ammatillinen perustutkinto*.

### Grundskoll rarexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree in the field of education for the compulsory school, awarded after a 3½- to 4½-year programme of full-time study, which may include a degree project. The degree certificate normally mentions the specialisation, the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained. The degree gives access to employment and general eligibility for doctoral studies.

### GSVQ

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *General Scottish Vocational Qualification*.

### Gymnasiel rarexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree in the field of education for the upper secondary school, awarded after a 2½-, 4- or 4½-year programme of full-time study (depending on subjects studied and vocational experience), which normally includes a degree project. It is also possible to obtain the degree by having relevant professional education and experience in one field and combining it with a special 1-year teacher training course. The degree certificate normally mentions the specialisation, the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained. The degree gives access to employment and general eligibility for doctoral studies.

### Gymnasiets avg ngsbetyg

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** -betyget, -betygen

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Lukion p  tt todistus*.





### H.Dip.Ed.

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Higher Diploma in Education*.

### Habilitation à diriger des recherches

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma attesting capacity to carry out original high-level scientific research and supervise young researchers. It is awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Doctorat* qualification and have already published research work. The diploma mentions the specialisation and gives students who pass the competitive selection examination access to the profession as a university professor. It replaced the ► *Thèse d'État* in 1994.

### Hauptschulabschluss

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Hauptschulabschluß, Hauptschulabschluss\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

General education school-leaving qualification awarded after the ninth school year by *Hauptschulen* as well as by other types of school in lower secondary education. Usually awarded on the basis of attainments in the ninth school year. It gives access to vocational training in the *duales System*, a year of basic vocational training

(*Berufsgrundbildungsjahr*), or under certain conditions to a *Berufsfachschule*. It also constitutes a prerequisite for admission to institutions providing secondary education for adults (*Zweiter Bildungsweg*) and to certain *Fachschulen* after completion of initial vocational training. Synonym: *Berufsbildungsreife/Berufsreife*.

### HF

**Country:** Denmark

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of ► *Højere Forberedelseksamen*.

### HHX

**Country:** Denmark

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Højere Handelseksamen*.

### Higher (Higher Still)

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

A 1-year qualification, which will be offered under the *Higher Still* reforms, and will replace existing *Highers* at the same level. The first new *Highers* will be available in 1999-2000. *Highers* are divided into units which are internally assessed on the basis of coursework, but there is also an external assessment which determines the grade on a scale A to C. Units can be taken separately. The basic content of *Highers* in individual

subjects, including options, is specified centrally. *Highers* will continue to be the basic qualification for entry to higher education, and can also lead to careers. The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) awards the qualification, carries out external assessments and moderates internal assessments.

### Higher Diploma in Education

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Post-graduate qualification for secondary school teaching. This diploma is awarded by universities on the basis of examinations and practical placements to students who already hold a first degree taken over 3 or 4 years of study. Abbreviation: *H.Dip.Ed.*

### Higher National Certificate

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

A sub-degree level, higher education qualification awarded by the Edexcel Foundation (formerly Business and Technology Education Council) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) in Scotland to students who successfully complete vocational courses normally over 2 years part-time in any of a wide range of subjects, such as business studies, management, engineering and design. Courses are unit-based and are provided in universities and other higher education institutions. Assessment of students is decided by individual institutions in accordance with assessment and quality criteria laid down by Edexcel (in Scotland, the SQA); it may include a combination of examinations, continuous assessment and project work. While successful completion of the course does not provide automatic access to further study or to a particular occupation, students may progress to courses leading to the membership examinations of professional bodies, to employment in a related sector or to ► *Bachelor's degree* courses (but this is not common). Successful students receive a *Higher National Certificate* which mentions

the area of study, e.g. business administration. This Certificate is accompanied by a *Certificate of Achievement* which mentions each unit of study taken and whether a 'pass', 'merit' or 'distinction' was gained. Abbreviations: *HNC, BTEC HNC.*

### Higher National Diploma

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

A sub-degree level, higher education qualification awarded by the Edexcel Foundation (formerly Business and Technology Education Council) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) in Scotland to students who successfully complete vocational courses of 2 years' full-time study in any of a wide range of subjects, such as business studies, management, engineering and design. Courses are unit-based and are provided in universities and other higher education institutions. An *HND* qualification requires more units of study than a ► *Higher National Certificate*. Assessment of students is decided by individual institutions in accordance with assessment and quality criteria laid down by Edexcel (in Scotland, the SQA); it may include a combination of examinations, continuous assessment and project work. While successful completion of the course does not provide automatic access to further study, or to a particular occupation, students may transfer to the appropriate level of a ► *Bachelor's degree* course, to courses leading to the membership examinations of professional bodies or to employment in a related sector. Successful students receive a *Higher National Diploma* which mentions the area of study, e.g. business administration. This Diploma is accompanied by a ► *Certificate of Achievement* which mentions each unit of study taken and whether a 'pass', 'merit' or 'distinction' was gained. Abbreviations: *HND, BTEC HND.*

### HNC

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Higher National Certificate*.

**HND**

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Higher National Diploma*.

**Hochschulprüfung**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Hochschulprüfungen, Hochschulprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination at the end of first degree courses (*grundständige Studiengänge*) or post-graduate studies (*postgraduale Studiengänge*) for which, contrary to the ► *Staatsprüfung*, only the higher education institution where it is taken is competent and responsible. See ► *Diplomprüfung*, ► *Magisterprüfung*.

**Högskoleexamen**

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

General degree, awarded after 2 years of full-time study. The studies can be pursued in all faculties. The major field of study should be indicated in the degree certificate, and the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained are also normally mentioned. There is no corresponding title.

**Högskoleingenjörsexamen**

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree in the field of engineering, awarded after a 2- or 3-year programme of full-time study, which normally includes a degree project. The degree certificate normally mentions the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained. The degrees give access to employment and the 3-year degree gives general eligibility for doctoral studies.

**Høgskolekandidat**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification and title awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of non-university courses lasting 2 to 3 years in *Høgskole*. This qualification can be obtained in various fields of study. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations and the average of the marks in the main subjects. It gives access to employment or to other higher education. This certificate may constitute a part of the ► *Candidatus magisterii*.

**Højere Forberedelseseksamen**

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:**

Højere forberedelseseksamener

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Higher preparatory examination taken on completion of upper secondary general education lasting 2 years. Organised by the Ministry of Education. It includes written and oral examinations (the written ones set at national level) in all of the compulsory common core subjects, including Danish, mathematics, a foreign language and sciences, optional subjects and a written assignment. This examination leads to the award of the ► *Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen*.

**Højere Handelseksamen**

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:**

Højere handelseksamener

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Higher commercial examination taken on completion of upper secondary general education lasting 3 years. Organised by the Ministry of Education. It includes written and oral examinations (the written ones set at national level) in the presence of external examiners, as well as a major written

assignment. This examination leads to the award of the ► *Bevis for Højere Handelseksamen*.

### Højere Teknisk Eksamen

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:**

Højere tekniske eksamener

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Higher technical examination taken on completion of upper secondary general education lasting 3 years, organised by the Ministry of Education. It includes written and oral examinations (the written ones set at national level) in the presence of external examiners, as well as a major written assignment. This examination leads to the award of the ► *Bevis for Højere Teknisk Eksamen*.

### Hovedfagkandidat

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations and present a final dissertation at the end of a 2-year post-graduate non-university course following the ► *Candidatus magisterii* certificate. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations, the subject of the final dissertation and its assessment. It gives access to employment and/or to studies for a doctorate.

### Høyere avdelings eksamen

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

### Explanatory note:

Certificate awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations and submit a final dissertation at the end of a 2-year university course in business management following the ► *Siviløkonom* qualification. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the final examinations, the subject of the final dissertation and its assessment. It gives access to employment and/or to studies for a doctorate.

### Høyere revisoreksamen

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who hold a ► *Vitnemål (revisorutdanning)* certificate and pass written and oral final examinations at the end of a 1½-year university course in auditing. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations and the average of the marks in the main subjects. It gives access to employment.

### HTX

**Country:** Denmark

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Højere Teknisk Eksamen*.



### **Idrettskandidat**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded to students who hold a ► *Candidatus magisterii* and pass a final examination at the end of a 2-year university course in physical education. The examination consists of written and practical tests relevant to the specialisation. Each institution defines actual contents. Students are assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations and the average of the marks in the main subjects. It gives access to employment and/or to a doctorate.

### **Ing.**

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Inženýr*.

### **Ing.**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Ingenieur*.

### **Ing.**

**Country:** Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Inžinier*.

### **Ing.arch.**

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Inženýr* in the field of architecture.

### **Ing.arch.**

**Country:** Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Inžinier* in the field of architecture.

### **Ingeniero (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Ingeniera, Ingenieros

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree and title awarded to students who have passed the examinations required under the programme and taken a final examination (written report on a practical project) at the end of long-cycle university studies in engineering (5-6 years) in an *Escuela Técnica Superior* or *Facultad*. The examinations are organised by each institution and cover each subject taken. The certificate mentions the specialisation. It gives access to the profession and/or to a ► *Doctorado en*. This degree corresponds to the ► *Licenciatura en*.

### Ingenierio Técnico (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Ingeniera Técnica, Ingenieros Técnicos

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree and title awarded to students who have passed the examinations required under the programme and taken a final examination (written report on a practical project) at the end of first-cycle university studies in engineering (3 years) in an *Escuela Universitaria*. The written and/or oral examinations are organised by each teacher and cover each subject taken. The certificate mentions the specialisation. It gives access to the profession and/or to second-cycle university studies. This degree corresponds to the ► *Diplomatura en*.

### Ingenieur

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Ingenieurin(nen), Ingenieure

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred by the Ministry of Economic Affairs on holders of the upper secondary technical and vocational school (5-year-course) ► *Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis* after 3 years of relevant professional experience.

### Ingenieur

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Grammatical variants:** Ingenieurs

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification and title awarded to students who successfully complete in accordance with the programme a 3-year second cycle of university education in engineering, architecture, commerce and applied biological sciences or a 2-year *Hogeschool* course in industrial and technological engineering. The examinations are written and/or oral (as the teacher decides) and cover all the subjects studied. The degree certificate indicates the name of the institution and the title of the diploma, while a supplement gives details of the subjects studied and the marks awarded. It gives entry to the relevant profession and to

post-graduate studies. Depending on the field of study, the diploma and title are *burgelijk ingenieur* (civil engineer), *burgelijk ingenieur-architect* (architectural engineer), *bio-ingenieur* (agricultural engineer), *industrieel ingenieur* (industrial engineer), *handelsingenieur* (sales engineer).

### Ingenieur

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Ingenieurs

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

- Title awarded by the agricultural university and the technical universities on the basis of the ► *Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen* to students who pass the final examination for a first degree in agriculture or engineering (in general, 210 credits, equivalent to 5 years of study). The abbreviated title *Ir.* is placed before the name. In international contexts, all university graduates may adopt the title ► *Master*. The abbreviated title *M.* is placed after the name.
- Title awarded by higher professional education institutions – *hbo* institutions (*hogescholen*) – to students who obtain the ► *Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen* in engineering or agriculture (in general, 168 credits, equivalent to 4 years of study). The abbreviated title *Ing.* is placed before the name. In international contexts, all *hbo*-graduates may adopt the title ► *Bachelor*. The abbreviated title *B.* is placed after the name.

### Ingénieur

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title and qualification conferred on students who have passed the examinations required under the programme of education (3-5 years) in a university or non-university higher education institution. The examinations are set by each institution and vary for each specialisation. The qualification gives access to the profession.

### Ingénieur (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree and title awarded by universities or *Hautes Écoles* at the end of 2 to 3 years of second-cycle university education in engineering (after receiving the ► *Candidature en*) to students who have passed the examinations set by the individual institution required under the programme in each subject and submitted a final dissertation. The certificate mentions the specialisation, subjects taken, subject of the thesis written at the end of the programme and final mark awarded. It gives access to employment, specialised higher education or post-graduate education.

The term *Ingénieur* is always followed by the name of the specialisation, e.g. *ingénieur civil*, *ingénieur agronome*, *ingénieur chimiste et des bio-industries*, *ingénieur de gestion* (awarded by universities); and *ingénieur commercial*, *ingénieur industriel* (awarded by *Hautes Écoles*).

**Ingénieur industriel**

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded at the end of training lasting 4 years, leading to the ► *Diplôme d'Ingénieur industriel* which replaces the title ► *Ingénieur technicien*.

**Ingénieur technicien**

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded at the end of 3 years of training, leading to the ► *Diplôme d'Ingénieur technicien* and recently replaced by the title ► *Ingénieur industriel*.

**Ingénieur-maître**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on students who have obtained a ► *Maîtrise* (Master's) in an *institut universitaire professionnalisé (IUP)* (professional/vocational university institute).

**Intermediate 1**

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

A 1-year qualification that will be offered under the *Higher Still* reforms, with the first courses beginning in 1999/2000. *Intermediate 1* is broadly equivalent in level to ► *Scottish Certificate of Education – Standard Grade Foundation level*. *Intermediate 1s* are divided into units which are internally assessed on the basis of coursework, but there is also an external assessment which determines the grade on a scale A to C. Units can be taken separately. The basic content of *Intermediate 1s* in individual subjects, including options, is specified centrally. These qualifications are suitable for entry to training or a career, and students can also progress to *Higher* courses. The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) awards the qualification, carries out external assessments and moderates internal assessments.

**Intermediate 2**

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

A 1-year qualification that will be offered under the *Higher Still* reforms, with the first courses beginning in 1999-2000. *Intermediate 2* is broadly equivalent to ► *Scottish Certificate of Education – Standard Grade General level*. *Intermediate 2s* are divided into units which are internally assessed on the basis of coursework, but there is also an external assessment which determines the grade on a scale A to C. Units can be taken separately. The basic content of *Intermediate 2s* in individual subjects, including options, is specified centrally. These qualifications are suitable for entry to training or a career, and students can also progress to *Higher* courses. The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) awards the qualification, carries out external assessments and moderates internal assessments.

## Inż.

**Country:** Poland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Inżynier*.

## Inženýr (+ field of study)

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:** Inženýři, Inženýr\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Vysokoškolský diplom* degree and the ► *Vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce* certificate in the field of technology, economics, agriculture, forestry or in a military academy. Abbreviations: *Ing.*, and *Ing.arch.* in the field of architecture.

## Inžinier (+ field of study)

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:** Inžinieri, Inžinier\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Diplom* in the fields of technology, agriculture, economics and architecture. Abbreviations: *Ing.*, and *Ing.arch.* in the field of architecture.

## Inżynier

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:**

Inżynierowie, Inżynier\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych* qualification at the end of technical and economic and agricultural studies at higher education level. Abbreviation: *Inż.*

## Ir.

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Ingenieur*, awarded by a university, written before the name.

## Izpit po teoria i praktika na profesia

(Изпит по теория и практика на професията)

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:** Izpiti po teoria i praktika na profesia

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Official state examination of completion of secondary vocational and technical education, compulsory for obtaining the ► *Svidetelstvo za profesionalna kvalifikasia* certificate, conferring the qualification ► *Rabotnik* or ► *Technik*. It includes both theoretical and practical examinations attesting the theoretical and practical knowledge of the trade or occupation. These are organised by the vocational and technical upper secondary schools following the regulations of the Ministry of Education and Science.



### **JUDr.**

**Country:** Czech Republic, Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doktor* in the field of law.

examined individually by means of a written examination and in some cases an oral, practical or project examination. Pupils who pass this examination obtain the ► *Junior Certificate*.

### **Junior Certificate**

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Junior Certificate examination* taken at the end of compulsory education (end of 3 years of the Junior Cycle of lower secondary education – age 15). The certificate indicates the subjects passed and the grades obtained in the examination, ranging from A to F. It is required for entry to upper secondary education. This is the minimum entry level for apprenticeship and to some unskilled work areas.

### **Junior Trade Certificate**

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

The *Junior Trades Examination* taken by apprentices at the end of 2 years of a 4 year apprenticeship is now being phased out because of the movement towards a standard-based rather than time-served model of apprenticeship.

### **Junior Certificate examination**

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

National examination taken at the end of compulsory education (end of the 3 years of the junior cycle of secondary education - age 15). Pupils may take this examination in subjects of their choice. Each subject is

### **Juris kandidatexamen**

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree in the field of laws, awarded after a 4½-year programme of full-time study, which normally includes a degree project. The degree certificate normally mentions the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained. The degree gives access to employment and general eligibility for doctoral studies. The corresponding title is *juris kandidat (jur. kand.)*.





### **Kand.**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Kandidaat*.

### **Kandidaat**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Kandidaten

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who pass the ► *Kandidaatsexamen*. Abbreviation: *Kand*.

### **Kandidaat in de (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

A transitional qualification awarded to students who successfully complete a 2- or 3-year first cycle of university or non-university higher education. The examinations (written and/or oral as the teacher decides) are organised by the individual institution and cover all the subjects studied. The degree certificate indicates the name of the institution and the title of the diploma, while a supplement gives details of the subjects studied and the marks awarded. It gives students entry to the second cycle of university or non-university education.

### **Kandidaatin tutkinto**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** tutkinno-, tutkinto-, tutkinnot

**Level of education:** Higher

### **Explanatory note:**

Degree requiring 3 years of full-time study at university. It can be taken in all fields, except technology, architecture, medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine. A Bachelor's degree consists of basic and intermediate studies in one major subject (or degree programme), and studies in one or more minor subjects. Degrees are normally taken according to subjects, but in some fields there are also multidisciplinary degree programmes. Swedish term: *Kandidat examen*.

### **Kandidaatsexamen**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Kandidaatsexamens

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination in university courses having a *kandidaatsfase*. The total study load of the *kandidaatsfase* and the *propedeutische fase* is 126 credits. The *kandidaatsexamen* is a review of the students' academic achievements to assess whether or not all the requirements for the programme have been met. All the requirements have been met if the student has successfully passed all the interim-examinations (*tentamens*) as required in the teaching and examination regulations. An examining board set up by the institution organises the examination. The responsibility for the way the examination is organised and for the content of the examination lies with the competent authority of the institution. Institutions are autonomous in organising courses with a *kandidaatsfase*; the law requires only a minimum study load of

126 credits. Institutions are not obliged to offer a *kandidaatsfase*. Successful candidates may continue their university studies. Title awarded ► *Kandidaat*.

### Kandidaatti

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:**

Kandidaati-, Kandidaatti-, Kandidaatit

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who hold the ► *Kandidaatin tutkinto* degree. Swedish term: *Kandidat*.

### Kandidat

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:**

Kandidaten, Kandidater, Kandidaterne

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of ► *Candidatus*.

### Kandidat

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:**

Kandidaten, Kandidater, Kandidaterna

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Kandidaatti*.

### Kandidat

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** Kandidata

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who pass the final ► *Kandidatspróf* examination leading to the ► *Kandidatsgráda* degree. Abbreviation: *Cand.* followed by the name of the specialisation in which it was obtained; e.g., *cand. pharm.* in the field of pharmacy and *cand. odont.* in the field of dentistry.

### Kandidat

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -en, -er, -erna

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title describing the holder of a ► *Kandidatexamen*, normally with a prefix referring either to the faculty or to the area of

academic study in which the degree was obtained, e.g. *filosofie kandidat*, frequently used in its abbreviated form, e.g. *fil.kand.*

### Kandidat (+ field of study)

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded to students who hold a ► *Candidatus magisterii* or equivalent certificate and pass written and oral final examinations at the end of a 1-year university course in public health (*folkehelsevitenskap*), occupational health (*arbeidshelse*) or health administration (*helseadministrasjon*) or at the end of a 3-years course following the ► *Vitnemål* in nursing. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. This qualification gives access to employment. It is always followed by the name of the field of studies in which it was awarded, for example *kandidat i folkehesevitenskap* in the field of public health, *kandidat i sykepleievitenskap* in the field of nursing or *kandidat i helseadminisstrasjon* in the field of health administration.

### Kandidat examen

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Kandidaatin tutkinto*.

### Kandidat i musikk

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree and title awarded to students who pass written, oral and practical final examinations at the end of a 4-year university undergraduate music course. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations, the marks in the subjects taken and the average of the marks in the main subjects. It gives access to higher education in the same field (► *Diplomeksamen*).

## Kandidatexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

General degree, awarded after 3 years of full-time study. The studies can be pursued in all faculties. Half the programme comprises studies in one major subject, in which a thesis is written. The name of the degree refers either to the faculty, e.g. *filosofie kandidatexamen* (Bachelor of Arts), or to the area of academic study, e.g. *ekonomie kandidatexamen*, in which it is obtained. The major field of study should be indicated in the degree certificate, and the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained are normally mentioned. The degree gives general eligibility for doctoral studies. The corresponding title is ► *Kandidat* mentioning the faculty or the area of academic study, e.g. *fil. kand.* (abbreviation of *filosofie kandidat*).

## Kandidatgrad

**Country:** Denmark

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Higher degree comparable to a Master's degree. Studies normally take 2 years following the ► *Bachelorgrad*. In fields in which the ► *Bachelorgrad* is not part of the study programme, studies take 5½ years (in veterinary medicine) or 6½ years (in medicine), of which one semester is devoted to producing a thesis on a specialist subject. There is not only one final examination at the end, but examinations in all the important course subjects at the end of the teaching of the individual subjects. The degree mentions the marks obtained in the examinations, the mark obtained in the written dissertation, the title and the field of specialisation. It confers the title ► *Candidatus* (+ field of study), e.g. *cand.jur.*, *cand.scient.*, and gives access to studies leading to the ► *Ph.d.-grad*.

## Kandidatsgráða

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** Kandidatsgráðu

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional qualification awarded to students who have successfully completed a 4- to 6-year course leading to a number of professions including medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, law, engineering, divinity etc. and have passed the final ► *Kandidatspróf* examination. It mentions the subjects and the results obtained in the examination, as well as the specialisation. This degree gives access to the relevant profession. It confers the title ► *Kandidat*.

## Kandidatspróf

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** -prófi, -prófs

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held at the end of the final year of 4- to 6-year courses of study for various professions. It is compulsory for obtaining the qualification ► *Kandidatsgráða*, conferring the title ► *Kandidat*. Its content and the level of requirements depend on the individual faculty. It includes a written and/or oral examination in one chosen subject and, in most cases, a final dissertation.

## Kantonalprüfung

**Country:** Belgium (German-speaking Community)

**Grammatical variants:** Kantonalprüfungen, Kantonalprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Primary

**Explanatory note:**

Optional examination at the end of primary education lasting 6 years, provided under the supervision of the Cantonal inspector for primary education in the various *Kantone* (administrative districts). The examination is organised for pupils who have not followed the normal educational course. It includes written and oral sections in German, a first foreign language and mathematics. The results can be taken into account in awarding an ► *Abschlusszeugnis der Grundschule*. This examination will be replaced by an examination before an examination board external to the school beginning in the 1999/2000 school year.

### **Kaufmannsgehilfenbrief**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Kaufmannsgehilfenbriefe, Kaufmannsgehilfenbrief\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of vocational training in the *duales System* certifying successful passage of the ► *Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung* in the commercial sector before the authority responsible for vocational training (chamber). It is always awarded along with an ► *Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule*. It qualifies for an occupation and constitutes a prerequisite for further qualification as a master and further vocational training in a *Fachschule*.

### **Kirchliche Abschlussprüfung**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Kirchliche Abschlussprüfung, Kirchliche Abschlussprüfungen, Kirchlich\* Abschlussprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

- Final examination in first degree courses (*grundständige Studiengänge*) in Catholic theology for candidates for the priesthood. In addition to higher education teachers representatives of the Catholic Church are also members of the examination board. This examination is a prerequisite for access to the *Lizenziat*, a course which leads to the academic degree of *Lizenziat der Theologie (Lic. theol.)*.
- Final examination in first degree courses (*grundständige Studiengänge*) in Protestant theology as a prerequisite for entry into service in the Church. Members of the examination board are representatives of the Protestant Church and higher education teachers. In addition to this examination, there are other examinations that may be taken at the end of first degree courses (*grundständige Studiengänge*) in Protestant theology. See ► *Theologische Abschlussprüfung*.

### **Kolokwium habilitacyjny**

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Kolokwia habilitacyjny, Kolokwi\* habilitacyjny\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Oral examination which leads to the qualification certifying the highest academic degree ► *Dyplom doktora habilitowanego*, conferring the title ► *Doktor habilitowany*. It is aimed at students who have already obtained the ► *Dyplom doktora* qualification. It consists of the defence of a thesis, approved in advance by two experts in the field, and presented after several years of research. The result of this examination is decided by a secret ballot of the members of the examining board and approved by the Central Commission for Academic Titles and Academic Degrees.

### **Kommunalkandidat**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of a 3-year non-university course in local administration. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations and the average of the marks in the main subjects. It gives access to employment or to other higher education. This certificate can constitute part of the ► *Candidatus magisterii* certificate.

### **Konservator**

**Country:** Denmark

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who obtain the ► *Konservatorgrad*.

### **Konservatorgrad**

**Country:** Denmark

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded by the Royal Academy of Fine Arts to students who successfully complete studies lasting 5 years in the field of conservation. The final examination consists of the defence of a project before an external

examining board. The degree certificate mentions only the student's specialisation and confers the title ► *Konservator*. It gives access to studies leading to the ► *Ph.d.-grad* and to employment as a conservator of works of art, historical objects etc.

### Konstnärlig högskoleexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree awarded after a university programme (within Fine Arts) of full-time study of at least 2 years, in most cases 4 to 5 years. The degree gives access to employment.

### Konzertexamen

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Konzertexamina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination in post-graduate studies (*postgraduale Studiengänge*) at a *Musikhochschule*. A ► *Künstlerische Abschlussprüfung* or a *künstlerisches Diplom* with particularly outstanding marks and an entrance examination or aptitude test are usually prerequisites for admission to this course.

### Konzertreife/Solistenreife

**Country:** Germany

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination taken by students admitted to post-graduate studies (*postgraduale Studiengänge*) in music on the basis of particularly outstanding marks in the ► *Künstlerische Abschlussprüfung* at the end of first degree courses at a *Musikhochschule*.

### Kunsthøgskolekandidat

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded to students who pass final examinations at the end of a 1½

year non-university course in the arts following the ► *Vitnemål* degree in the arts.

### Kunsthøgskoleutdanning

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of a 4-year university and non-university course in music and the arts. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the subjects taken and the average of the marks in the main subjects. It gives access to employment.

### Künstlerische Abschlussprüfung

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Künstlerische Abschlußprüfung, Künstlerische Abschlussprüfungen, Künstlerisch\* Abschlussprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination at a *Musik-* or *Kunsthochschule* at the end of first degree courses (*grundständige Studiengänge*) leading to a first professional qualification. This course of studies usually leads to the award of a ► *Diplom*.

### Künstlerische Reifeprüfung

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Künstlerische Reifeprüfungen, Künstlerisch\* Reifeprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

This examination leads to the final qualification at the end of a post-graduate course of artistic training at a *Musikhochschule*. It attests to special abilities as a performer or outstanding artistic skills in a specific field. A ► *Diplomprüfung* in first degree courses (*grundständige Studiengänge*) and an aptitude test constitute prerequisites for this examination.





### Läkarexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree in the field of medicine, awarded after a 5½-year programme of full-time study, which normally includes a degree project. The degree certificate normally mentions the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained. The degree gives access to employment and general eligibility for doctoral studies.

### Lantmästarexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree in the field of agriculture and rural management, awarded after a 2-year programme of full-time study, including a degree project. The degree certificate mentions the subjects passed. The degree gives access to employment.

### Laurea

**Country:** Italy

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Standard name of the ► *Diploma di Laurea*.

### Laureato

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Laureata, Laureati, Laureate

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Standard name of the ► *Dottore in* (+ field of study).

### Leaving Certificate

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Leaving Certificate* examination following a 2-year course of upper secondary education (Senior Cycle). This certificate offers a route to employment or to further education. It is also a basic entrance qualification to certain higher education institutions, including universities, and an entrance test for a range of professions. There are three certificates, the *Leaving Certificate*, the *Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)* and the *Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)*. *Leaving Certificate* candidates normally present in seven subjects, the results of which are graded A1, A2, B1, B2, C1-C3, D1-D3, E and F and NG (no grade). In the *LCVP*, candidates usually take a test in three linked modular areas in lieu of a subject. The *LCA* is a modular examination based on 100 credits which can be acquired by satisfactory attendance and completion of certain assignments lasting over 2 years and a series of written/oral and practical performance tests.

### Leaving Certificate examination

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination normally taken at the end of a 2-year course of upper secondary education (Senior Cycle). Subjects are examined individually by means of written examinations and pupils must take at least five subjects including Irish. Those who pass this examination obtain the ► *Leaving Certificate*.

**Lehrabschlussprüfung**

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:**

Lehrabschlußprüfung, Lehrabschlussprüfungen, Lehrabschlussprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination leading to the ► *Lehrabschlussprüfungszeugnis* taken by apprentices at the end of 2 to 4 years of vocational training under the *duales System* at the end of their period in a firm. The examination is organised by the apprentice training centres in the various Provinces and includes theoretical and practical parts. It is taken before an examining board comprising representatives of employers and employees. Apprentices who have an ► *Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule* are exempt from the theoretical part of the examination.

**Lehrabschlussprüfung**

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:** Lehrabschlussprüfungen, Lehrabschlussprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory final examination, organised in Switzerland by the regional authorities in schools of upper secondary vocational education (lasting 3 or 4 years) and leading to the certificate ► *Lehrbrief*. It includes theoretical and practical tests covering the trade or occupation as well as general knowledge tests.

**Lehrabschlussprüfungszeugnis**

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Lehrabschlußprüfungszeugnis, Lehrabschlussprüfungszeugnisse, Lehrabschlussprüfungszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to apprentices who pass the ► *Lehrabschlussprüfung* at the end of the

workplace part of their vocational training under the *duales System*. The vocational branch (specialisation) is mentioned. It is a vocational qualification in the relevant branch.

**Lehramts- und Befähigungsprüfung für den land- und forstwirtschaftlichen Lehr-, Beratungs- und Förderungsdienst**

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:**

Lehramts- und Befähigungsprüfungen, Lehramts- und Befähigungsprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory final examination taken by students after a minimum of 3 years of study in non-university courses at an agricultural or forestry teacher training college. It is organised internally and held before a board, and covers both written and oral preliminary examinations held during the course and written and oral final examinations. Successful students are awarded the ► *Lehramts- und Befähigungsprüfungszeugnis*.

**Lehramts- und Befähigungsprüfungszeugnis**

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:**

Lehramts- und Befähigungsprüfungszeugnisse, Lehramts- und Befähigungsprüfungszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded to students who pass the ► *Lehramts- und Befähigungsprüfung für den land- und forstwirtschaftlichen Lehr-, Beratungs- und Förderungsdienst*. It entitles holders to occupy posts as agriculture and forestry teachers and in advisory and promotion services.

**Lehramtsprüfung**

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Lehramtsprüfungen, Lehramtsprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory final examination taken by students after a minimum of 3 years of study at *Pädagogische Akademien* and *Berufspädagogische Akademien*. Organised internally and with an examining board. Includes written

and oral examinations in both the humanities and professional subjects/didactics. Successful students are awarded the ► *Lehramtsprüfungszeugnis* (teaching qualification).

### Lehramtsprüfungszeugnis

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Lehramtsprüfungszeugnisse, Lehramtsprüfungszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Final qualification awarded to students who pass the ► *Lehramtsprüfung* after a minimum of 3 years of study at *Pädagogische Akademien* and *Berufspädagogische Akademien*. The field of study is indicated, and the certificate gives access to a specific area of teaching.

### Lehrbrief

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:**

Lehrbriefe, Lehrbrief\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Vocational proficiency certificate, awarded to pupils who pass the final examination ► *Lehrabschlussprüfung* of the Office for Vocational Training at the end of their apprenticeship. It mentions solely the specialisation. It gives access to employment.

### Lekarz (+ field of study)

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Lekarze, Lekarz\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych* qualification in medicine or veterinary medicine (*lekarz weterynarii*). The title is accompanied by the name of the specialisation in which it was obtained.

### Lic. (+ abbreviation of the field of study)

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Licentiatus* followed by the name of the field of study in the abbreviated form, for example *lic.philol.* in arts subjects and *lic.juris.* in the field of law.

### Licence

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded to students who pass the final examinations organised at the end of one year of university education following the ► *Diplôme d'études universitaires générales*. The oral and written final examinations are set by each institution and cover the subjects studied. The certificate mentions the major field. The degree gives access to education leading to a ► *Maîtrise* (Master's) or to employment and confers the title ► *Licencié(e) en* (+ specialisation).

### Licence en (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded at the end of 2 or 3 years of second-cycle university or long-type non-university education (after the ► *Candidature en*) to students who have passed the examinations set by the individual institution and required under the programme in each subject and submitted a final dissertation (*mémoire*). The certificate mentions the subjects taken and final mark awarded. It confers the title ► *Licencié(e) en* followed by the name of the specialisation, and gives access to the relevant profession and to specialised or post-graduate education. Until the recent reform of university education, a number of post-graduate certificates were called *licence spéciale*; today, only the *licence en notariat* remains. This is a certificate of post-graduate education lasting 1 year after the *licence* in Law.

### Licenciaat in de (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded to students who successfully complete a 2- or 3-year second cycle of university or non-university higher education. The final examination comprises examinations in all the subjects studied and (except in courses in law) the submission of a final dissertation on the main specialised

subject. The diploma indicates the field of study, for example *licentiaat in de scheikunde* in chemistry. It gives entry to the profession and/or to further specialised studies.

### Licenciado

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Licenciados

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the degree ► *Licenciatura*.

### Licenciado en (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:**

Licenciada en, Licenciados en

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the degree ► *Licenciatura en*. It is always followed by the name of the specialisation.

### Licenciát teologie

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:** Licenciáti teologie, Licenciát\* teologie

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Vysokoškolský diplom* degree, and the ► *Vysvědčení o státní rigorózní zkoušce* certificate in the field of Catholic theology. Abbreviation: *ThLic*.

### Licenciatgrad

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** -graden, -grader, -graderne

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Former term for the ► *Ph.d.-grad* until 1988.

### Licenciatura

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Licenciaturas

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded by university and polytechnic higher education institutions at the end of a specific course (usually of 4 to 6 years' duration) attesting to a sound scientific, academic or

cultural education providing in-depth knowledge aimed at specialisation in a given field or sufficient for entry to a profession. It is awarded on the basis of the student's participation and semester and annual examination results in all subjects. The form of the certificate varies from one institution to the other but always indicates the subject area and the qualification or classification awarded. It confers the title ► *Licenciado*. Students may generally proceed to undertake further study for the ► *Carta Magistral* degree or the ► *Carta Doutoral* degree if they obtain respectively at least 14 (*Bom*) or 16 (*Muito Bom*) out of 20 in the final classification.

### Licenciatura en (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Licenciaturas en

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded at the end of university studies lasting 4 or 5 years (6 years in medicine), generally in a Facultad, to students who have passed the examinations required under the programme. The examinations are written and/or oral and cover each subject taken. It confers the title ► *Licenciado en*. The certificate mentions the specialisation. It gives access to the profession and/or to a ► *Doctorado en*.

### Licencié(e) en (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have received the ► *Licence en* (+ specialisation). It is always followed by the name of the field of study in which it was awarded.

### Licencié(e) en (+ specialisation)

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on students who have obtained the degree ► *Licence*.

### Licencjat

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Licencjaci, Licencjat\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Diplom ukończenia studiów wyższych* qualification at the end of short-term university education in the field of human or natural sciences, economic sciences, physical education, tourism or certain medical specialisations.

**Licentiat**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:**

Licentiaten, Licentiatier, Licentiaterna

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Lisensiaatti*.

**Licentiat**

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -en, -er, -erna

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title describing the holder of a ► *Licentiatexamen*, normally with a prefix referring either to the faculty or to the area of academic study, in which the degree was obtained, e.g. *filosofie licentiat*, frequently used in its abbreviated form, e.g. *fil.lic*.

**Licențiat**

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Licențiați

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred to students who have passed the examination ► *Examenul de licență* and obtained the qualification ► *Diploma de licență*.

**Licentiat examen**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Lisensiaatintutkinto*.

**Licentiatexamen**

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree obtained after 2 years of full-time post-graduate studies. The degree includes the

writing of a dissertation. Licentiate studies can be pursued in all faculties. The name of the degree refers either to the faculty or to the area of academic study in which it is obtained, e.g. *filosofie licentiat* examen (Licentiate in Philosophy). The degree certificate normally mentions the specialisation and the title of the licentiate thesis. The corresponding title is ► *Licentiat*. A ► *Licentiat* may also continue doctoral studies and obtain a ► *Doktorsexamen* after 2 more years.

**Licentiatius (+ field of study)**

**Country:** Norway

**Grammatical variants:** Licentiatia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded very rarely to students who pass final written and oral examinations at the end of studies lasting 1½ years in between ► *Candidatus* and ► *Doctor* in the fields of law or odontology.

**Lisensiaatintutkinto**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** tutkinno-, tutkinto-, tutkinnot

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

- In fields other than medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine, an optional pre-doctoral degree taken after the Master's degree ► *Maisterin tutkinto*. Full-time study for the *Lisensiaatintutkinto* lasts about 2 years. To obtain the degree, students prepare a Licentiate's thesis, which is publicly disputed and assessed by two or more impartial examiners appointed by the university or faculty.
- A Licentiate's degree may also include specialist education in the field of psychology. In this case, the length of the studies is about 4 years.
- In the fields of medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine, a higher academic degree (comparable to the Master's degree ► *Maisterin tutkinto* in the other fields) requiring 5 to 6 years of full-time study. To obtain the degree, students prepare a thesis, which is assessed by two or more

impartial examiners appointed by the university or faculty. Swedish term: *Licentiat examen*.

### **Lisensiaatti**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:**

Lisensiaati-, Lisensiaatti-, Lisensiaatit

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who hold the ► *Lisensiaatintutkinto* degree. Swedish term: *Licentiat*.

### **Lukion päättötodistus**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** todistukse-, todistukset

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate awarded to pupils who have completed the 3-year upper secondary general school (*lukio/gymnasium*). There is no final examination but pupils are continuously assessed. The certificate indicates the compulsory and optional subjects taken and the marks obtained in them. It is a basic qualification for taking the ► *Ylioppilastutkinto*. Swedish term: *Gymnasiets avgångsbetyg*.



## M.

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Master*, written after the name. The abbreviation may be followed by letters indicating the field of study.

## M. Phil.

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Master of* in the field of philosophy.

## M. Sc.

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Master of* in the field of science.

## MA

**Country:** Iceland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Master of Arts/Magister artium* in arts subjects ► *Magister*.

## MA

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Magister Artium*.

## MA

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Master of* in the field of arts.

## MA

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Master of Arts*. See ► *Master's degree*.

## Maestro (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Maestra, Maestros

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree and title awarded at the end of first cycle university studies (3 years) in an *Escuela Universitaria* or *Facultad* to students who have passed the examinations required under the programme. The examinations are written and/or oral and cover each subject taken. The certificate mentions the specialisation. It gives access to the profession as a teacher at pre-primary and primary level and to some second cycle university studies. This degree corresponds to the ► *Diplomatura en*.

## Maestro d'arte

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Maestri d'arte

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on pupils who have obtained the ► *Diploma di maestro d'arte*.

**Mag. (+ field of study)**

**Country:** Austria

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Magister*, followed by the designation of the field of study in the abbreviated form, e.g. *Mag.phil*. Titles awarded by *Fachhochschulen* are followed by the abbreviation *FH*.

**Mag. art**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Magister artium*.

**Mag.art. or mag.scient.**

**Country:** Denmark

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Magister Artium* or *Magister Scientiarum*.

**Magister**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:**

Magistern, Magistrar, Magistrarna

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Maisteri*.

**Magister**

**Country:** Germany

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who pass the ► *Magisterprüfung*.

**Magister**

**Country:** Iceland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who pass the *Meistarapróf* examination and obtain the ► *Meistaragráða* degree. This title is used with the name of the specialisation in which it was obtained. The abbreviations of this title vary depending on the specialisation: in the field of arts and social sciences and theology the

abbreviation is *MA*; in the field of economics, management, administration, medicine and engineering it is *MS*; and in the field of educational sciences it is *MEd* or *MPaed* (*Magister Paedagogiae*).

**Magister**

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:**

-n, Magistrar, Magistrarna

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title describing the holder of a ► *Magisterexamen*, normally with a prefix referring either to the faculty or to the area of academic study, in which the degree was obtained, e.g. *filosofie magister*, frequently used in the abbreviated form, e.g. *fil.mag*.

**Magister (+ field of study)**

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Magistra

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Academic title of holders of the ► *Diplomprüfungszeugnis*. It is followed by an indication of the field of study (e.g. *Magister philosophiae*). Titles awarded by *Fachhochschulen* are followed by the abbreviation *FH*. Abbreviation: *Mag.* + abbreviation of the field of study (e.g. *Mag.phil.*).

**Magister (+ field of study)**

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Magistrowie, Magistr\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych* qualification at the end of long-term university education. This title is *magister edukacji* in educational sciences; *magister inżynier* in the faculties of technology, economics, agriculture; *magister sztuki* in art academies; and *magister inżynier architekt* in the field of architecture. Abbreviations: *Mgr* and in the technology field *Mgr inż.*

**Magister (+ field of study)**

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:** Magisteri, Magister\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Diplom* in the fields of human sciences and arts. Abbreviations: *Mgr* and *Mgr.art* in the field of arts.

### Magister Artium

**Country:** Denmark

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who obtain the ► *Magistergrad*.

### Magister Artium

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded by the *Internationale Akademie für Philosophie (IAP)* to students who pass the ► *Magisterprüfung* in philosophy. Abbreviation: *MA*.

### Magister artium

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded to students who pass final examinations and present a thesis at the end of university studies lasting 6½ to 7 years. Each institution sets its own written and oral examinations which are assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations, the average of the marks in the main subjects, the subject of the thesis and its assessment. It gives access to employment and/or to a doctorate. Abbreviation: *Mag.art*.

### Magister examen

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Maisterin tutkinto*.

### Magistère

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded to students who hold a ► *Diplôme d'études universitaires générales* or ► *Diplôme universitaire de technologie* and who have passed the final examinations set at the end of further university studies (3 years). The oral and written examinations are set by each institution and cover the subjects studied. The certificate mentions the specialisation and gives access to third-cycle university education or to employment.

### Magisterexamen

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of ► *Magisterprüfung*.

### Magisterexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

General degree, awarded after either 1 year after the ► *Kandidatexamen* or 4 years of full-time study, a total of 160 credit points of which 80 in the major subject, including one major thesis of 20 or two theses of 10 credit points. Studies can be pursued in all faculties. The name of the degree refers either to the faculty, e.g. *filosofie magisterexamen* (Master of Arts), or to the area of academic study in which it is obtained. The major field of study should be indicated in the degree certificate, and the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained are normally mentioned. The degree gives general eligibility for doctoral studies. The corresponding title is ► *Magister* mentioning the faculty or the area of academic study, e.g. *fil.mag.* (abbreviation of *filosofie magister*).

### Magistergrad

**Country:** Denmark

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded in one subject (3 years for the ► *Bachelorgrad* + 3 years of in-depth studies in the same subject). There is not only one final examination at the end, but examinations taken throughout the studies at the end of the teaching of the individual

subjects. The degree mentions the marks obtained in the examination, credits obtained from any other examinations and the title awarded. It confers the title ► *Magister Artium* or *Magister Scientiarum* (no longer awarded) and gives access to studies lasting 2 years leading to the ► *Ph.d.-grad*.

### Magistergrad

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Magistergrade, Magistergrad\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Academic degree awarded to students who pass the ► *Magisterprüfung*. The full title is *Magister Artium* or *Magistra Artium (M.A.)*. The *Magistergrad* can also be awarded at the end of post-graduate studies in which further academic or vocational qualifications can be taken and knowledge obtained from study or work given greater academic depth.

### Magisterprüfung

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Magisterprüfungen, Magisterprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination in the humanities at a university or equivalent higher education institution or in art or music at a *Kunst-* or *Musikhochschule*. The course usually takes 4 or 4½ years and completion of a master's dissertation (*Magisterarbeit*) is a prerequisite. The examination consists of specialised oral and written examinations and the title ► *Magister* is conferred on successful students. Those who are particularly successful may proceed to the ► *Promotion*.

### Magisterprüfung

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:** Magisterprüfungen, Magisterprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination taken at the *Internationale Akademie für Philosophie (IAP)* at the end of a 2-year main course of study (*Hauptstudium*) in philosophy. The examination includes both

written and oral examinations in philosophy and the preparation of a dissertation. There is no final certificate. Graduates receive a record of their attainments but this has no specific name. Successful candidates obtain the title ► *Magister Artium*. The examination requirements and content are set by the Academy. Successful students are entitled to proceed to further study in philosophy. Synonym: *Magisterexamen*.

### Magistr (+ field of study)

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:** Magistři, Magistr\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Vysokoškolský diplom* degree and the ► *Vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce* certificate at universities or in art academies. Abbreviation: *Mgr.* and *MgA.* in art academies.

### Magistur (Магистър)

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:** Magistri

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie* qualification.

### Maisteri

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** Maisteri-, Maisterit

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who hold the ► *Maisterin tutkinto* degree. Swedish term: *Magister*.

### Maisterin tutkinto

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** tutkinno-, tutkinto-, tutkinnot

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Master's degree – higher academic degree, requiring 5 years of full-time study (or 2 years after Bachelor's degree ► *Kandidaatin tutkinto*) at university. In the Theatre Academy, some Master's degrees can be completed in 4 years. The Master's degree exists in almost all

fields, except in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine, where only a higher academic degree ► *Lisensiaatintutkinto* can be taken. Master's degree students must complete advanced studies which usually include studies in one major subject and in one or more minor subjects. To obtain the degree, students prepare a Master's thesis, which is assessed by two or more impartial examiners appointed by the university or faculty. In art academies, the thesis can also be an artistic product, performance or study. Swedish term: *Maisteri*.

### **Maître en (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have received the ► *Maîtrise en* (+ specialisation). It is always followed by the name of the field of study in which it was awarded.

### **Maîtrise**

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level of education:** Post- secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of ► *Brevet de Maîtrise*.

### **Maîtrise (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded to students who have already been awarded the ► *Licence* and who have defended a final dissertation (*mémoire*) and have passed the examinations at the end of last year of second cycle of university studies. The examinations are set by each institution and cover the subjects studied. The certificate mentions the field of study and gives access to further post-graduate university studies and to employment. The qualification awarded in *instituts universitaires professionnalisés (IUP)* confers the title ► *Ingénieur-maître*.

### **Maîtrise en (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded at the end of 3 years of second-cycle university education after the ► *Candidature en* to students who have passed the

examinations set by the individual institution and required under the programme in each subject and submitted a final dissertation (*mémoire*). The certificate mentions the field of study, subjects taken, subject of the *mémoire* and final mark awarded. The degree is awarded in the fields of economics, applied economics and computer sciences and confers the title ► *Maître en* followed by the name of the field in which it was awarded. The degree gives access to the relevant profession and to post-graduate education.

### **Maritim kandidat**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of university maritime studies lasting 2½ years (after 3 years of study in *Høgskøle*). The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations and the average of the marks in the main subjects. It gives access to employment and/or to a doctorate.

### **Master**

**Country:** Germany

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Higher education degree that will be available in the future to students who successfully complete a post-graduate course at a university, *Fachhochschule* or other institution of higher education following a standard period of study of at least 1 year and at most 2 years. The minimum period of study laid down is in the interest of quality assurance. Master's courses have been introduced on a pilot basis in a large number of higher education institutions since the beginning of the 1990s.

### **Master**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title used by all university graduates in international contexts, abbreviated to *M.* and

written after the name. The abbreviation may be followed by letters indicating the field of study. Title used for the titles ► *Doctorandus*, ► *Ingenieur*, ► *Meester*.

### Master

**Country:** Romania

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on students who have obtained the qualification ► *Diplomă de studii aprofundate de Master*.

### Master of (+ field of study)

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of university or non-university studies taking from 1 to 2 years. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations and the average of the marks in the main subjects. It gives access to employment and/or to studies for a doctorate. It can be obtained in the field of arts (abbreviation: *MA*), business administration (abbreviation: *MBA*), international business (abbreviation: *MIB*), philosophy (abbreviation: *M.Phil.*), science (abbreviation: *M.Sc.*) and technology management.

### Master of (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who hold the ► *Master's degree*. The title mentions the area of studies, e.g. *Master of Arts*.

### Master's degree

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

A higher degree awarded by the universities and the National Council for Educational Awards on the basis of 1 to 3 years' course work and examination, research or a combination of both following the ►

*Bachelor's degree* (generally with honours). Students in general have to complete a dissertation and/or pass a written examination. Additional practical or oral examinations may be held in some cases. Successful candidates are awarded the title ► *Master of* (+ specialisation or field of study).

### Master's degree

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Usually a higher academic degree, taken generally in 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time, awarded to graduates who successfully complete specialised post-graduate study, either taught courses or individual research or a combination of both. A taught *Master's degree* is awarded on the basis of either written examinations or continuous assessment and requires a dissertation or short thesis, while a *research Master's degree* requires research and the presentation of a thesis. The thesis is usually examined by a panel of examiners and the student may subsequently undergo an oral examination conducted by the examiners. *Master's degrees* may be graded, according to the institution concerned. Degrees are designated *Master of Arts, Laws, Science* etc. according to the field of study.

The form of degree certificates varies according to the awarding institution but generally indicates the area of specialisation. Successful candidates may proceed to further specialised research for a ► *Doctorate*. Abbreviations: *MA, LL M, MSc*.

In the ancient Scottish Universities, the *MA* is a first degree comparable to the *BA* awarded elsewhere. In other institutions and elsewhere in the United Kingdom, the *Master's degree* is awarded for other types of programme such as the fourth year (or, in Scotland, the fifth year) of a first degree programme which covers advanced undergraduate work and for post-graduate conversion courses (programmes which allow graduates in one discipline to gain a qualification in a different field and where the standard may not necessarily be higher than that of an undergraduate programme in the same subject).

## Matura

**Country:** Liechtenstein  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Synonym of ► *Maturaprüfung*.

## Matura

**Country:** Poland  
**Grammatical variants:** Matury, Matur\*  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Synonym of ► *Egzamin dojrzałości*.

## Maturaprüfung

**Country:** Liechtenstein  
**Grammatical variants:** Maturaprüfungen, Maturaprüfung\*  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Final examination, organised at national level in schools of upper secondary general education (*Gymnasium* of type B – 8 years, or type E – 5 years), which is compulsory to obtain the certificate ► *Maturazeugnis*. In the B stream, it includes written and oral examinations in German, Latin, French, and mathematics, a written examination in English and an oral test to be chosen from physics, chemistry, biology, geography, history and English. In the E stream, the examination is similar to that for the B stream, but the Latin examination is replaced by written and oral examinations in economics. Its content is set by the school. Synonym: *Matura*.

## Maturazeugnis

**Country:** Liechtenstein  
**Grammatical variants:** Maturazeugnisse, Maturazeugnis\*  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Leaving certificate of upper secondary general education, issued by the *Gymnasium*, to pupils who pass the ► *Maturaprüfung*. It mentions the specialisation, the subjects passed and the examination results. This certificate is recognised by Switzerland, Austria and certain German *Länder*. It gives access (without entrance examination) to higher education in these countries.

## Maturitná skúška

**Country:** Slovakia  
**Grammatical variants:** Maturitné\* skúšky, Maturitná skúška\*  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Final examination organised in institutions of upper secondary general, specialised and vocational education lasting 4 years. Successful pupils receive the school leaving certificate ► *Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške*. The content of this examination is set by the examining board and approved by the school head. In schools of general education (*Gymnázium*), it includes written and oral examinations covering Slovak language and literature, an oral examination in mathematics or in a foreign language and two optional subjects. In schools of vocational and specialised education (*Stredná odborná škola* and *Stredné odborné učilište*), it includes written and oral examinations in Slovak language and literature and the subjects of the specialisation, plus an oral examination in an optional subject. The examinations in the specialisation subjects also may include a practical part. It is also organised following 2 years of supplementary courses for pupils who have passed the examination ► *Záverečná skúška*.

## Maturitní zkouška

**Country:** Czech Republic  
**Grammatical variants:** Maturitní zkoušky, Maturitní\* zkouš\*  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Compulsory final examination held at the end of the final year of upper secondary general, technical and vocational education lasting 4 years. Successful pupils receive the ► *Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce* certificate. The examinations are determined by each institution and differ depending on the type of school. In the upper secondary general school, it includes examinations (written and oral) in Czech language and literature and in one foreign language, as well as in two optional subjects, depending on the pupil's specialisation. In upper secondary technical or vocational schools, it includes a written and oral

examination in Czech language and literature, a single oral examination and a choice of special subject, plus a practical test in technical or vocational subjects.

It is possible to sit the examination after having finished 2 years of extension courses (*nástavbové studium*) for which the content and method of organisation are like those in upper secondary vocational or technical schools.

In upper secondary artistic schools, added to the compulsory examination on Czech language and literature and one foreign language, is the history of art and culture, as well as the special subject.

This examination is evaluated by a committee whose chairman is appointed by the local education authorities, and the members by the head of the educational institution.

### MBA

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Master of* in the field of Business Administration.

### MEd

**Country:** Iceland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Master of Education/ Magister Educationis* in the field of educational sciences. See ► *Magister*.

### Meester

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Meesters

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title obtained by students who pass the final examination of a first degree university course in law, leading to the ► *Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen*. The study load is 168 credits (in practice, 4 years of study). The abbreviated title ► *Mr.* is placed before the name. Internationally, all university graduates may adopt the title ► *Master*. The abbreviated title *M.* is placed after the name, and may be followed by letters indicating the field of study.

### Meester (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Grammatical variants:** Meesters

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification and title awarded to students who successfully complete in accordance with the programme a 3-year second cycle of non-university higher education in fine art in a *Hogeschool*, following a ► *Kandidaat in de degree*. The examinations (written and/or oral as the teacher decides) cover all the subjects studied. The degree indicates the name of the institution and the title of the diploma, while a supplement gives details of the subjects studied and the marks awarded. It gives entry to the relevant profession.

### Meester in de rechten

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Meesters in de rechten

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Term referring to the title of law graduates. See ► *Meester*.

### Meistarabréf

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:**

Meistarabréfi, Meistarabréfs

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Master craftsman's certificate awarded to trainees who have successfully completed the ► *Meistaránám í iðn* examination. It confers the title ► *Meistari*. The certificate mentions the specialisation. Holders may exercise supervisory responsibilities in the given field and recruit apprentices.

### Meistaragráða

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** Meistaragráðu

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Post-graduate qualification awarded to students who successfully complete a post-graduate course of university study of 2 to 3 years following the ► *BA-, BS- or BEd-gráða* or 1 year following the ► *Kandidatsgráða* in engineering. It is awarded to students who

pass the final ► *Meistarapróf* examination. It confers the title ► *Magister* in the given field.

### Meistaránám í iðn

**Country:** Iceland

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Continuous assessment in a 1- to 3-year course of vocational education (depending on the trade) following the ► *Sveinsbréf* qualification and one year's work in the trade or occupation. It leads to the ► *Meistarabréf* certificate, conferring the title ► *Meistari* (master craftsman). The tests and assessment depend on each educational institution (industrial-vocational and comprehensive upper secondary schools) or apprenticeship training centres.

### Meistarapróf

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** -prófi, -prófs

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held by university institutions at the end of post-graduate studies of 2 to 3 years leading to the ► *Meistaragráða* qualification, conferring the title ► *Magister*. Its content and the level of requirements depend on each institution. It includes written and oral tests relating to the different subjects in the programme studied, as well as a final dissertation.

### Meistari

**Country:** Iceland

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to craftsmen who have obtained the ► *Meistarabréf* certificate.

### Meisterklassenexamen

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Meisterklassenexamina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination held at the end of a master class (*Meisterklasse*) as a post-graduate course in *Musikhochschulen*. The prerequisite for entry is a particularly outstanding performance in a first degree course (*grundständiger*

*Studiengang*) in music and success in an entrance examination or aptitude test.

### Meisterschüler

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Meisterschüler, Meisterschüler\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded by *Kunsthochschulen* to artistically particularly talented students who successfully complete a post-graduate course of studies ending with a presentation of their artistic achievements. A final examination in a first degree course (*grundständige Studiengänge*) constitutes a prerequisite for this course.

### Mestre

**Country:** Portugal

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Academic title conferred on holders of the ► *Carta Magistral* degree.

### Metaptychiako Diploma Eidikefsis sti (n) (+ specialisation) (Μεταπτυχιακό Δίπλωμα Ειδίκευσης στη(ν))

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:** Μεταπτυχιακού

Διπλώματος Ειδίκευσης στη(ν),

μεταπτυχιακ-\* διπλωμ-\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma of completion of post-graduate studies, lasting a minimum of 1 year, 3 months of which must be devoted to a final written assignment on a subject relating to the specialisation. It is awarded by institutions of higher education (*Anotato Ekpaidevtiko Idrima – AEI*) to students who have passed the written and oral examinations in all of the subjects studied and presented the final assignment to a board of examiners. The diploma mentions the field of the specialisation and the level of studies; it gives access to employment and to doctoral studies in the field concerned.

### **MgA.**

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Magistr* in the field of arts.

### **Mgr**

**Country:** Poland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Magister*.

### **Mgr inż.**

**Country:** Poland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Magister* in the technological field.

### **Mgr.**

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Magistr*.

### **Mgr.**

**Country:** Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Magister* in the field of human sciences.

### **Mgr.art.**

**Country:** Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Magister* in the field of arts.

### **MIB**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Master of* in the field of International Business.

### **Mittlerer Abschluss**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Mittlerer Abschluß, Mittler\* Abschluss\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Term used in certain *Länder* for ► *Realschulabschluss*.

### **Mittlerer Bildungsabschluss**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Mittlerer Bildungsabschluß,

Mittler\* Bildungsabschluss\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Term used in certain *Länder* for ► *Realschulabschluss*.

### **Mittlerer Schulabschluss**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Mittlerer Schulabschluß,

Mittler\* Schulabschluss\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Term used in certain *Länder* for ► *Realschulabschluss*.

### **Modulbevis**

**Country:** Norway

**Grammatical variants:**

Modulbeviset, Modulbevisene

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

A module certificate which documents completion of a module which is part of a subject. The module certificate can be issued for a whole module or in special cases for part of a module.

### **MPaed**

**Country:** Iceland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Magister Paedagogiae* in the field of educational sciences ► *Magister*.

### **Mr.**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Meester*, written before the name.

**MS**

**Country:** Iceland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Magister Scientiarum* in the field of the exact sciences ► *Magister*.

**MUDr.**

**Country:** Czech Republic, Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doktor* in the field of medicine.

**MVDr.**

**Country:** Czech Republic, Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doktor* in the field of veterinary medicine.





### National Certificate

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded after completion of a 2-year full-time course of higher education institutions (Institute of Technology and other designated institutions) validated by the National Council for Educational Awards. It is followed by an indication of the area of study, e.g. National Certificate in Science. Only the study area is indicated. Students obtaining high marks and those who have one year's work experience may proceed to the ► *National Diploma* in the same field. Successful students may also be exempted from parts of certain professional examinations. Abbreviation: *NC*.

### National Certificate Module

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Lower secondary/upper secondary/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

A non-advanced vocational qualification awarded by the Scottish Qualifications Authority on the basis of a course comprising one or more learning outcomes. Each course element is evaluated on a modular basis, i.e. as the student completes the work. This is recorded and certificated on an annual basis.

### National Craft Certificate

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of apprenticeship, the duration of which may vary according to the trade or occupation concerned. This certificate indicates the occupational sector and standard reached and grants access to employment. It is awarded jointly by the Department of Education and Science and *FAS* based on a new standard approach. It involves seven phases, four at work and three in a training centre or college.

### National Curriculum Assessment

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W)

**Level of education:** Primary/lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Statutory assessment which all pupils in publicly-funded schools must undergo at the end of Key Stages 1 (age 7), 2 (age 11), and 3 (age 14). These assessments consist of teacher assessment of all pupils using nationally-set criteria and nationally-set tasks and written tests for most pupils (the lowest attaining pupils being subject to teacher assessment only) in English, Welsh (in Welsh-speaking schools in Wales), mathematics and, at the end of Key Stages 2 and 3, science. The results of the teacher assessment and the tests and tasks are expressed in terms of the National Curriculum 1-8 level scale. No certificate is awarded, but the results of individual pupils must be reported to parents, and school-level results must be published in the school's prospectus.

## National Diploma

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Diploma awarded by the National Council for Educational Awards to students who have successfully completed a 3-year full-time course of study, or 1-year following the ► *National Certificate*, in an Institute of Technology. It mentions the specialised area, e.g. *National Diploma in Science*. Only the study area is indicated. Students obtaining high marks and those who have one year's work experience may proceed to study for a ► *Bachelor's degree* in the same field. Successful students may also be exempted from parts of certain professional examinations. Abbreviation: *ND*.

## National Foundation Certificate

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to learners who meet the required standard in a total of eight modules, including three core modules of broad pre-vocational training intended to provide a basis for progression opportunities in the national further education framework.

## National testing

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Primary/secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Testing undertaken in primary and the first two years of secondary education by teachers to confirm their own assessment of the pupil's progress towards each of the five levels of attainment identified in the 5-14 Curriculum. Tests are carried out for monitoring purposes at the discretion of the teacher and at the moment considered appropriate, and are not certificated.

## National Vocational Certificate (Level 1, 2, 3)

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

• **Explanatory note level 1:**

Certificate awarded to learners who meet the required standard in a total of eight modules, including four core modules in introductory vocational education and

training intended to provide access to general employment and progression opportunities in the national further education framework.

• **Explanatory note level 2:**

Certificate awarded to candidates who meet the required standard in modules whose total value is at least eight and which include the mandatory vocational modules for that certificate, communications and a work experience module in specific vocational education and training intended to provide access to specific employment and progression opportunities to Further, Higher Education and Training.

• **Explanatory note level 3:**

Certificate awarded to candidates who meet the required standard in all the modules required in advanced vocational education and training intended to provide access to specific employment and to Higher Education and Training.

## National Vocational Qualification

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Specific vocational qualifications aimed at young people who have left full-time education. Designed specifically for education and training in the workplace and further education institutions but some are now available in schools. Available at five levels, of which the first three are Level 1, broadly equivalent to a lower grade pass in the ► *General Certificate of Secondary Education* and categorised as a foundation level qualification within the National Framework of qualifications, Level 2, broadly equivalent to a higher grade pass in the ► *General Certificate of Secondary Education* and categorised as an intermediate level qualification within the National Framework of qualifications and Level 3, broadly equivalent to a pass in the ► *General Certificate of Education Advanced Level* and categorised as an advanced level qualification within the National Framework of qualifications. Assessment is based on demonstration of required competencies as defined by the standard-setting bodies (now largely employer-led National Training Organisations) and therefore there are

no grades of achievement other than 'pass'. Students may progress to Level 4 *NVQs*. Abbreviation: *NVQ*.

### Näyttötutkinto

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** näyttötutkinno-, näyttötutkinto-, näyttötutkinnot

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

A vocational skills examination, the official basis of which is laid down by the National Board of Education. Pupils must demonstrate to an examination board that they have the required skills in order to qualify. It is open to all who have taken an apprenticeship or vocational training, or who have skills from work experience or training in the workplace. There are three levels of qualification of which the first one is ► *Ammatillinen perustutkinto*. Swedish term: *Fristående yrkesprov*.

### NC

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *National Certificate*.

### NCEA Diploma

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Post-graduate teaching qualification awarded by the National Council for Educational Awards to holders of a ► *Bachelor's degree* or

a ► *National Diploma* in Art or Design who successfully complete a 1-year full-time course.

### ND

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *National Diploma*.

### Northern Ireland Assessment

**Country:** United Kingdom (NI)

**Level of education:** Primary/lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Statutory assessment which pupils at all publicly-funded schools must undergo at the end of Key Stages 1 (age 8), 2 (age 11), and 3 (age 14). Assessments consist of teacher assessment of all pupils using nationally-set criteria; and nationally-set written tests at the end of Key Stage 3 in English, mathematics and science.

The results of the teacher assessment and the tests are expressed in terms of the Northern Ireland Curriculum 1-8 level scale. No certificate is awarded, but the results of individual pupils must be reported to parents.

### NVQ

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *National Vocational Qualification*.





### **Okleveles (+ field of study)**

**Country:** Hungary

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Egyetemi oklevél* degree. It is always accompanied by the name of the field of study, for example – *okleveles közgazdász* in the field of economics.

### **One-year Certificate**

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded by the National Council for Educational Awards in respect of

two of the four major discipline areas designated by it – Business and Humanities – to students who successfully complete 1-year full-time courses or equivalent.

### **Operatore**

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Operatori

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on pupils who have obtained the ► *Diploma di qualifica*.





### PaedDr.

**Country:** Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doktor* in the field of educational sciences.

### PAP

**Country:** Portugal

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Prova de Aptidão Profissional*.

### Part One General National Vocational Qualification

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

The *Part One GNVQ* is currently being piloted in schools in England and Wales, but will be available to all schools from September 1999. It offers a 2-year course designed for 14- to 16-year-olds. It is available in a number of broad vocational areas at two levels – Foundation, roughly equivalent to two lower grade passes in the ► *General Certificate of Secondary Education*; and Intermediate, roughly equivalent to two higher grade ► *General Certificate of Secondary Education*. Abbreviation: *Part One GNVQ*.

### Part One GNVQ

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/NI)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Part One General National Vocational Qualification*.

### PAU

**Country:** Spain

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Pruebas de Acceso a la Universidad*.

### Perito

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Periti

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on pupils who have obtained the ► *Diploma di superamento dell'esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore* in an *istituto tecnico*.

### Peruskoulun päättötodistus

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:**  
todistukse-, todistukset

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate awarded to pupils at the end of the 9-year *peruskoulu/grundskola*. There is no final examination but continuous assessment throughout the pupil's career. The certificate indicates the compulsory and optional subjects taken and the marks obtained in them. This certificate grants access to upper secondary education. Swedish term: *Avgångsbetyg från grundskolan*.

## PGCE

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Postgraduate Certificate of Education*. See ► *Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma* + field of study.

## Ph.D.

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doktor*.

## Ph.D.

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Doctor of Philosophy*, one type of ► *Doctorate*.

## Ph.d.

**Country:** Denmark

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Philosophiae Doctor*.

## Ph.d.-grad

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** -grader, -graderne

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded at the end of supervised post-graduate studies lasting 3 years following the ► *Kandidatgrad* (or equivalent) or 2 years following the ► *Magistergrad*. In order to obtain this degree, the student must pass the subjects in the study programme, write and defend a thesis on a specialist subject and participate in a research assignment for 6 months. The assessment of students also covers their mobility, i.e. their integration into active research groups and their teaching experience. The degree mentions the title and the field of specialisation. It confers the title ► *Philosophiae Doctor*. It constitutes the minimum basis required for teaching and research in a Danish university. Until 1988, the term used for this degree was ► *Licenciatgrad*.

## PharmDr.

**Country:** Czech Republic, Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doktor* in the field of pharmacy.

## PhD

**Country:** Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Philosophiae doctor* at post-graduate level.

## PhDr.

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doktor* in the field of human and social sciences and educational science.

## PhDr.

**Country:** Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doktor* in the field of human and artistic sciences.

## Philosophiae doctor

**Country:** Denmark

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who obtain the ► *Ph.d.-grad*. Abbreviation: *Ph.d.*

## Philosophiae doctor

**Country:** Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on students who have obtained the diploma ► *Diplom* at the end of post-graduate studies. Abbreviation: *PhD* and in the field of arts: *ArtD*.

## Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma (+ field of study)

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

A post-graduate course of higher education usually in a specialised or vocational subject. An example is the *Postgraduate Certificate of*

*Education (PGCE)*, a 1-year course in the theory and practice of teaching taken by graduates in any subject who intend to teach. Courses are offered by universities and other higher education institutions and normally take 1 year's full-time or 2 years's part-time study depending on the institution. Diploma courses are usually of a higher level than courses leading to a Certificate. Assessment arrangements are determined at institutional level but may include written examinations, continuous assessment, extended essay or thesis or a combination of these. Successful completion of these courses does not normally give automatic access to further studies or particular occupations, but students may progress to employment in a related sector, to studies for a higher degree, or to fulfil the examination or other membership requirements of a professional association. For example, in Scotland, a *PGCE* course confers a Teaching Qualification (*TQ*), but there is a 2-year probationary period before a holder of the *TQ* can become a fully registered teacher. Abbreviation: *PGCE*.

### Praktisk-pedagogisk utdanning

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who pass written final examinations and complete periods of practice in a school at the end of university studies lasting 1 year in the field of education and teaching. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the final examinations and an assessment of the practical stage. It gives access to employment as a primary or secondary school teacher.

### Praktisk-teologisk utdanning

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who, after obtaining the ► *Candidatus* degree in the field of theology pass final examinations and complete periods of practical training in congregations and institutions at the end of university studies lasting

1 year in the field of theology, liturgy, church law and clerical practice. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the final examinations and an assessment of the practical training. It gives access to employment as a Lutheran priest/pastor.

### Probă practică

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Proba practică

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Optional practical examination, held at the end of studies in upper secondary education (specialised secondary schools), which makes it possible to obtain the certificate ► *Atestat profesional*. This test covers the specialist subject and is accompanied by a written test.

### Professeur agrégé

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on students who have obtained the ► *Agrégation*.

### Professeur certifié

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on students who have obtained the ► *Certificat d'aptitude au professorat de l'enseignement secondaire*.

### Professeur des écoles

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on holders of the ► *Certificat d'aptitude au professorat des écoles*. This type of teacher has been replacing the instituteur in primary schools since 1992 and the latter are disappearing.

### Promotie

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Promoties

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Inter alia, the formal defence of a thesis or technological design to obtain a doctorate ► *Doctoraat*.

**Promotion**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Promotionen

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination forming part of a special procedure for the award of the ► *Doktorgrad*. Successful completion of a first course of study ending with a ► *Diplom*, a ► *Magister* or a first *Staatsexamen* (see ► *Staatsprüfung*) is normally a prerequisite for admission to the *Promotion* process, which serves to review students' achievements in examinations and establish their academic capabilities. Their ability to undertake independent research is demonstrated in the presentation of a substantial written thesis (*Dissertation*) on an academic topic and an oral examination, known as the *Rigorosum*, *Kolloquium* or *Disputation*, before the *Promotion* examining board of the department or Faculty for the subject being examined. Once they have deposited the obligatory copies of their *Dissertation* and received their *Promotion* certificate, successful students are entitled to bear the ► *Doktorgrad*.

**Propedeutisch examen**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:**

Propedeutische examens

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination at the end of the first year of study in university education (*wetenschappelijk onderwijs – wo*) and non-university higher professional education (*hogere beroepsopleiding – hbo*). Students must pass this examination in order to continue with their studies. The *propedeutisch examen* is a review of the student's academic record to assess whether the student has completed the requirements of the first year of the higher education study. All the requirements for the examination have been met if the student has passed all the interim-examinations

(*tentamens*) as required in the teaching and examination regulations of the institution. An examining board set up by the institution organises the examination. The responsibility for the way the examination is organised and the content of the examination lies with the competent authority of the institution (*universiteit* or *hogeschool*). Successful candidates receive a ► *Getuigschrift van het propedeutisch examen*.

**Prova de Aptidão Profissional**

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:**

Provas de Aptidão Profissional

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination taken by pupils attending vocational schools (*Escolas Profissionais*), after having completed two thirds of their curricular 3-year course. It is necessary for the award of the ► *Diploma de Qualificação Profissional de Nível III*. This examination takes the form of an interdisciplinary project developed according to the pupil's personal interests and is organised in close connection with enterprises. This project is submitted and assessed by an examination board which includes the pedagogical director of the vocational school, who presides, the tutor and representatives of the relevant local trade associations and trade unions.

**Prova de doutoramento**

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:**

Provas de doutoramento

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

University examination leading to the award of the ► *Carta Doutoral* degree and the title ► *Doutor*. It involves the public defence of an original thesis (*tese de doutoramento*) which is regarded as making a new and original contribution to the advancement of knowledge at a high cultural level in a specific area of knowledge and demonstrating an ability to carry out independent research work. There may also be ► *Provas Complementares* in accordance with the individual university's regulations on doctorates. This is held before a board comprising the head of the university, in

the chair, at least three doctoral members (of whom two are external), the director of studies and possibly an eminent expert in the field concerned.

### Prova Global

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Provas Globais

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

- One of the components of internal summative assessment, other than continuous assessment, in the subjects of the third stage of compulsory basic education (*Ensino Básico*).
- Also one of the components of internal summative assessment to be taken into account for the final mark in a given subject at the end of years 10 and 11 and in subjects of a practical nature in the final year (year 12).

### Provas Complementares

**Country:** Portugal

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examinations required to be taken by candidates for the ► *Carta Doutoral* degree and the title ► *Doutor* who do not satisfy some of the requirements in the individual university's regulations on doctorates, for instance by not holding a ► *Carta Magistral* degree, or where the qualification held is not in the same subject area as the ► *Carta Doutoral*. It involves a discussion before a board of examiners comprising three doctoral members (two of whom are external) on research work submitted by the student in a subject area related to the specialisation but separate from the work prepared for the thesis (*tese de doutoramento*). To be accepted as a candidate, the student may be required to attend and pass courses from the curriculum provided by the university at post-graduate level.

### Prueba de Madurez

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Pruebas de Madurez

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination organised under the education system in effect prior to the reforms of the 1990 Organic Law on the General

Organisation of the Education System (*Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo – LOGSE*). This examination was intended for those pupils who did not successfully complete the 8 years of compulsory education (*Educación General Básica – EGB*). Success in this examination entitled pupils to the certificate ► *Graduado Escolar*. This examination consisted of examinations covering the compulsory subjects in the programme. This examination will remain until 2001/2002.

### Pruebas de Acceso a la Universidad

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Prueba de Acceso a la Universidad

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Obligatory examination for entry to long-cycle university studies, organised at the end of the upper secondary education. It is intended for pupils who have already passed the examinations under the course programme. There are two types of access examination, the one corresponding to the system prior to the reform of 1990 (*LOGSE*), for pupils who have successfully completed the 1-year pre-university preparation course (*Curso de Orientación Universitaria – COU*), the other for pupils who have followed *LOGSE Bachillerato* and have been awarded the certificate ► *Bachiller*. In both cases, the access system is analogous in its concept and organisation, varying only in relation to the specific access examinations. There are two examinations covering the subjects taken during the final year of study. First exercise: Pupils taking the *COU* course must take tests in the Spanish language (in the Autonomous Communities with two official languages, there is also a test in the other language) and also in a foreign language and in philosophy and take examinations in the compulsory and optional subjects in their chosen field in a total of four subjects. *LOGSE Bachillerato* pupils must take tests in the Spanish language (and, as applicable, in the language and literature of the Autonomous Community), in a foreign language and in philosophy or history and take examinations in three or more subjects they have taken in the

second year of the *Bachillerato*. These examinations are organised twice each school year. If they fail the examination, candidates have the right to make three additional attempts. Synonym: *Selectividad*. Abbreviation: *PAU*.

### Psykologexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree in the field of psychology, awarded after a 5-year programme of full-time study, which normally includes a degree project. The degree certificate normally mentions the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained. The degree gives access to employment and general eligibility for doctoral studies.

### Psykoterapeutexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Graduate diploma in the field of psychotherapy, awarded after a 3-year programme of half-time study. The studies are based on a first professional degree in the health care sector. The degree certificate normally mentions the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained. The degree gives access to employment.

### Ptychio (+ specialisation) (Πτυχίο)

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:** Πτυχίου, πτυχ-\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

- Diploma of completion of non-university higher education, lasting 3 to 3½ years, followed by a practical training placement of 6 months in the field of the specialisation. It is awarded by institutions of specialised technical education (*Technologiko Ekpaidevntiko Idrima – TEI*) to students who pass the continuous assessment throughout the period of their studies in all of the subjects studied, their practical training placement and the final examination. The diploma mentions the specialisation, the title, the overall mark and the grade obtained. It gives access to employment in the field of the specialisation.

- Degree awarded by universities after completion of studies, varying from 4 to 6 years, to candidates who have passed the examinations in all of the subjects studied. The degree mentions the specialisation, the title, the overall mark and the grade obtained. It gives access to employment, in the field of the specialisation, as well as to post-graduate studies.

The name of the degree is always accompanied by the name of the field concerned (e.g. *Ptychio Iatrikis* in medicine, *Ptychio Physikis* in physics, etc.). The title conferred is ► *Ptychiouchos*, followed by the name of the field concerned. Synonym: *Diploma*.

### Ptychio Technikis Epaggelmatikis Scholis (Πτυχίο Τεχνικής – Επαγγελματικής Σχολής)

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:** Πτυχίου Τεχνικής – Επαγγελματικής Σχολής, πτυχ-\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of upper secondary vocational education (*Techniko Epaggelmatiko Scholeio – TES*) lasting 2 years, awarded to pupils on the basis of internal assessment throughout their studies in all of the subjects followed. It mentions the specialisation, the course subjects and the marks obtained, as well as the average mark and the grade. This diploma confers the title ► *Ptychiouchos Technikis Epaggelmatikis Scholis* and it gives access to employment in the field of the specialisation and to the second year of the *Techniko-Epaggelmatiko Lykeio* for candidates wishing to continue their studies. Abbreviation: *Ptychio TES*.

### Ptychio Technikou-Epaggelmatikou Lykeiou (Πτυχίο Τεχνικού – Επαγγελματικού Λυκείου)

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:** Πτυχίου Τεχνικού – Επαγγελματικού Λυκείου, πτυχ-\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of upper secondary vocational education (*Techniko-Epaggelmatiko Lykeio – TEL*) lasting 3 years, awarded to pupils who have chosen a section of specialisation. It is awarded on the basis of

internal assessment throughout their studies in all of the subjects followed. It mentions the specialisation, the course subjects and the marks obtained, as well as the average mark and the grade. This certificate confers the title ► *Ptychiouchos Technikou-Epaggelmatikou Lykeiou* and gives access to employment in the field of the specialisation and, since 1996, to the national examinations ► *Genikes Exetaseis* for continuing technical higher education studies. Abbreviation: *Ptychio TEL*.

### **Ptychio TEL (Πτυχίο Τ. Ε. Λ.)**

**Country:** Greece  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Abbreviation of ► *Ptychio Technikou-Epaggelmatikou Lykeiou*.

### **Ptychio TES (Πτυχίο Τ. Ε. Σ.)**

**Country:** Greece  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Abbreviation of ► *Ptychio Technikis Epaggelmatikis Scholis*.

### **Ptychio Tmimatos Eidikevsis Eniaiou Polykladikou Lykeiou (Πτυχίο Τμήματος Ειδικεύσης Ενιαίου Πολυκλαδικού Λυκείου)**

**Country:** Greece  
**Grammatical variants:** Πτυχίο Τμήματος Ειδικεύσης Ενιαίου Πολυκλαδικού Λυκείου, πτυχ-<sup>\*</sup>  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Diploma of completion of studies of upper secondary vocational education lasting 1 year, awarded to students who have obtained the diploma ► *Apolytirio Eniaiou Polykladikou Lykeiou* and chosen an extra section of vocational specialisation in an institution of comprehensive secondary education (*Eniaio Polykladiko Lykeio – EPL*). It is awarded on the basis of internal assessment throughout their studies in all of the subjects followed. It mentions the specialisation, the course subjects and the marks obtained, as well as the average mark and the grade. This diploma confers the title ► *Ptychiouchos Tmimatos Eidikevsis Eniaiou Polykladikou Lykeiou* and it gives access to specialised vocational

studies lasting 6 months in an *Instituto Epaggelmatikis Katartisis – IEK*.

### **Ptychiouchos (+ specialisation) (Πτυχιούχος)**

**Country:** Greece  
**Grammatical variants:** Πτυχιούχου, Πτυχιούχων, πτυχιουχ-<sup>\*</sup>  
**Level of education:** Higher  
**Explanatory note:**  
Title awarded to students who have obtained the diploma ► *Ptychio*. It is followed by the name of the field concerned.

### **Ptychiouchos Technikis Epaggelmatikis Scholis (Πτυχιούχος Τεχνικής – Επαγγελματικής Σχολής)**

**Country:** Greece  
**Grammatical variants:**  
Πτυχιούχου Τεχνικής – Επαγγελματικής Σχολής, πτυχιουχ-<sup>\*</sup>  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Title awarded to candidates who have obtained the diploma ► *Ptychio Technikis Epaggelmatikis Scholis*.

### **Ptychiouchos Technikou-Epaggelmatikou Lykeiou (Πτυχιούχος Τεχνικού – Επαγγελματικού Λυκείου)**

**Country:** Greece  
**Grammatical variants:**  
Πτυχιούχου Τεχνικού – Επαγγελματικού Λυκείου, πτυχιουχ-<sup>\*</sup>  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Title awarded to candidates who have obtained the diploma ► *Ptychio Technikou-Epaggelmatikou Lykeiou*.

### **Ptychiouchos Tmimatos Eidikevsis Eniaiou Polykladikou Lykeiou (Πτυχιούχος Τμήματος Ειδικεύσης Ενιαίου Πολυκλαδικού Λυκείου)**

**Country:** Greece  
**Grammatical variants:**  
Πτυχιούχου Τμήματος Ειδικεύσης, πτυχιουχ-<sup>\*</sup>  
**Level of education:** Upper secondary  
**Explanatory note:**  
Title awarded to candidates who have obtained the diploma ► *Ptychio Tmimatos Eidikevsis Eniaiou Polykladikou Lykeiou*.





### Qualifizierender Hauptschulabschluss

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Qualifizierender Hauptschulabschluß,  
Qualifizierend\* Hauptschulabschluss\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualifying lower secondary general education certificate awarded in some *Länder* after the ninth school year by a *Hauptschule* as well as by other schools at lower secondary level to pupils who have attained certain marks and on the basis of other evidence of achievement (examination). It gives pupils access under certain conditions to a *Berufsaufbauschule* or *Berufsfachschule*. Synonym: *Qualifizierter Hauptschulabschluss*.

### Qualifizierter Hauptschulabschluss

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Qualifizierter Hauptschulabschluß,  
Qualifiziert\* Hauptschulabschluss\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Term used in certain *Länder* for ►  
*Qualifizierender Hauptschulabschluss*.

### Qualifizierter Sekundarabschluss

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Qualifizierter Sekundarabschluß,  
Qualifiziert\* Sekundarabschluss\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Term used in certain *Länder* for ►  
*Realschulabschluss*.





### Rabotnik (Работник)

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:** Rabotnitzi

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Vocational qualification awarded to pupils who have obtained the certificate ► *Svidetelstvo za profesionalna kvalifikasia.*

### Realschulabschluss

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Realschulabschluß, Realschulabschluss\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

General education school-leaving certificate awarded by a *Realschule* or under certain conditions also by other types of lower secondary school after the tenth school year. Awarded on the basis of attainments during the tenth school year or in some *Länder* following a final examination (oral and written tests). It gives access under certain conditions to other types of secondary schools providing education beyond the tenth school year or to the *Gymnasiale Oberstufe*. Terms used in certain *Länder*: ► *Mittlerer Abschluss*, ► *Mittlerer Schulabschluss*, ► *Mittlerer Bildungsabschluss*, ► *Qualifizierter Sekundarabschluss*, ► *Fachoberschulreife/Fachschulreife*, ► *Wirtschaftsschulabschluss*.

### Receptarieexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree in the field of pharmacy, awarded after a 2-year programme of full-time study. The degree certificate normally mentions the subjects passed. The degree gives access to employment.

### Régent(e)

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of ► *Agrégé(e) de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur*.

### Reife- und Diplomprüfung

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:**

Reife- und Diplomprüfungen,

Reife- und Diplomprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination at the end of upper secondary vocational education in the *berufsbildende höhere Schule (BHS)* and upper secondary schools for training of nursery school teachers and in social pedagogy (*Sozialpädagogik*) (duration 5 years). Those who pass receive the ► *Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis*. The examination is internally organised by the individual institutions but the subjects for the written parts have to be submitted to the regional school authorities for approval. The orals are chaired by an external representative of the school authorities. The examinations vary according to the type of institution and branch of study.

## Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:**

Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnisse,

Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to those who pass the ► *Reife- und Diplomprüfung* at the end of upper secondary technical and vocational education in the *berufsbildende höhere Schule (BHS)* and upper secondary schools for training of nursery school teachers and in social pedagogy (*Sozialpädagogik*). The certificate mentions the overall result, the subjects and marks, the overall timetable of education and training and, for the *BHS*, the professional qualifications and individual professional rights. It gives access to higher education (*allgemeine Hochschulreife*).

## Reifeprüfung

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:**

Reifeprüfungen, Reifeprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination at the end of 4 years of upper secondary general education (*AHS-Oberstufe* or *Oberstufenrealgymnasium*). Pupils who pass it obtain the ► *Reifeprüfungszeugnis*. The examination is organised internally by the school. The examination consists of seven parts, some written and some oral, and covers at least four subjects, including German, mathematics and a foreign language. It may include a specialised dissertation (*Fachbereichsarbeit*) that has to be completed by the end of the first semester of the final year and may replace one of the written examinations. The examining board includes teachers from the school and a representative of the regional education authority or the headteacher of another school.

## Reifeprüfungszeugnis

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:**

Reifeprüfungszeugnisse, Reifeprüfungszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Reifeprüfung* at the end of upper secondary general education (*AHS-Oberstufe* or *Oberstufenrealgymnasium*). It indicates the subjects sat and the marks awarded. It gives access to higher education (*allgemeine Hochschulreife*).

## Rigorozenzeugnis

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Rigorozenzeugnisse, Rigorozenzeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree certificate confirming success in the ► *Rigorosum*. It may be awarded after 2 years of study at a university. It indicates the subject of the thesis and is a requirement for the award of the academic title ► *Doktor* (+ field of study).

## Rigorosum

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:**

Rigorozen, Rigorosum\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination in studies for higher degrees, compulsory to obtain the ► *Rigorozenzeugnis* required to obtain the academic title ► *Doktor* (+ field of study). Organised internally within the institution. Acceptance and defence of the thesis.

## Rigorózna skúška

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:** Rigorózne skúšky, Rigorózna skúška\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination aimed at students who are already holders of the title ► *Magister*. It includes oral examinations covering the subjects of the studies pursued and is accompanied by a thesis and its defence (*obhajoba rigoróznej práce*). Successful students receive the ► *Diplom* indicating the field of study pursued.

## **RNDr.**

**Country:** Czech Republic, Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doktor* in the field of natural sciences.

## **Robotnik wykwalifikowany**

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:**

Robotnicy wykwalifikowani, Robotnik\* wykwalifikowan\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to pupils who have obtained the certificate ► *Świadectwo ukończenia szkoły zasadniczej* (in basic vocational schools) or ► *Świadectwo ukończenia liceum zawodowego* (in vocational schools lasting 4 years) or ► *Dyplom ukończenia szkoły policealnej* (in post-secondary schools lasting 1 year).

## **Royal Society of Arts Examinations Board Initial Award**

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/Ni)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

*RSA Examinations Board Initial Awards* comprise 15 qualifications in a range of vocational areas. Assessment is by two externally set and marked written tests and an internally marked project (with external moderation). These qualifications are primarily designed for 14- to 16-year-olds as a complementary provision to their National Curriculum studies. Progression to ► *General National Vocational Qualification* or vocational qualifications, or ► *General Certificate of Education Advanced Level*. Entry requirements vary according to institution and course. Abbreviation: *RSA Initial Award*.

## **RSA Initial Award**

**Country:** United Kingdom (E/W/Ni)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Royal Society of Arts Examinations Board Initial Award*.





### Samræmd lokapróf

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** Samræmd lokapröfun, Samræmd lokaprófa

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Nationally coordinated examinations held at the end of the 10 years of compulsory education. It leads to the ► *Vitnisburður um nám í grunnskóla* certificate. It is set, organised and marked by the Institute of Educational Research. It includes written tests in Icelandic, mathematics, Danish and English.

### SCE – Higher Grade

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Scottish Certificate of Education – Higher Grade*.

### SCE – Standard Grade

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Scottish Certificate of Education – Standard Grade*.

### Schoolexamen

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Schoolexamens

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Internal school examination for compulsory examination subjects, organised and marked by the school and taken during the final year.

*Vbo, mavo, havo* and *vwo* have their own internal school examination for each examination subject. It consists of two or more oral or written tests. The *schoolexamen* is part of the ► *Eindexamen*.

**Note:** New style examinations are scheduled for *havo* in the 2000/2001 school year and for *vwo* in the 2001/2002 school year (or one year earlier for the experimental schools), changing the nature of the *schoolexamen* for *havo* and *vwo*. For some subjects there will be only a *schoolexamen*.

For *vbo* and *mavo*, new style examinations – as a consequence of an educational reform still to be implemented – will be administered in the 2002/2003 school year.

### Schoolonderzoek

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Schoolonderzoeken

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Until the school year 1998/99, the term for the internal school examination; since 1998/99, the official term for the internal school examination of *vbo, mavo, havo* and *vwo* is ► *Schoolexamen*.

### Schoolverlatersverklaring

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils leaving secondary education without passing the final examination, i.e. leaving without a diploma. The certificate mentions the school type and the last unconditional promotion to the next class,

and indicates the types of education and the school class in which the school leaver would be permitted to continue his/her school career.

### Scottish Certificate of Education – Higher Grade

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

External, nationally standardised upper secondary school leaving examination and final qualification organised and certificated by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) taken in a variable number of subjects (usually about 4) freely selected by the pupil. Usually taken in the 5th, but also in the 6th, year of secondary education. The examinations are mainly written but some include an oral or a practical element and assessment of course work over the year is taken into account. The certificate indicates the names of the subjects examined and the grade obtained by the pupil in each, on a scale from A to E, grades down to D being regarded as a pass. It is a qualification for entry to work, training and higher education. Pupils can remain at school for a further year and may study for the ► *Certificate of Sixth Year Studies*. Abbreviation: *SCE – Higher Grade*.

### Scottish Certificate of Education – Standard Grade

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

External, nationally standardised lower secondary school examination and qualification which may be taken at Foundation, General and Credit levels (in ascending order of difficulty), usually in the 4th year of secondary education, in a variable number of subjects (usually a maximum of 8) selected by the pupil. The examinations, organised and certificated by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), are mainly written but some include an oral or a practical component and assessment of course work over the year is taken into account. The certificate indicates the subjects examined and the grade obtained by the pupil in each, on a scale from 1 to 4, (Credit (1 and 2) and

General (3 and 4) levels) and 5 to 7 (Foundation level). Pupils may proceed to study for the ► *Scottish Certificate of Education – Higher Grade* but it is not a condition for such study. It is a basic qualification for entry to training or work. Abbreviation: *SCE – Standard Grade*.

### Scottish Group Award

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Grammatical variants:**

Scottish Group Awards, SGA, SGAs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

A new qualification being introduced as part of the *Higher Still* reforms. This qualification will replace ► *General Scottish Vocational Qualification*. The qualification will be made up of a number of individual *Higher Still* courses and units to provide a coherent combination of subjects, and will be available at all *Higher Still* levels above ► *Access 1*; though some individual courses or units within an SGA may be at a lower level than the overall level of the award. The SGA will be of relevance to entry to a career, and entry to higher education. The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) awards the qualification, carries out external assessments and moderates internal assessments. Abbreviation: *SGA*.

### Scottish Vocational Qualification

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

A job-specific qualification based on actual working practices in workplace conditions. The qualification is accredited by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and awarded by a range of awarding bodies including the SQA itself. It indicates which of five bands has been achieved, level I being the basic level and level V the most complex. *SVQs* are equivalent to the *NVQs* awarded in the other parts of the United Kingdom. Abbreviation: *SVQ*.

### Selectividad

**Country:** Spain

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of ► *Pruebas de Acceso a la Universidad*.

**Senior Trade Certificate**

**Country:** Ireland

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of 4 years of apprenticeship.

**SGA**

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Scottish Group Award*.

**Siv. ing**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Sivilingeniør*.

**Siv. øk**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Siviløkonom*.

**Sivilarkitekt**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of university studies lasting 5½ years in the field of architecture. Each institution sets its own examinations, which are assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations and the average of the marks in the main subjects. It gives access to employment and/or to a doctorate.

**Sivilingeniør**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of university and non-university studies

lasting 4½ to 5 years in the field of engineering. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations and the average of the marks in the main subjects. It gives access to employment and/or to a doctorate. Abbreviation: *Siv.ing*.

**Siviløkonom**

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of non-university and university studies lasting 4 years in the field of economics and business management. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the examinations and the average of the marks in the main subjects. It gives access to employment and/or to university studies in the same field. Abbreviation: *Siv.øk*.

**Sjukskoterskeexamen**

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree in the field of nursing, awarded after a 3-year programme of full-time study, which normally includes a degree project. The degree certificate normally mentions the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained. It gives access to employment and general eligibility for doctoral studies.

**Skolebevis**

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:**

Skolebeviset, Skolebeviser, Skolebeviserne

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by the educational institution concerned to pupils who successfully complete a programme of vocational education and training. It contains

the name of the specialisation and the legal basis of the programme, and a list of the subjects studied. It also mentions the marks obtained for proficiency in the basic subjects, the area subjects and the special subjects and the examination marks in the basic subjects, the thematic project and the practical test as well as possible examination marks obtained in the optional subjects. It gives access to employment and, together with the ► *Uddannelsesbevis*, to further studies at a higher level.

### Slutbetyg från grundskolan

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -et, -en, -en

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate at the end of compulsory education (the 9-year *grundskola*). It is awarded on the basis of pupil assessment throughout the final year. The results of the national examinations in Swedish, English and mathematics are taken into consideration, in order to ensure national comparability of the marks. The certificate mentions the subjects of the courses followed and the marks obtained. Pupils with the minimum pass grades in Swedish, English and mathematics are given access to upper secondary education.

### Slutbetyg från gymnasieskolan

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -et, -en, -en

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate at the end of upper secondary education (the 3-year *gymnasieskola*), awarded on the basis of the marks obtained for each course. In order to facilitate standardisation of pupil assessment, the results of national examinations in some subjects can be used. The certificate mentions the subjects of the courses followed and the marks obtained. It is a basic requirement for entry to higher education.

### Social omsorgsexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

### Explanatory note:

Professional degree in the field of social care, awarded after a 2½-, 3- or 4-year programme of full-time study, which normally includes a degree project. The degree certificate normally mentions the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained. All degrees give access to employment and general eligibility for doctoral studies.

### Socionomexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree in the field of social work, awarded after a 3½-year programme of full-time study, which normally includes a degree project. The degree certificate normally mentions the subjects passed and the marks and grades obtained. The degree gives access to employment and general eligibility for doctoral studies.

### Specialiseringsexamen

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Erikoistumistutkinto*.

### Specialist po (+ field of study)

(Специалист по)

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:** Specialisti po

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie* qualification.

### Specializzato in (+ field of study)

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Specializzati in, Specializzata in, Specializzate in

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title attributed to students who have obtained the ► *Diploma di Specializzazione*. It is accompanied by the name of the field concerned.

## Staatliche Abschlussprüfung

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Staatliche Abschlußprüfung,  
Staatliche Abschlussprüfungen,  
Staatlich\* Abschlussprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination on completion of a *Fachschule* (lasting 1, 2 or 3 years) or a *Fachakademie* in Bavaria (lasting at least 2 years). It includes written, oral and practical tests. Success in the examination confers the right to use an occupational title such as *Staatlich geprüfter Techniker*, *Staatlich geprüfter Betriebswirt*, *Staatlich anerkannter Erzieher*, etc. depending on the occupation.

## Staatsexamen

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Staatsexamina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of ► *Staatsprüfung*.

## Staatsexamen

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Staatsexamens

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving examination of *mavo*, *havo* or *vwo*, organised by the state. Pupils who pass a leaving examination before a board of examiners set up by the Minister for Education, may obtain one of the following diplomas:

► *Diploma staatsexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*, ► *Diploma staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*, ► *Diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs*.

In all subjects there is a written and an oral examination. It is compulsory to sit Dutch plus one modern language. The *staatsexamen* covers a minimum of six subjects. It is equivalent to the ► *Eindexamen*. It makes it possible to obtain a diploma equivalent to that in full-time education without being registered as a pupil at a school, i.e. without following lessons at a school.

## Staatsexamen havo, mavo, vwo

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Staatsexamens havo, mavo, vwo

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of *Staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*, *Staatsexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*, *Staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs*. See ► *Staatsexamen*.

## Staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Staatsexamens hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Level of education:** Lower/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *Staatsexamen* (school type *havo*).

## Staatsexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Staatsexamens middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *Staatsexamen* (school type *mavo*).

## Staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Staatsexamens voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

See ► *Staatsexamen* (school type *vwo*).

## Staatsprüfung

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Staatsprüfungen, Staatsprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination for university courses of study leading to professions in which there is a particular public interest, such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, pharmacy, food chemistry and jurisprudence, and courses leading to the teaching profession.

When they have passed the examination, candidates in medical and pharmaceutical courses can apply in writing for the *Approbation* that will entitle them to practise the profession and use the professional title.

The *Erste Staatsprüfung* (first State examination) usually consists of a written dissertation and written and oral examinations, but there are variations specific to individual *Länder*. It is usually both an academic and a vocational qualification. An additional *Vorbereitungsdienst* (preparatory service) leading to the *Zweite Staatsprüfung* (second State examination) is compulsory after the *Erste Staatsprüfung* for students studying to become teachers or lawyers. Only this *Zweite Staatsprüfung* gives access to these professions, as teachers or judges.

The *Zweite Staatsprüfung* usually consists of a dissertation and written and oral examinations, but there are variations specific to each *Land*. Practical experience from the *Vorbereitungsdienst* is also included in this examination.

Synonym: *Staatsexamen*.

### Štátna skúška

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:**

Štátne skúšky, Štátna skúška\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination at the end of short-term (3 or 4 years) or long-term (4 to 6 years) university studies. It includes oral examinations in the field of study pursued and the defence of a final written dissertation (*obhajoba záverečnej práce* or *obhajoba diplomovej práce*), compulsory if the faculty requires it. Successful students receive the diploma ► *Diplom* indicating the field of study pursued, and the certificate ► *Vysvedčenie o štátnej skúške*.

### Státní doktorská zkouška

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:** Státní doktorské zkoušky, Státní\* doktorsk\* zkoušk\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory oral examination including the defence of a thesis (*disertační práce*), organised at the end of post-graduate studies lasting 3

years (doctorate). Successful students receive the ► *Vysokoškolský diplom* degree and the ► *Vysvědčení o státní doktorské zkoušce* certificate. The content and organisation of the examination are determined by the faculty.

### Státní rigorózní zkouška

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:** Státní rigorózní zkoušky, Státní\* rigorózní\* zkoušk\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory oral examination including the defence of a final written dissertation (*rigorózní práce*) (with the exception of medicine and veterinary students whose *Státní rigorózní zkouška* does not include it), aimed at students who have been awarded the title ► *Magistr* and wish to obtain the title ► *Doktor*, abbreviated to *JUDr.*, *PhDr.*, *RNDr.*, *PharmDr.*, *ThDr.*, *MUDr.* or *MVDr.*, or ► *Licenciát* abbreviated to *ThLic.* (in the field of Catholic theology) certified by the ► *Vysokoškolský diplom* degree and the ► *Vysvědčení o státní rigorózní zkoušce* certificate. The organisation and content are determined by each faculty.

### Státní závěrečná zkouška

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:** Státní závěrečné zkoušky, Státní\* závěrečn\* zkoušk\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

- Examination organised at the end of university or non-university higher education lasting 3 to 4 years, including the defence of a final written dissertation (*bakalářská práce*). Successful students receive the ► *Vysokoškolský diplom* degree and the ► *Vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce* certificate. The content and organisation are determined by each institution and vary depending on the duration and field of study.
- Examination organised at the end of university studies lasting 4 to 6 years or 2 to 3 years after the ► *Bakalář* degree, including the defence of a final written dissertation (*diplomová práce*). Successful students receive the ► *Vysokoškolský diplom* degree and the ► *Vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce* certificate. The

content and organisation of the examination are determined by the university and vary depending on the duration and field of study.

### Student

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:**

Studenten, Studenter, Studenterna

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Ylioppilas*.

### Stúdent

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** Stúðents

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Stúðentspróf* examination and obtain the ► *Stúðentsprófsskírteini* certificate at the end of upper secondary general education.

### Studentereksamen

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:**

Studentereksamenen, Studentereksamener, Studentereksamenerne

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examination taken on completion of a 3-year upper secondary general course or a 2-year adult upper secondary general course (*studenterkursus*), organised by the Ministry of Education. It consists of nationally coordinated written examinations plus oral examinations held in the presence of external examiners, and a major written assignment. It leads to the award of the ► *Studentereksamensbevis*.

### Studentereksamensbevis

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:**

Studentereksamensbeviset, Studentereksamensbeviser, Studentereksamensbeviserne

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded upon successful completion of the ► *Studentereksamen*. It contains the marks for the year's work in the subjects which form part of the ► *Studentereksamen*, the examination marks,

including the mark for the year's work in subjects which were not examined, the average of the marks for the year's work, the average of all the examination marks and the examination result, which is the average of the two foregoing averages. It is a basic qualification for entry to higher education.

### Studentexamen

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Ylioppilastutkinto*.

### Studentexamensbetyg

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** -betyget, -betygen

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Ylioppilastutkintotodistus*.

### Stúðentspróf

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** Stúðentsprófi, Stúðentsprófs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Examinations held at the end of upper secondary general education lasting 4 years, compulsory for obtaining the ► *Stúðentsprófsskírteini* certificate. All of the subjects taught are covered in the final assessment, including Icelandic, mathematics, sciences and foreign languages, and this is under the entire responsibility of each school. The tests are spread over 4 years of study, but the main part of the examination is held at the end of the final year.

### Stúðentsprófsskírteini

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:**

Stúðentsprófsskírteini

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of upper secondary general education, awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Stúðentspróf* examination. It confers the title ► *Stúðent*. It mentions the programme studied by the student, the subjects passed and the marks obtained in the

tests. This qualification is recognised for entry to higher education.

### Studiegetuigschrift

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Grammatical variants:** Studiegetuigschriften

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the final examinations (written or oral) set at the end of upper secondary vocational, technical or art education. The examinations are aimed at pupils who have not taken the ► *Getuigschrift (tweede graad secundair onderwijs)*. They are set by the individual school and cover all the subjects studied. The certificate mentions the school year, the type of education and the branch. It can be taken into account for the admission of the pupil to the next level of education.

### Studienberechtigungsprüfung

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:**

Studienberechtigungsprüfungen,

Studienberechtigungsprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Entrance examination taken at the institution in question by those who wish to obtain a restricted right to enter higher education or to study at a specific post-secondary institution (*Akademie*). The examination includes both written and oral parts. The content of the examination relates to the desired course of study (University, *Akademie* etc.).

### Studienberechtigungszeugnis

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:**

Studienberechtigungszeugnisse,

Studienberechtigungszeugnis\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to those who succeed in the ► *Studienberechtigungsprüfung*. It gives restricted access to higher education. The certificate is awarded as soon as the examination is passed and it indicates the fields of study in which the candidate may enrol.

### Sveinn

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** Svein, Sveini, Sveins

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title (journeyman) conferred on apprentices who obtain the ► *Sveinsbréf* certificate.

### Sveinsbréf

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:**

Sveinsbréfi, Sveinsbréfs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of vocational training in a certified trade, awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Sveinspróf* (journeyman's examination) at the end of vocational training. It confers the title ► *Sveinn* (journeyman). It mentions the specialisation and the average of the results obtained in the examination. It gives access to the trade and to a 1- or 3-year course leading to the title ► *Meistari* (master craftsman).

### Sveinspróf

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:**

Sveinsprófi, Sveinsprófs

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Journeyman's examination at the end of a 4-year vocational training in a certified trade in school and the workplace. It is compulsory for obtaining the ► *Sveinsbréf* certificate. The examination, which includes both theoretical and practical parts, is set and organised by a special committee, representing both sides of industry.

### Svendebrev

**Country:** Denmark

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of ► *Uddannelsesbevis*.

### Svendeprøve

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:**

Svendeprøve, Svendeprøver, Svendeprøverne

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Journeyman's test held at the end of the technical vocational education and training programmes, organised by the educational institution after consultation with the trade committee concerned and taken after obtaining the ► *Skolebevis*. It consists of a practical test of the pupil's skills by an examining board comprised of masters of the trade or craft, with an equal number of employers and employees. It gives access to employment. The title that it confers is identical to the title of the trade or craft concerned.

### Svennebrev

**Country:** Norway

**Grammatical variants:**

Svennebrevet, Svennebrevene

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of craft qualification awarded to apprentices who pass the ► *Svenneprøve* (journeyman's examination) at the end of a vocational training course. It is awarded by upper secondary schools. It specifies the subjects and results of the examination. It gives access to the trade or occupation.

### Svenneprøve

**Country:** Norway

**Grammatical variants:**

Svenneprøver, Svenneprøvene

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Craft examination organised at the end of an apprenticeship in a firm or upper secondary school; it is a prerequisite for obtaining a ► *Svennebrev*. It is aimed at pupils who take courses lasting 3 years in an upper secondary school and external candidates. Schools and/or firms develop the contents of this examination on the basis of the training programme in the particular sector and in accordance with the directives of the Ministry of Education. The examination includes three sections – planning, implementation and documentation relevant to carrying out a practical task. External candidates must pass theoretical examinations relating to the trade or profession.

### Svidetelstvo za natchalno obrazovanie

(Свидетелство за начално образование)

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:**

Svidetelstva za natchalno obrazovanie

**Level of education:** Primary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of primary education lasting 4 years, awarded on the basis of class marks, without a final examination. The subjects and the marks obtained in the final year are indicated. It gives access to lower secondary education.

### Svidetelstvo za osnovno obrazovanie

(Свидетелство за основно образование)

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:**

Svidetelstva za osnovno obrazovanie

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of lower secondary education, awarded on the basis of school marks, without a final examination. It indicates the subjects taken and the marks obtained at the end of the final year. It gives access to upper secondary education and/or to employment.

### Svidetelstvo za profesionalna kvalifikasia

(Свидетелство за професионална квалификация)

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:**

Svidetelstva za profesionalna kvalifikasia

**Level of education:** Lower secondary/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of vocational qualification, awarded to pupils who pass the ► *Izpit po teoria i praktika na profesinata* examination at the end of secondary vocational and technical education. It confers the title ► *Rabotnik* (in schools of vocational education) or ► *Technik* (in schools of technical education). It indicates the marks obtained in the examination and the title awarded. It gives access to the trade or occupation.

### SVQ

**Country:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Scottish Vocational Qualification*.

**Świadectwo dojrzałości**

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Świadectwa dojrzałości, Świadectw\* dojrzałości

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by schools of upper secondary general and vocational education to pupils who have completed the study programme and passed the ► *Egzamin dojrzałości* examination. This certificate mentions the courses and the marks obtained on completion of the school, as well as the marks in the examination. Awarded in upper secondary vocational and technical schools, it mentions occupational titles as well. It is a qualification required for admission to university or non-university higher education. Synonym: *Świadectwo maturalne*.

**Świadectwo maturalne**

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Świadectwa maturalne, Świadectw\* maturaln\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of ► *Świadectwo dojrzałości*.

**Świadectwo ukończenia liceum****ogólnokształcącego**

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Świadectwa ukończenia liceum ogólnokształcącego, Świadectw\* ukończenia liceum ogólnokształcącego

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of upper secondary general education (4 years), awarded on the basis of school results, without a final examination. It mentions the subjects and the marks obtained at the end of the final year. It gives access to the ► *Egzamin dojrzałości* examination and/or to post-secondary education.

**Świadectwo ukończenia liceum technicznego**

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Świadectwa ukończenia liceum technicznego, Świadectw\* ukończenia liceum technicznego

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by schools of upper secondary technical education (4 years) to pupils at the end of the final year, on the basis of school results, without a final examination. It mentions the final marks and the specialisation. It gives access to the trade or occupation and/or to the ► *Egzamin dojrzałości* examination.

**Świadectwo ukończenia liceum zawodowego**

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:**

Świadectwa ukończenia liceum zawodowego, Świadectw\* ukończenia liceum zawodowego

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by schools of upper secondary vocational education (4 years) to pupils in the final year who have passed the ► *Egzamin z nauki zawodu* examination. It mentions the marks obtained in the different subjects at the end of the final year, the marks in the examination, as well as the specialisation. It gives access to the trade or occupation and/or to the ► *Egzamin dojrzałości* examination.

**Świadectwo ukończenia szkoły podstawowej**

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:**

Świadectwa ukończenia szkoły podstawowej, Świadectw\* ukończenia szkoły podstawowej

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of compulsory education organised in a single structure (8 years), awarded by the schools attended on the basis of class marks, without a final examination. It mentions the subjects studied and the marks obtained at the end of the final year of studies. This certificate is required in order to proceed to upper secondary education.

### Świadectwo ukończenia szkoły zasadniczej

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:**

Świadectwa ukończenia szkoły zasadniczej,  
Świadectw\* ukończenia szkoły zasadniczej

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of basic vocational education (3 years), awarded on the basis of the marks in the ► *Egzamin z nauki zawodu* examination, conferring the title ► *Robotnik wykwalifikowany*. It mentions the subjects and the marks obtained during the final year, the marks in the examination, as well as the specialisation. It gives access to the trade or occupation and/or to upper secondary education (full-time or at evening classes), preparing for ► *Egzamin dojrzałości* examination.

### Świadectwo ukończenia technikum zawodowego

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Świadectwa ukończenia technikum zawodowego,  
Świadectw\* ukończenia technikum zawodowego

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of upper secondary technical education (5 years), awarded by the school attended on the basis of the results in the final year of studies and the marks in the ► *Egzamin z przygotowania do zawodu* examination. It mentions the subjects and the marks in the final year, the marks in the examination, and the title ► *Technik* which it confers. It gives access to the trade or occupation and/or entitlement to sit the ► *Egzamin dojrzałości* examination.

### Szakképző iskolai képesítő bizonyítvány

**Country:** Hungary

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of training in an apprentice training school (*Szakiskola*) over 1 or 2 years. Awarded to trainees who have passed the ► *Szakmai vizsga*. It confers the title ► *Szakközépiszkolai képesítő bizonyítvány* and gives access to employment as a skilled worker.

### Szakközépiszkolai bizonyítvány

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:**

Szakközépiszkolai bizonyítványok,  
Szakközépiszkolai bizonyítvány\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of upper secondary vocational studies lasting 4 or 5 years, awarded by schools on the basis of class marks, without a final examination. It mentions the subjects studied and the final marks obtained. It is required for pupils to proceed to the ► *Szakmai vizsga* or ► *Szakközépiszkolai érettségi-képesítő vizsga* examinations.

### Szakközépiszkolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítvány

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:**

Szakközépiszkolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítványok,  
Szakközépiszkolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítvány\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by schools to pupils who pass the combined ► *Szakközépiszkolai érettségi-képesítő vizsga* examination at the end of upper secondary vocational studies lasting 4 or 5 years. It mentions the specialisation, the subjects and the marks in the examination. It confers the title ► *Szakközépiszkolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítvány* in an occupation. It gives access to the occupation and/or higher education.

### Szakközépiszkolai érettségi-képesítő vizsga

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:**

Szakközépiszkolai érettségi-képesítő vizsgát,  
Szakközépiszkolai érettségi-képesítő vizsga\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination, held at the end of upper secondary vocational education lasting 4 to 5 years. It is aimed at pupils who have obtained the ► *Szakközépiszkolai bizonyítvány* certificate. It leads to the combined ► *Szakközépiszkolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítvány* certificate. It consists of written, oral and practical examinations covering both general and vocational subjects. The written part in the

academic and in the vocational subjects is set by the Ministry of Education. The oral part and the practical assessment are determined by each school.

### Szakközépiskolai képesítő bizonyítvány

**Country:** Hungary

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of upper secondary vocational studies lasting 4 or 5 years, awarded by the vocational schools (*Szakközépiskola*) to pupils who pass the vocational ► *Szakmai vizsga* examination. It gives access to employment as a skilled worker.

### Szakmai vizsga

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Szakmai vizsgát, Szakmai vizsgák, Szakmai vizsgákat

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/higher

**Explanatory note:**

- A general term for the vocational examination held at the end of upper secondary vocational education in different branches. It leads to certificates which differ depending on the type and duration of studies: ► *Szakképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány*, ► *Szaktanácsképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány* or ► *Szakközépiskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány*. It includes written, oral and practical examinations, the requirements for which are determined by the Ministry of Labour, varying in line with the type of vocational education.
- Compulsory examination, held at the end of accredited non-university higher vocational courses organised within the school system. It leads to the higher vocational qualification ► *Felsőfokú szakképesítést igazoló bizonyítvány*. The tests are set by each institution and vary according to the field of study. The level of requirements for this examination is defined in the National Register of Qualifications.

### Szaktanácsképzés

**Country:** Hungary

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title of vocational training, awarded by all institutions of upper secondary vocational education to pupils who pass the ► *Szakmai vizsga* or the combined type of ► *Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő vizsga* examination.

### Szaktanácsképző iskolai bizonyítvány

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Szaktanácsképző iskolai bizonyítványok, Szaktanácsképző iskolai bizonyítvány\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of upper secondary vocational education lasting 3 years, awarded on the basis of class marks, without a final examination. It mentions the subjects studied and marks obtained during the studies and on assessment of job skills. It is compulsory for being allowed to sit the examination ► *Szakmai vizsga*.

### Szaktanácsképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:**

Szaktanácsképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítványok, Szaktanácsképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of vocational training, issued by institutions of vocational education (*Szaktanácsképző iskola*) lasting 3 years, to pupils who have passed the examination ► *Szakmai vizsga*. It confers the title ► *Szaktanács* in a given occupation. This certificate gives access to the occupation and/or to upper secondary education (evening classes).



### Technicien breveté

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Synonym of ► *Agent technique breveté*.

### Technicien supérieur

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on students who have obtained the ► *Brevet de technicien supérieur*.

### Technik

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Technicy, Technik\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary/post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded by upper secondary technical schools to pupils who have obtained the certificate ► *Świadectwo ukończenia technikum zawodowego* or by post-secondary schools (2 to 2½ years) to graduates who have obtained the ► *Dyplom ukończenia szkoły policealnej*.

### Technik (Техник)

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:** Technitzi

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred to pupils who have obtained the ► *Svidetelstvo za profesionalna kvalifikasia* certificate at the end of upper secondary technical education.

### Technikus

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:**

Technikust, Technikusok

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title of technician, awarded to pupils who have obtained the ► *Technikusi oklevél*.

### Technikusi oklevél

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Technikusi oklevelet, Technikusi oklevelek, Technikusi okleveleket

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification of technician in a given occupation, awarded to pupils who complete 1 year of supplementary technical training in an institution of upper secondary vocational education and pass the ► *Technikusképesítő vizsga* examination. It confers the title ► *Technikus*. It mentions the subject and the marks obtained in the examination. It gives access to employment.

### Technikusképesítő vizsga

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:**

Technikusképesítő vizsgát, Technikusképesítő vizsgák, Technikusképesítő vizsgán

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Practical examination, held at the end of one year of supplementary technical training (in institutions of upper secondary vocational education). It leads to the ► *Technikusi oklevél*

qualification which confers the title ► *Technikus*. It includes advanced written and oral tests of the student's practical and theoretical knowledge.

### **Tecnico**

**Country:** Italy

**Grammatical variants:** Tecnici

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on pupils who have obtained the ► *Diploma di superamento dell'esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore* in an *istituto professionale*.

### **Técnico Auxiliar en (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Técnica Auxiliar en, Técnicos Auxiliares en

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded at the end of lower secondary vocational education (*Formación Profesional de primer grado – FP I*) lasting 2 years, under the education system in effect prior to the 1990 reform, to pupils who have passed their continuous assessment in all subjects. It mentions the specialisation. It gives access to employment, or to upper secondary vocational training (*Formación profesional de segundo grado – FP II*) or to upper secondary general education (*Bachillerato Unificado y Polivalente – BUP*), where they may be granted credit for some subject areas and enrol to take the second year along with the first year subjects for which they have not been granted credit, in the old system of education; and to upper secondary general education (*Bachillerato*) or upper secondary vocational training (*Formación profesional específica de grado medio*) in the new system.

### **Técnico en (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Técnica en, Técnicos en

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded at the end of upper secondary vocational training lasting 1 or 2 years, established by the 1990 Organic Law on the General Organisation of the

Education System (*Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo – LOGSE*) to pupils who have passed in their continuous assessment in all subjects. It mentions the specialisation. The certificate gives access to upper secondary general education (*Bachillerato*) or to employment.

### **Técnico Especialista en (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Técnica Especialista en, Técnicos Especialistas en

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded at the end of upper secondary vocational education (*Formación Profesional de segundo grado – FPII*) lasting 2 or 3 years under the education system in effect prior to the 1990 reform to pupils who have passed their continuous assessment in all subjects. It mentions the specialisation. It gives access to the first cycle of certain university studies and to employment.

### **Técnico Superior en (+ specialisation)**

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Técnica Superior en, Técnicos Superiores en

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate and title awarded at the end of advanced non-university vocational studies (*Formación profesional específica de grado superior* defined by the 1990 Organic Law on the General Organisation of the Education System – *Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo – LOGSE*) usually lasting 2 years to students who have passed in their continuous assessment in all subjects. It mentions the specialisation. It gives access to the first cycle of certain university studies and to employment.

### **Teză de doctorat**

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Teza de doctorat

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination of completion of a doctoral programme lasting 4 years held by university institutions or by scientific research institutions. It is compulsory for obtaining the

qualification ► *Diplomă de doctor* and the title ► *Doctor*. It consists of the public defence of a thesis, assessed by experts appointed by the council of the organising institution.

#### Th.D.

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doktor* in the field of theology. See ► *Doktor* (third paragraph).

#### ThDr.

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doktor* in the field of theology. See ► *Doktor* (second paragraph).

#### ThDr.

**Country:** Slovakia

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Doktor* in the field of theology.

#### Theologische Abschlussprüfung

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Theologische Abschlußprüfung,

Theologische Abschlussprüfungen,

Theologisch\* Abschlussprüfung\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination in first degree course in Protestant theology at a university or *Kirchliche Hochschule* that can be taken as a *Fakultätsexamen*, ► *Diplomprüfung*, ► *Magisterprüfung* or examination by the Church in the particular *Land* (► *Kirchliche Abschlussprüfung*) and provides a qualification giving access to the profession. Whereas only members of the Faculty sit on the examination board for the *Fakultätsexamen*, ► *Diplomprüfung* and ► *Magisterprüfung*, representatives of the Church also participate in the *Kirchliche Abschlussprüfung* (examination for service in the Church). An examination by the Church in the particular *Land* is a prerequisite for access to the curacy, but the average mark in the final examination is also

decisive in determining employment in the service of the Church.

#### Thèse d'État

**Country:** France

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification replaced by the ► *Habilitation à diriger des recherches* since 1994.

#### ThLic.

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Abbreviation of ► *Licenciát teologie* in the field of Catholic theology.

#### Titulado Superior en (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Titulada Superior en, Titulados Superiores en

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who have obtained the degree ► *Título Superior en*. It is followed by the name of the specialisation.

#### Título profesional del grado medio de (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Títulos profesionales del grado medio de

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of 6 years of the intermediate level of dance or music studies to pupils who pass in the continuous assessment during these studies. It involves two areas of specialisation, music and dance, and mentions the subjects taken and the field studied. This certificate entitles pupils to take the entrance examinations for higher music or dance studies.

#### Título Superior en (+ specialisation)

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Títulos Superiores en

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Degree awarded at the end of studies in advanced level music and dance, dramatic art and the conservation and restoration of artistic

objects to students who have passed in the continuous assessment during these studies. The certificate mentions the specialisation. It gives access to the profession and/or to a ► *Doctorado en*. The degree in music, dance, or dramatic art studies corresponds to the ► *Licenciatura en*. The degree in the conservation and restoration of artistic objects corresponds to the ► *Diplomatura en*. It confers the title ► *Titulado Superior en*.

### **Todistus oppisopimuskoulutuksesta**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** todistukse-, todistukset

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded after completion of apprenticeship training (*oppisopimuskoulutus*). The certificate is based on assessments of the trainee's performance by the employer and by the teacher in the theoretical subjects. It indicates the basic curriculum followed and, where relevant, the specialisation, the duration of the training and the average of the marks obtained. This certificate, however, only attests to participation in the training. To enter employment, the trainee must take the ► *Näyttötutkinto*. Swedish term: *Betyg över läroavtalsutbildning*.

### **Todistus toisen asteen ammatillisista opinnoista**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** todistukse-, todistukset

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded at the end of upper secondary vocational education. The qualification awarded is the ► *Ammatillinen perustutkinto*. It gives access to employment or to higher level studies. Swedish term: *Betyg över avlagd yrkesexamen på andra stadiet*.

### **Todistus yhdistelmäopinnoista**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** todistukse-, todistukset

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

An experimental qualification for upper secondary pupils who wish to combine both general and vocational studies. It is awarded

at the end of such education without a final examination to pupils who pass in the continuous assessment over the course. The certificate indicates the subjects taken and marks obtained in them. It gives access to employment and also to higher level education. Swedish term: *Betyg över kombinationsstudier*.

### **Toetsen basisvorming**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Tests for each subject in the core curriculum of *basisvorming* (with the exception of physical education). The tests, developed under the responsibility of the Minister for Education, are compulsory. The pupils take the tests at a moment to be decided by the school, to end the period of *basisvorming* (at the end of the second year at the earliest). A certificate is awarded to pupils who pass all the tests ► *Getuigschrift basisvorming*.

### **Tohtori**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** Tohtori-, Tohtorit

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Title awarded to students who hold the ► *Tohtorintutkinto* degree. Swedish term: *Doktor*.

### **Tohtorintutkinto**

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** tutkinno-, tutkinto-, tutkinnot

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Doctor's degree, requiring approximately 4 years of full-time study after the ► *Maisterin tutkinto* or approximately 2 years after the ► *Lisensiaatintutkinto*. Students prepare a doctoral thesis, which is publicly disputed and assessed by two or more impartial examiners appointed by the university or faculty. Swedish term: *Doktors examen*.

### **Transfer Procedure Tests**

**Country:** United Kingdom (NI)

**Level of education:** Primary

**Explanatory note:**

Tests in English, mathematics and science used to select pupils for selective (grammar)

schools. Set by the Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA). The results are expressed on a six-point scale, and grammar schools are required to admit pupils strictly in order of test grades.





### **Uddannelsesbevis**

**Country:** Denmark

**Grammatical variants:** Uddannelsesbeviset, Uddannelsesbeviser, Uddannelsesbeviserne

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of completion of studies awarded by the trade committee concerned, certifying successful completion of a vocational

education and training programme and the acquisition of competence within the specialisation. It contains the name of the specialisation and refers to the ► *Skolebevis*, and the practical training statement (obtained from the practical training place). It gives access to employment and, together with the ► *Skolebevis*, to further studies at a higher level.





### Veterinärexamen

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Professional degree in the field of veterinary medicine, awarded after a 5½-year programme of full-time study, which includes a degree project. The degree certificate mentions the subjects passed. The degree gives access to employment and general eligibility for doctoral studies.

### Vitnemål

**Country:** Norway

**Grammatical variants:**

Vitnemålet, Vitnemålene

**Level of education:** Lower secondary/upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

- School-leaving certificate awarded to all pupils when they leave compulsory school after 10 years. It lists the subjects studied, with a mark for overall achievement in each subject. The basis for determining these marks in the various subjects is the competence the pupils have reached in that subject at the time of giving the mark, according to the aims, objectives and areas of study in the subject syllabuses. The results of the examination are also mentioned in the *vitnemål*. This certificate gives access to upper secondary education.
- School-leaving certificate awarded at the end of upper secondary education from one of the areas of study which gives access to

college or university education, to pupils in the final year who pass the ► *Eksamen fra videregående opplæring* examination. The results of the examination are included.

### Vitnemål (+ name of higher education institution + field of study)

**Country:** Norway

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of advanced professional qualification awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of a programme of non-university studies in various specialisations. The duration of the courses varies from 1 to 4 years depending on the type of study. The Ministry of Education, Research and Church Affairs establishes the curricula (programmes) for some specialisations. The examinations are organised and set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, of whom one is external in order to avoid the possibility of bias. The certificate mentions the student's results in the courses taken and the average of the marks in the main subjects. It gives access to the profession and/or to other higher education. It is always followed by the name of the specialisation in which it was awarded, for example *vitnemål allmennlærerutdanning* in the field of teacher training for teachers at the level of compulsory education, *vitnemål bioingeniørutdanning* in the field of laboratory techniques and *vitnemål fysioterapeututdanning* in the field of physiotherapy.

## Vitnisburður um nám í grunnskóla

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:**

Vitnisburður, Vitnisburði, Vitnisburðar

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to pupils on completion of compulsory education, indicating the marks obtained in the nationally coordinated ► *Samræmd lokapróf* examinations and in all other courses completed in their final year of compulsory education as well as marks given by the school in the nationally coordinated examination subjects. It gives access to upper secondary education.

## Vordiplom

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:**

Vordiplome, Vordiplom\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded to students who pass the intermediate examination (with the same name) at the end of the 2-year basic course of study (*Grundstudium*) at the *Fachhochschule* Liechtenstein. The examination includes internally set examinations in the basic subjects of the particular course. The certificate indicates the subjects studied, the marks obtained in the first year and the examination results. Successful students may proceed to the main course of study (*Hauptstudium*).

## Vysokoškolský diplom

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:** Vysokoškolské diplomy, Vysokoškolsk\* diplom\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

- Degree awarded at the end of university or non-university higher education lasting 3 to 4 years, to students who pass the ► *Státní závěrečná zkouška* final examination, including the defence of a final written dissertation (*bakalářská práce*). It confers the title ► *Bakalář*. The degree mentions the specialisation and the title awarded. Students may pursue master's studies and/or enter employment.

- Degree awarded at the end of 4 to 6 years of university studies (or 2 to 3 years following the bachelor studies) to students who pass the ► *Státní závěrečná zkouška* examination, including the defence of a final written dissertation (*diplomová práce*) (with the exception of the faculty of medicine and veterinary medicine where studies are completed by ► *Státní rigorózní zkouška*). It confers the title ► *Doktor*, ► *Inženýr* or ► *Magistr*, depending on the duration and type of studies. Holders of the title ► *Magistr* are admitted to the ► *Státní rigorózní zkouška* examination. All graduates may have access to post-graduate studies (doctorate) and/or to employment.
- Degree awarded at the end of post-graduate studies (doctorate) lasting 3 years to students who pass the ► *Státní doktorská zkouška* final examination, including the defence of a thesis (*disertační práce*). It confers the title ► *Doktor*. It gives access to employment.

## Vysvědčení o absolutoriu

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:**

Vysvědčení\* o absolutoriu

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded for success in the ► *Absolutorium* at post-secondary technical school and conservatoire.

## Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:**

Vysvědčení\* o maturitní zkoušce

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by schools of general, technical and upper secondary vocational education, to pupils who pass the ► *Maturitní zkouška* examination. It mentions the subjects and the marks obtained in the examination. In the case of upper secondary vocational and technical schools it also mentions the specialisation. It is a basic qualification for entry to university or non-university higher education.

### Vysvědčení o státní doktorské zkoušce

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:**

Vysvědčení\* o státní doktorské zkoušce

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of successful completion of the ► *Státní doktorská zkouška* final examination and the defence of a thesis (*disertační práce*) at the end of post-graduate studies (doctorate). Students are awarded the title ► *Doktor* with the abbreviation: *Ph.D.*, in the field of theology: *Th.D.*

### Vysvědčení o státní rigorózní zkoušce

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:**

Vysvědčení\* o státní rigorózní zkoušce

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of successful completion of the ► *Státní rigorózní zkouška* final examination, including the defence of a final written dissertation (*rigorózní práce*). This examination is taken by students who have obtained the title ► *Magistr*. They are awarded the title ► *Doktor* or ► *Licenciát* (in the field of Catholic theology).

### Vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:**

Vysvědčení\* o státní závěrečné zkoušce

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

- Certificate of successful completion of the ► *Státní závěrečná zkouška* final examination and of the defence of a final written dissertation (*bakalářská práce*), awarded following undergraduate studies (3 to 4 years) at university or an institution of non-university higher education. Holders are awarded the title ► *Bakalář* and may pursue university studies or enter employment.
- Certificate of successful completion of the ► *Státní závěrečná zkouška* final examination, including the defence of a final written dissertation (*diplomová práce*) following 4 to 6 years of study at university or 2 to 3 years after the ► *Bakalář* degree.

Students are awarded the title ► *Magistr* or ► *Inženýr*. Students may pursue post-graduate studies (doctorate) or enter employment.

### Vysvědčení o závěrečné zkoušce

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:**

Vysvědčení\* o závěrečné zkoušce

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by upper secondary technical or vocational schools (courses lasting less than 4 years) to pupils who pass the ► *Závěrečná zkouška* examination. It mentions the specialisation, the subjects and the marks obtained in the examination. This certificate gives access to employment.

### Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:**

Vysvedčenia o maturitných skúškach,

Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of upper secondary general, specialised and vocational education, awarded to pupils who pass the final examination ► *Maturitna skúška*. It mentions the subjects studied and the examination marks. In schools of specialised and vocational education, it also mentions the specialisation. This certificate is a basic qualification for entry to higher education and/or to employment.

### Vysvedčenie o štátnej skúške

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:**

Vysvedčenia o štátnych skúškach,

Vysvedčenie o štátnej skúške\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by the institutions at the end of short-term university studies (3 or 4 years) or following 4 to 6 years of advanced university studies to students who have passed the ► *Štátna skúška* and defended a final written dissertation (*obhajoba záverečnej práce* or *obhajoba diplomovej práce*).

### Vysvedčenie o záverečnej skúške

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:**

Vysvedčenia o záverečných skúškach,

Vysvedčenie o záverečnej skúške\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Leaving certificate of upper secondary short-term vocational and specialised education (less than 4 years), issued to pupils who pass the ► *Záverečná skúška* examination. It mentions the specialisation, the subjects studied and the examination marks. This certificate is always accompanied by a vocational proficiency certificate ► *Výučný list*. It gives access to employment and/or to courses leading to the ► *Maturitná skúška* examination.

### Výuční list

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:**

Výuční listy, Výuční\* list\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate awarded by upper secondary vocational schools (courses lasting less than 4 years) to pupils who pass the ► *Závěrečná zkouška* examination in vocational fields. It gives access to employment and/or to extension courses (*nástavbové studium*).

### Výučný list

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:**

Výučné listy, Výučný list\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Vocational proficiency certificate awarded at the end of upper secondary vocational and specialised education to pupils who pass the ► *Záverečná skúška* examination. It is always accompanied by the certificate ► *Vysvedčenie o záverečnej skúške*. It mentions the qualification (trade or occupation). It gives access to employment.



### **Wirtschaftsschulabschluss**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Wirtschaftsschulabschluß,

Wirtschaftsschulabschluss\*

**Level of education:** Lower secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Term used in certain *Länder* for ► *Realschulabschluss*.





### Ylioppilas

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** ylioppilaa-, ylioppilaat

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Title conferred on pupils who obtain the ►  
*Ylioppilastutkintotodistus* after passing the ►  
*Ylioppilastutkinto* examination. Swedish  
term: *Student*.

### Ylioppilastutkinto

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** tutkinno-, tutkinto-,  
tutkinnot

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

The national matriculation examination for entry to all types of higher education. Usually taken at the end of the upper secondary general school although individual subjects can be sat in the course of the year. Compulsory subjects are mother tongue, second official language (Finnish/Swedish), foreign language and, as the candidate chooses, either mathematics or general studies. This examination leads to the ►  
*Ylioppilastutkintotodistus* certificate and grants the title ► *Ylioppilas*. Swedish term: *Studentexamen*.

### Ylioppilastutkintotodistus

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:**

todistukse-, todistukset

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Qualification awarded to pupils who pass the ►  
*Ylioppilastutkinto*. Swedish term:  
*Studentexamensbetyg*.

### Yrkesexamen på institutnivå

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Post-secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Ammatillinen  
opistoasteen tutkinto*.

### Yrkeshögskoleexamen

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Ammattikorkeakoulu-  
tutkinto*.

### Yrkesinriktad påbyggnadsexamen

**Country:** Finland

**Grammatical variants:** -examina

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Swedish term for ► *Erikoistumistutkinto*.





### Záróvizsga

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:**

Záróvizsgát, Záróvizsgák, Záróvizsgákat

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Examination on completion of non-university and university higher education, which is compulsory for obtaining the ► *Főiskolai oklevél* or ► *Egyetemi oklevél* diploma. It consists of the preparation and defence of a dissertation, written and oral examinations and, in certain cases, a practical test (e.g. for teachers). The examinations are set by each institution in accordance with its curriculum. Students are assessed by a state board of examiners, one member of which is from outside the institution.

### Závěrečná skúška

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:** Závěrečné skúšky, Závěrečná skúška\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination organised in schools of upper secondary specialised and vocational education (of less than 4 years). Successful pupils receive the leaving certificate ► *Vysvedčenie o záverečnej skúške* which is accompanied by a vocational proficiency certificate ► *Výučný list*. The content and level of requirements for this examination are defined by each institution. It includes practical and theoretical examinations.

### Závěrečná zkouška

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:** Závěrečné zkoušky, Závěrečn\* zkoušk\*

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Compulsory final examination, held by upper secondary technical and vocational schools (courses lasting less than 4 years). The form, as well as content, of this examination is defined by each institution. In the study fields at upper secondary technical schools, it includes a practical test and a theoretical test (oral) which relate to the special subjects. It leads to the ► *Vysvědčení o závěrečné zkoušce* certificate. In upper secondary vocational schools, this examination consists of a written, practical and oral test, relating to the vocational subjects and leads to the certificate ► *Výuční list*. The examination is evaluated by a committee whose chairman is appointed by the local education authorities, and the members by the head of the educational institution.

### Zertifikat

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Zertifikate, Zertifikat\*

**Level of education:** Higher

**Explanatory note:**

Final certificate awarded to students who pass the whole curriculum including written examinations. The specialisation is indicated. Testifies to the completion of professional training as a clinical psychologist.

### **Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Zeugnisse der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of success in the ► *Abiturprüfung* at the end of upper secondary general education (usually following school year 13). In addition to the pupils' results in the ► *Abitur* examination, the certificate also records the results of their continuous assessment during the final two school years in the *Gymnasiale Oberstufe*. It gives access to all institutions of higher education and all subject areas.

### **Zeugnis der Fachgebundenen Hochschulreife**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Zeugnisse der Fachgebundenen Hochschulreife

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate of the final examination taken at the end of upper secondary education in various educational programmes with career-oriented specialisation. It gives access to education in particular subject areas at universities and equivalent higher education institutions. See ► *Fachgebundene Hochschulreife*.

### **Zeugnis der Fachhochschulreife**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:**

Zeugnisse der Fachhochschulreife

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Certificate attesting that the pupil has passed the examination generally taken in a *Fachoberschule* following school year 12 or under certain conditions in another full-time vocational school in general education subjects and certain vocational subjects. It gives access to a *Fachhochschule* or, in some *Länder*, to a *Berufsakademie*.

### **Zrelostn izpit (Зрелостен изпит)**

**Country:** Bulgaria

**Grammatical variants:** Zrelostni izpiti

**Level of education:** Upper secondary

**Explanatory note:**

Final examination held in upper secondary general and technical schools (including the orientation sections). It is compulsory for obtaining the ► *Diploma za sredno obrazovanie/Diploma za sredno-spetzialno obrazovanie* certificate. It includes written examinations set by the Ministry of Education and Science and oral examinations, defined by each institution, relating to Bulgarian language and literature, one general subject or one of the main specialised subjects.

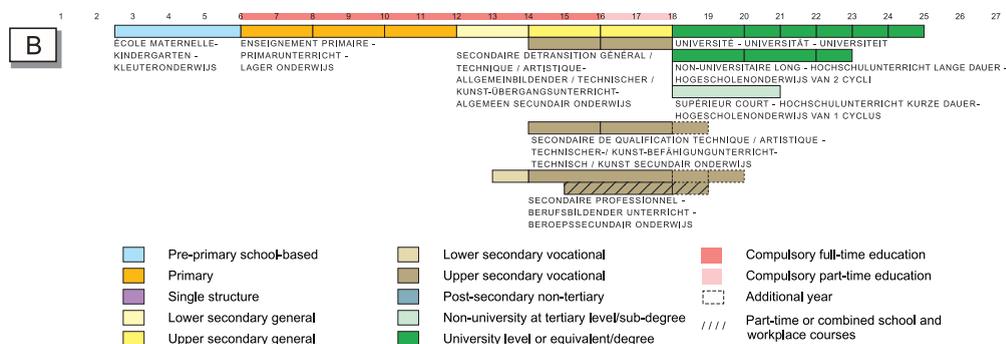
## **Part II — Summary tables**

## Belgium (French Community)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>	Examen (inter)diocésain Examen cantonal	Certificat d'Études de Base (CEB)	
<b>Lower secondary</b>		Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire du deuxième degré (CESDD) Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Inférieur (CESI) Certificat d'Études de Base (CEB)	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Examen d'Aptitude à accéder à l'Enseignement Supérieur	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur (CESS) Certificat de Qualification (CQ) Diplôme d'Aptitude à accéder à l'Enseignement Supérieur (DAES)	
<b>Post-secondary</b>			
<b>Higher</b>	Examen spécial d'admission aux études universitaires de 1er cycle en sciences appliquées	Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur (AESI) Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur (AESS) Agrégation de l'enseignement supérieur Architecte Candidature en Certificat d'aptitude pédagogique (CAP) Diplôme d'études approfondies (DEA) Diplôme d'études complémentaires (DEC) Diplôme d'études spécialisées (DES) Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées Diplôme de spécialisation Doctorat en Graduat en Ingénieur Licence en Maîtrise en	Agrégé(e) de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur (AESI) Agrégé(e) Agrégé(e) de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur (AESS) Agrégé(e) de l'enseignement supérieur Architecte Candidat(e) en Docteur en Gradué(e) en Ingénieur Licencié(e) en Maître en

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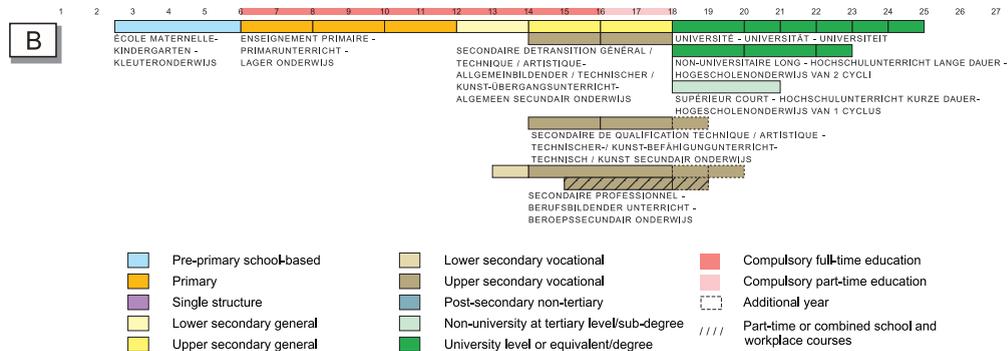
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## Belgium (German-speaking Community)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>	Kantonalprüfung	Abschlusszeugnis der Grundschule	
<b>Lower secondary</b>		Abschlusszeugnis der Unterstufe des Sekundarunterrichts	
<b>Upper secondary</b>		Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts Befähigungsnachweis des sechsten Jahres	
<b>Post-secondary</b>			
<b>Higher</b>		Diplom	

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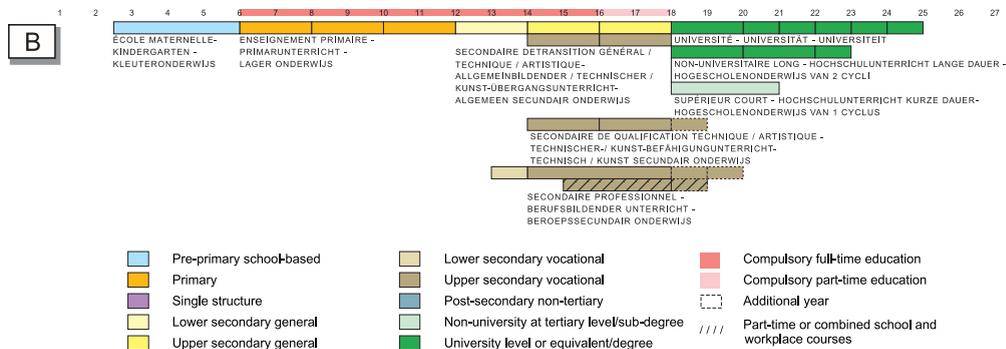
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## Belgium (Flemish Community)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
Primary		Getuigschrift Basisonderwijs	
Lower secondary		Getuigschrift	
Upper secondary		Attest van regelmatige lesbijwoning Diploma secundair onderwijs Getuigschrift Studiegetuigschrift	
Post-secondary			
Higher		Architect Arts Baccalaureus Doctoraatsgetuigschrift Geaggregeerde voor het secundair onderwijs Gediplomeerde in de aanvullende studies van (GAS) Gediplomeerde in de gespecialiseerde studies van (GGS) Gediplomeerde in de voortgezette studie van Gegradueerde Ingenieur Kandidaat in de Licenciaat in de Meester	Architect Arts Baccalaureus Doctor Ingenieur Meester

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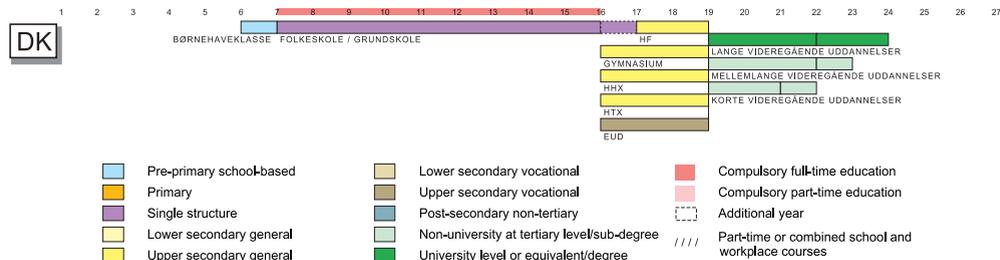
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## Denmark

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>	Folkeskolens afgangsprøve Folkeskolens udvidede afgangsprøve	Afgangsbrev fra Folkeskolen	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Afsluttende fagprøve Højere Forberedelseksamen (HF) Højere Handelseksamen (HHX) Højere Teknisk Eksamen (HTX) Studentereksamen Svendepøve	Bevis for Højere Forberedelseksamen Bevis for Højere Handelseksamen Bevis for Højere Teknisk Eksamen Skolebevis Studentereksamensbevis Uddannelsesbevis (Svendebrev)	
<b>Post-secondary</b>			
<b>Higher</b>		Bachelorgrad Bevis for (Eksamensbevis som) Billedkunstnergrad Diplomeksamen (Musik) Doktorgrad Kandidatgrad Konservatorgrad Magistergrad Ph.d.-grad	Bachelor Billedkunstner Candidatus (Kandidat) Diplomingeniør Doktor (Dr.) Folkeskolslærer Kandidat Konservator Magister Artium (Mag.art.) Philosophiae Doctor (Ph.d.)

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## Germany

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>		Abgangszeugnis Erweiterte Berufsbildungsreife Erweiterter Hauptschulabschluss Erweiterter Realschulabschluss (Erweiterter Sekundarabschluss I) Fachoberschulreife Hauptschulabschluss (Berufsbildungsreife) Mittlerer Abschluss Mittlerer Bildungsabschluss Mittlerer Schulabschluss Qualifizierender Hauptschulabschluss Qualifizierter Hauptschulabschluss Qualifizierter Sekundarabschluss Realschulabschluss Wirtschaftsschulabschluss	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Abiturprüfung Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung Berufliche Abschlussprüfung	Abgangszeugnis Abitur Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule Allgemeine Hochschulreife Berufsqualifizierender Abschluss Facharbeiterbrief Fachgebundene Hochschulreife Fachhochschulreife Fachoberschulreife Gesellenbrief Kaufmannsgehilfenbrief Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife Zeugnis der Fachgebundenen Hochschulreife Zeugnis der Fachhochschulreife	
<b>Post-secondary</b>	Staatliche Abschlussprüfung		

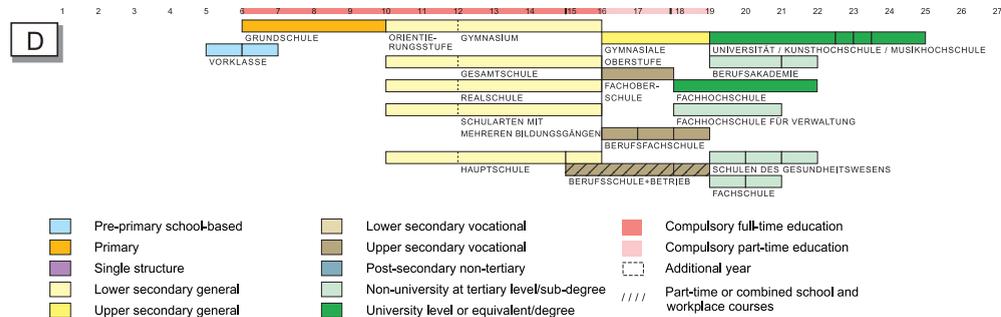
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	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Higher</b>	Diplomprüfung Hochschulprüfung Kirchliche Abschlussprüfung Konzertexamen Künstlerische Abschlussprüfung Künstlerische Reifeprüfung Magisterprüfung Meisterklassenexamen Staatsexamen Staatsprüfung Theologische Abschlussprüfung	Bachelor Diplom Diplomgrad Doktorgrad Konzertreife/Solistenreife Magister Magistergrad Master Promotion	Doktor (Dr.) Magister Meisterschüler

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The *Fachhochschulen für Verwaltung*, the *Berufsakademien/Fachakademien*, the *Fachschulen* and the *Schulen des Gesundheitswesens* belong to the broader first stage of tertiary education categorized as level 5B in the new ISCED 97 classification. The examinations and qualifications at this level are included at the level of higher education given in the summary table.

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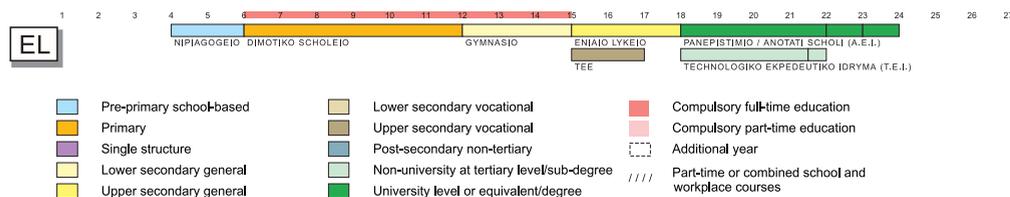
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## Greece

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
Primary		Apolytirio – Dimotikou scholeiou (Απολυτήριο Δημοτικού Σχολείου)	
Lower secondary		Apolytirio Gymnasiou (Απολυτήριο Γυμνασίου).	
Upper secondary	Genikes Exetaseis (Γενικές Εξετάσεις)	Apolytirio Eniaiou Polykladikou Lykeiou (Απολυτήριο Ενιαίου Πολυκλαδικού Λυκείου) (Απολυτήριο EPL – Απολυτήριο Ε. Π. Λ.) Apolytirio Genikou Lykeiou (Απολυτήριο Γενικού Λυκείου) Apolytirio Kladou Desmis (Απολυτήριο Κλάδου Δέσμης) Apolytirio Kladou Proepaggelmatikis Ekpaidevsis (Απολυτήριο Κλάδου Προεπαγγελματικής Εκπαίδευσης) Apolytirio Techniku - Epaggelmatiku Lykeiou (Απολυτήριο Τεχνικού - Επαγγελματικού Λυκείου) (Απολυτήριο TEL – Απολυτήριο Τ. Ε. Λ.) Ptychio Technikis Epaggelmatikis Scholis (Πτυχίο Τεχνικής - Επαγγελματικής Σχολής) (Ptychio TES – Πτυχίο Τ. Ε. Σ.) Ptychio Techniku-Epaggelmatiku Lykeiou (Πτυχίο Τεχνικού - Επαγγελματικού Λυκείου) (Ptychio TEL – Πτυχίο Τ. Ε. Λ.) Ptychio Tmimatos Eidikevsis Eniaiou Polykladikou Lykeiou (Πτυχίο Τμήματος Ειδικεύσεως Ενιαίου Πολυκλαδικού Λυκείου)	Ptychiouchos Technikis Epaggelmatikis Scholis (Πτυχιούχος Τεχνικής – Επαγγελματικής Σχολής). Ptychiouchos Techniku-Epaggelmatiku Lykeiou (Πτυχιούχος Τεχνικού – Επαγγελματικού Λυκείου) Ptychiouchos Tmimatos Eidikevsis Eniaiou Polykladikou Lykeiou (Πτυχιούχος Τμήματος Ειδικεύσεως Ενιαίου Πολυκλαδικού Λυκείου)
Post-secondary		Diploma Epaggelmatikis Katartisis (Δίπλωμα Επαγγελματικής Κατάρτισης)	
Higher		Didaktoriko Diploma (Διδακτορικό Δίπλωμα) Diploma (Δίπλωμα) Metartychiako Diploma Eidikevsi sti (n) (Μεταπτυχιακό Δίπλωμα Ειδικεύσεως στη (ν)) Ptychio (Πτυχίο)	Didaktor (Διδάκτορ) Ptychiouchos (Πτυχιούχος)

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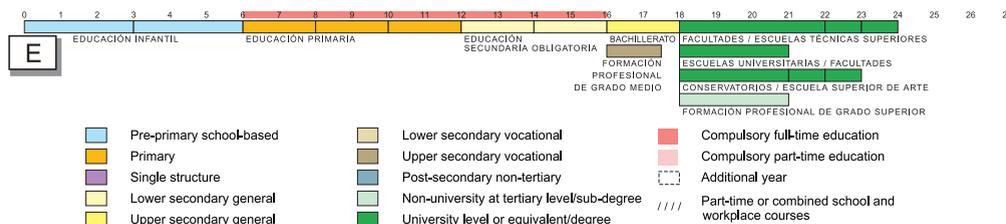
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## Spain

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>	Prueba de Madurez	Certificado acreditativo del grado elemental de Certificado de Escolaridad Graduado en Educación Secundaria Graduado Escolar Técnico Auxiliar en	Graduado en Educación Secundaria Graduado Escolar Técnico Auxiliar en
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Pruebas de Acceso a la Universidad (PAU) (Selectividad)	Bachiller Certificación académica del ciclo elemental de las enseñanzas de idiomas Certificado de aptitud del ciclo superior de las enseñanzas de idiomas Técnico en Técnico Especialista en Título profesional del grado medio de	Bachiller Técnico en Técnico Especialista en
<b>Post-secondary</b>			
<b>Higher</b>		Arquitecto Arquitecto Técnico Diplomatura en Doctorado en Ingeniero Técnico Ingeniero Licenciatura en Maestro Técnico Superior en Título Superior en	Arquitecto Arquitecto Técnico Diplomado en Doctor en Ingeniero Técnico Ingeniero Licenciado en Maestro Técnico Superior en Titulado Superior en

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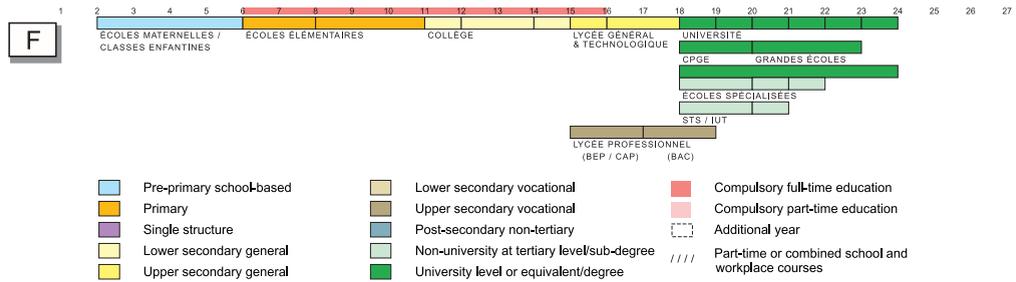
## France

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>	Brevet	Brevet Certificat de formation générale (CFG)	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Baccalauréat	Baccalauréat Brevet d'études professionnelles (BEP) Brevet de technicien (BT, BTA) Certificat d'aptitude professionnelle (CAP) Certificat de fin d'études secondaires (CFES) Diplôme d'accès aux études universitaires (DAEU)	Agent technique breveté (Technicien breveté) Bachelier(ère)
<b>Post-secondary</b>			
<b>Higher</b>		Agrégation Architecte diplômé par le Gouvernement Brevet de technicien supérieur (BTS) Certificat d'aptitude au professorat de l'enseignement secondaire (CAPES) Certificat d'aptitude au professorat des écoles (CAPE) Certificat d'études spécialisées (CES) Certificat de synthèse clinique et thérapeutique (CSCT) Diplôme d'État de docteur Diplôme d'études approfondies (DEA) Diplôme d'études spécialisées (DES) Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées (DESS) Diplôme d'études universitaires générales (DEUG) Diplôme d'études universitaires scientifiques et techniques (DEUST) Diplôme de recherche technologique (DRT) Diplôme des grandes écoles Diplôme national de technologie spécialisée (DNST) Diplôme universitaire de technologie (DUT) Doctorat en Habilitation à diriger des recherches Ingénieur Licence Magistère Maîtrise	Architecte diplômé par le Gouvernement Docteur Ingénieur Ingénieur-maître Licencié(e) en Professeur agrégé Professeur certifié Professeur des écoles Technicien supérieur

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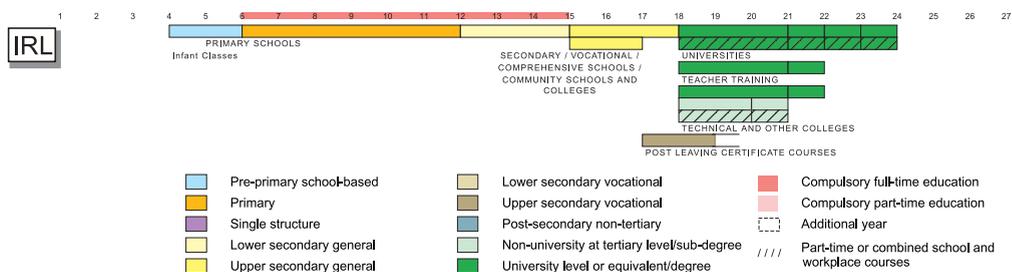
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## Ireland

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>	Junior Certificate examination	Junior Certificate	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Leaving Certificate examination	Junior Trade Certificate Leaving Certificate National Craft Certificate Senior Trade Certificate	
<b>Post-secondary</b>		National Foundation Certificate National Vocational Certificate, Level 1, 2 and 3	
<b>Higher</b>		Bachelor's degree (BA, BBS, B.Sc.) Certificate in Diploma in Doctorate Graduate Diploma Higher Diploma in Education (H.Dip.Ed.) Master's degree National Certificate (NC) National Diploma (ND) NCEA Diploma One-year Certificate	Bachelor of Doctor Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Master of

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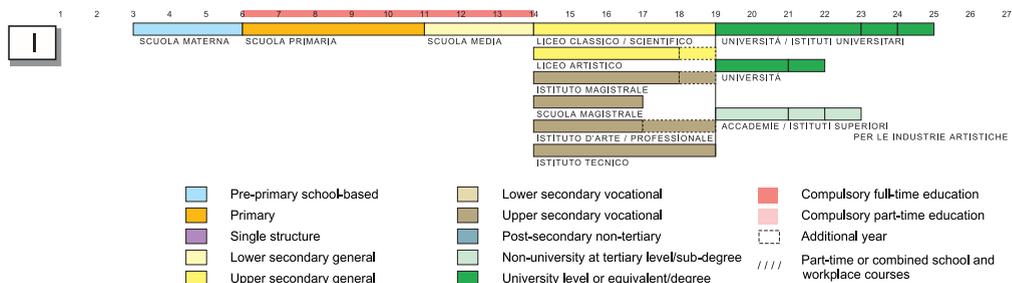
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## Italy

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>	Esame di idoneità Esame di licenza elementare Esame integrativo	Diploma di licenza elementare	
<b>Lower secondary</b>	Esame di idoneità Esame di licenza media Esame integrativo	Diploma di licenza media	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Esame di abilitazione all'insegnamento nelle scuole materne Esame di idoneità Esame di licenza di maestro d'arte Esame di maturità Esame di qualifica Esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore Esame integrativo	Diploma di abilitazione all'insegnamento nelle scuole materne Diploma di maestro d'arte Diploma di maturità Diploma di qualifica Diploma di superamento dell'esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore	Maestro d'arte Operatore Perito Tecnico
<b>Post-secondary</b>	Esame integrativo		
<b>Higher</b>	Esame di diploma universitario Esame di laurea Esame di profitto Esame di specializzazione Esame integrativo	Diploma di Accademia di Belle Arti Diploma di educazione fisica Diploma di Laurea (Laurea) (DL) Diploma di Specializzazione (DS) Diploma Superiore per le Industrie Artistiche Diploma Universitario (DU) Dottorato di Ricerca (DR)	Diplomato universitario Dottore di Ricerca Dottore in (Dott./Dott.ssa) (Laureato) Specializzato in

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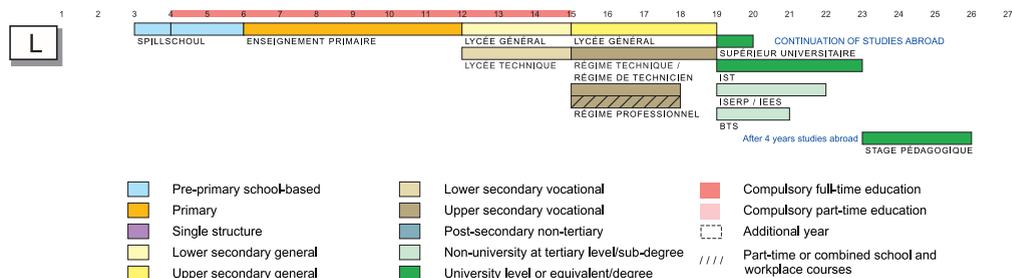


## Luxembourg

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>	Examen d'admission à l'enseignement secondaire général		
<b>Lower secondary</b>		Certificat d'aptitude technique et professionnelle (CATP) Certificat d'Initiation Technique et Professionnelle (CITP) Certificat de Capacité Manuelle (CCM) Certificat de fin de scolarité	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Examen de fin d'apprentissage Examen de fin d'études du technicien Examen de fin d'études secondaires Examen de fin d'études secondaires techniques	Certificat d'aptitude technique et professionnelle (CATP) Certificat d'Initiation Technique et Professionnelle (CITP) Certificat de Capacité Manuelle (CCM) Diplôme d'État d'infirmier(ère) Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires techniques Diplôme de technicien	
<b>Post-secondary</b>		Brevet de maîtrise (Maîtrise) Brevet de technicien supérieur (BTS) Diplôme d'Éducateur	
<b>Higher</b>		Certificat Certificat d'études pédagogiques Diplôme d'éducateur gradué Diplôme d'études supérieures en gestion Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées (DESS) Diplôme d'Ingénieur industriel	Éducateur gradué Ingénieur industriel

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## The Netherlands

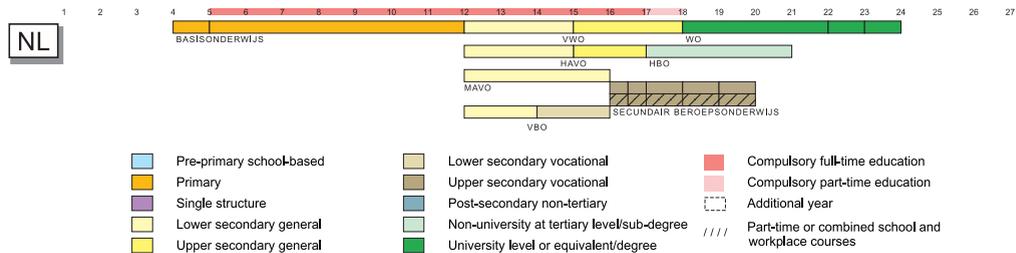
	<b>Examinations</b>	<b>Qualifications</b>	<b>Titles</b>
<b>Primary</b>	Eindtoets Basisonderwijs (CITO-toets)		
<b>Lower secondary</b>	Centraal examen Deeleindexamen Deelstaatsexamen Eindexamen Eindexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Eindexamen mavo) Eindexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs (Eindexamen mavo/vbo) Eindexamen voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs (Eindexamen vbo) Extraneï-examens Schoolexamen (Schoolonderzoek) Staatsexamen Staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Staatsexamen havo) Staatsexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Staatsexamen mavo) Toetsen basisvorming	Certificaat Certificaat middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Certificaat mavo) Certificaat middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs (Certificaat mavo/vbo) Certificaat staatsexamen Certificaat staatsexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Certificaat staatsexamen mavo) Certificaat voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs (Certificaat vbo) Diploma middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Diploma mavo) Diploma middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs/voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs (Diploma mavo/vbo) Diploma staatsexamen Diploma staatsexamen middelbaar algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Diploma staatsexamen mavo) Diploma voorbereidend beroepsonderwijs (Diploma vbo) Getuigschrift basisvorming Schoolverlatersverklaring	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Centraal examen Deeleindexamen Deelstaatsexamen Eindexamen Eindexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Eindexamen havo) Eindexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (Eindexamen vwo) Examen beroepsonderwijs Examen middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Examen mbo) Extraneï-examens Schoolexamen (Schoolonderzoek) Staatsexamen Staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Staatsexamen havo) Staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (Staatsexamen vwo)	Certificaat Certificaat hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Certificaat havo) Certificaat middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Certificaat mbo) Certificaat opleiding beroepsonderwijs Certificaat staatsexamen Certificaat staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Certificaat staatsexamen havo) Certificaat staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (Certificaat staatsexamen vwo) Certificaat voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (Certificaat vwo) Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Diploma havo) Diploma middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Diploma mbo) Diploma opleiding beroepsonderwijs Diploma staatsexamen Diploma staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Diploma staatsexamen havo) Diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (Diploma staatsexamen vwo) Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (Diploma vwo) Schoolverlatersverklaring	
<b>Post-secondary</b>			

## The Netherlands (continued)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Higher</b>	Afsluitend examen Kandidaatexamen Propedeutisch examen	Doctoraat Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen Getuigschrift van het propedeutisch examen Promotie	Baccalaureus (Bc.) Bachelor (B.) Doctor (Dr) Doctorandus (Drs) Ingenieur (Ir., Ing.) Kandidaat (Kand.) Master (M.) Meester (Mr) Meester in de rechten (Mr.)

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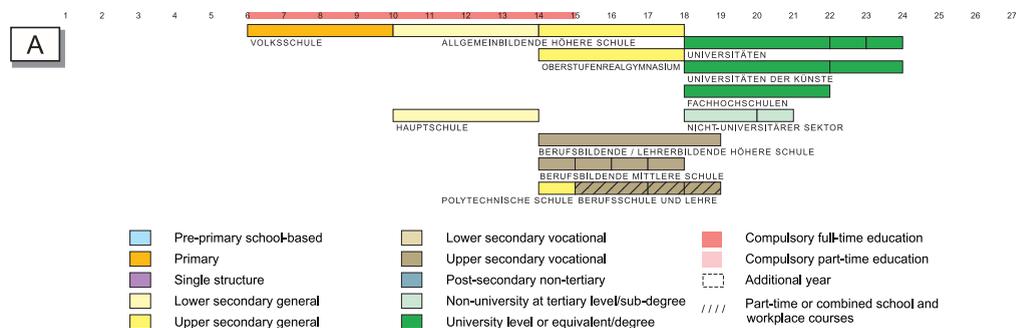
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## Austria

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>		Abschlusszeugnis der Hauptschule	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Abschlussprüfung der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule Berufsreifeprüfung Diplomprüfung Lehrabschlussprüfung Reife- und Diplomprüfung Reifeprüfung Studienberechtigungsprüfung	Abschlussprüfungszeugnis der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule Abschlusszeugnis der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule Abschlusszeugnis der Polytechnischen Schule Berufsreifeprüfungszeugnis Diplom Diplomprüfungszeugnis Lehrabschlussprüfungszeugnis Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis Reifeprüfungszeugnis Studienberechtigungszeugnis	Ingenieur
<b>Post-secondary</b>	Diplomprüfung	Diplomprüfungszeugnis	
<b>Higher</b>	Abschlusskolloquium Abschlussprüfung Diplomprüfung Lehrants- und Befähigungsprüfung für den land- und forstwirtschaftlichen Lehr-, Beratungs- und Förderungsdienst Lehrantsprüfung Rigorosum	Abschlussprüfungszeugnis Abschlusszertifikat Diplom Diplomprüfungszeugnis Lehrants- und Befähigungsprüfungszeugnis Lehrantsprüfungszeugnis Rigorosenzugnis Zertifikat	Akademischer... Diplom-Ingenieur (Dipl.-Ing., DI) Doktor (Dr.) Magister (Mag.)

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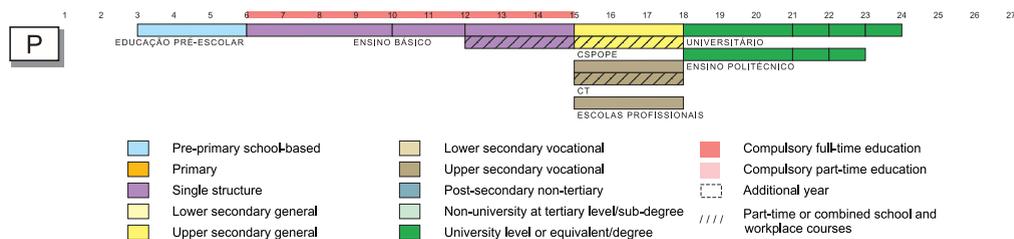
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## Portugal

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>	Prova Global	Diploma de Ensino Básico Diploma de Qualificação Profissional de Nível II	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Exame de equivalência à frequência Exame final de âmbito nacional Prova de Aptidão Profissional (PAP) Prova Global	Diploma de Estudos Secundários Diploma de Qualificação Profissional de Nível III	
<b>Post-secondary</b>			
<b>Higher</b>	Prova de doutoramento Provas Complementares	Bacharelato Carta Doutoral Carta Magistral Diploma de Conclusão da Parte Curricular do Mestrado Licenciatura	Bacharel Doutor Licenciado Mestre

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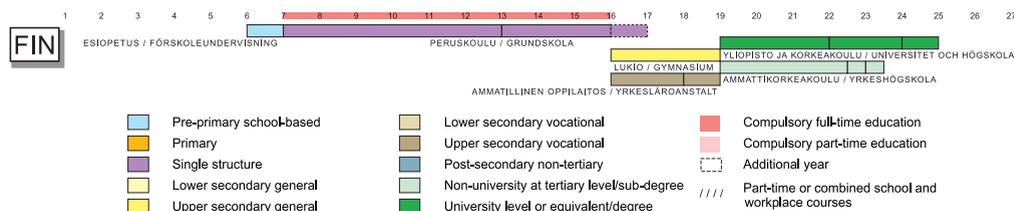


## Finland

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>		Avgångsbetyg från grundskolan Peruskoulun päättötodistus	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Fristående yrkesprov Näyttötutkinto Studentexamen Ylioppilastutkinto	Ammatillinen perustutkinto Betyg över avlagd yrkesexamen på andra stadiet Betyg över kombinationsstudier Betyg över läroavtalsutbildning Grundexamen Gymnasiets avgångsbetyg Lukion päättötodistus Specialiseringsexamen Studentexamensbetyg Todistus oppisopimuskoulutuksesta Todistus toisen asteen ammatillisista opinnoista Todistus yhdistelmäopinnoista Ylioppilastutkintotodistus	Student Ylioppilas
<b>Post-secondary</b>		Ammatillinen opistoasteen tutkinto Yrkesexamen på institutnivå	
<b>Higher</b>		Ammatikorkeakoulututkinto Doktors examen Erikoistumistutkinto Kandidaatin tutkinto Kandidat examen Licentiat examen Lisensiaatintutkinto Magister examen Maisterin tutkinto Tohtoritutkinto Yrkeshögskoleexamen Yrkesinriktad påbyggnadsexamen	Doktor Kandidaatti Kandidat Licentiat Lisensiaatti Magister Maisteri Tohtori

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## Sweden

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>		Slutbetyg från grundskolan	
<b>Upper secondary</b>		Slutbetyg från gymnasieskolan	
<b>Post-secondary</b>			
<b>Higher</b>		Agronomexamen Arkitektexamen Barnmorskeexamen Civilingenjörsexamen Doktorsexamen Grundskolläraexamen Gymnasieläraexamen Högskoleexamen Högskoleingenjörsexamen Juris kandidatexamen Kandidatexamen Konstnärlig högskoleexamen Läkarexamen Lantmästarexamen Licentiatexamen Magisterexamen Psykologexamen Psykoterapeutexamen Receptarieexamen Sjuksköterskeexamen Social omsorgsexamen Socionomexamen Veterinärsexamen	Doktor Kandidat Licentiat Magister

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### National specifications

There are two kinds of degree in undergraduate education: **general** and **professional degrees**.

#### General degrees:

- *högskoleexamen* requiring 80 points;
- *kandidatexamen* requiring 120 points, of which 60 points in the major subject including a thesis of 10 points;
- *magisterexamen* requiring 160 points, of which 80 points in the major subject including one thesis of 20 points or two theses of 10 points.

**Professional degrees** are awarded in the fields of engineering, medicine and dentistry, agriculture, teacher training, fine arts etc. Programmes leading to professional degrees vary in length from 40 to 220 points, depending on their character. There are around 50 professional degrees, around 30 of these following courses of more than 3 years' duration.

**It is important to note that only a small number of the professional degrees are included in the glossary as examples of this type of degree.**

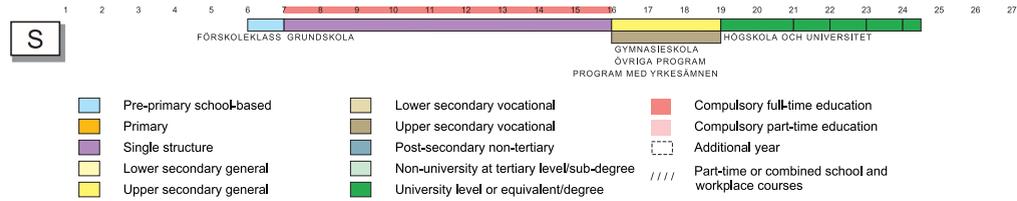
In postgraduate education there are two degrees: *doktorsexamen* and *licentiatexamen*.

For admission to post-graduate studies there are *general (basic)* as well as *special eligibility* requirements. **General eligibility** corresponds to at least 120 points or 3 years of full-time undergraduate studies. (The faculty board may however give exception to this.)

**Special eligibility** refers to undergraduate studies within a special field or certain vocational experience and is established by the faculty board. (Normally special eligibility corresponds to 60 or 80 points or 1½ or 2 years of full-time undergraduate studies in the chosen field.)

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## United Kingdom (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>	National Curriculum Assessment – (E/W) Northern Ireland Assessment – (NI) Transfer Procedure Tests – (NI)		
<b>Lower secondary</b>	National Curriculum Assessment – (E/W) Northern Ireland Assessment – (NI)		
<b>Upper secondary</b>		Business and Technology Education Council First Qualification (BTEC First Qualification) Certificate of Achievement City & Guilds Diploma of Vocational Education Foundation level General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE A level), (A level) General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Level (GCE AS Level) General Certificate of Education Advanced Supplementary Examination (GCE AS Examination) General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) General National Vocational Qualification (GNVQ) National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Part One General National Vocational Qualification (Part One GNVQ) Royal Society of Arts Examinations Board Initial Qualification (RSA Initial Award)	
<b>Post-secondary</b>			
<b>Higher</b>		Bachelor's degree Certificate of Higher Education Diploma of Higher Education (Dip.H.E.) Doctorate Higher National Certificate (HNC) Higher National Diploma (HND) Master's degree Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma	Doctor of

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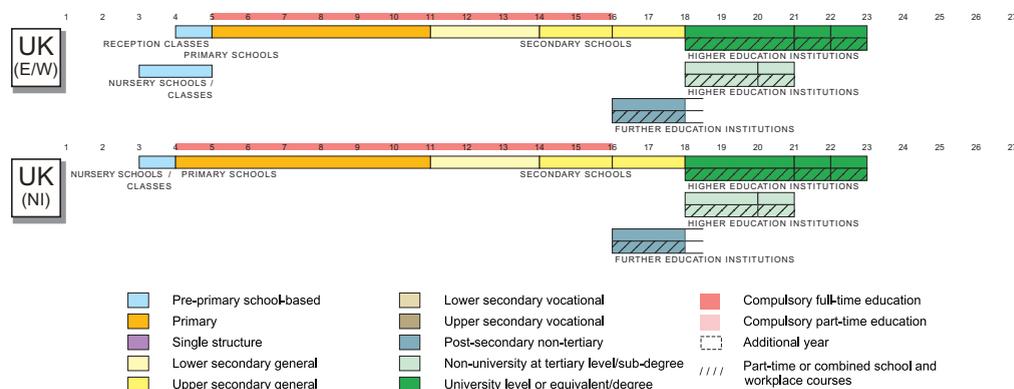
The qualifications system in England, Wales and Northern Ireland has traditionally been decentralised with educational establishments deciding which qualifications to offer their pupils. All courses of study, leading to an external qualification, provided for pupils of compulsory school age in publicly-funded schools must, however, be approved by the relevant regulatory body.

In secondary, further and vocational education, general and vocational qualifications are provided by awarding bodies, which are independent, not-for-profit companies, comprising members drawn from education and industry. The awarding bodies are funded largely by examination fees, are subject to statutory regulation and are generally responsible for syllabus development, setting and marking examinations, approving centres (schools etc.) and quality assurance. Government has recently encouraged rationalisation and some mergers/alliances of bodies have resulted.

As autonomous institutions, higher education institutions are free to decide on the names of their qualifications and, as a result, there is a wide variety in the titles of degrees. For example, some universities use the term 'master's' for first degrees; others offer the title Bachelor of Arts for all first degrees including those in a science discipline. A recent review of higher education has recommended the rationalisation and standardisation of the titles used.

In addition to granting awards in respect of the programmes they offer on their own premises, some higher education institutions may franchise programmes of study to other institutions (often in the further education sector or overseas), validate individual programmes designed and offered in other higher education establishments or by industrial or commercial companies, license or accredit other institutions to offer programmes in their name, or offer programmes through distance learning.

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## United Kingdom (Scotland)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>	National testing		
<b>Lower secondary</b>	National testing Scottish Certificate of Education – Standard Grade (SCE – Standard Grade)	Access National Certificate Module Scottish Certificate of Education – Standard Grade (SCE – Standard Grade)	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Intermediate 1 Intermediate 2 Scottish Certificate of Education – Higher Grade (SCE – Higher Grade)	Access Advanced Higher Certificate of Sixth Year Studies (CSYS) General Scottish Vocational Qualification (GSVQ) Higher (Higher Still) Intermediate 1 Intermediate 2 National Certificate Module Scottish Certificate of Education – Higher Grade (SCE – Higher Grade) Scottish Group Award (SGA)	
<b>Post-secondary</b>	Intermediate 1 Intermediate 2	Access Advanced Higher General Scottish Vocational Qualification (GSVQ) Higher (Higher Still) Intermediate 1 Intermediate 2 National Certificate Module Scottish Group Award (SGA) Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ)	
<b>Higher</b>		Bachelor of Arts (BA) Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Bachelor's degree Certificate (of Higher Education) Diploma of Higher Education (Dip.H.E.) Doctorate Higher National Certificate (HNC) Higher National Diploma (HND) Master of Arts (MA) Master's degree Postgraduate Certificate in Education	Doctor of

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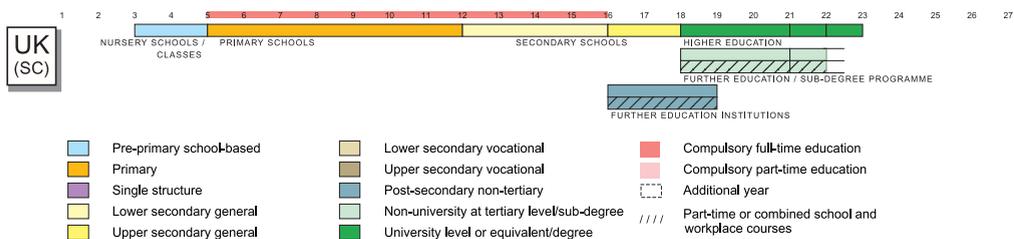
*Higher Still* is the title of the programme for reforming post-16 qualifications in Scotland awarded by the Scottish Qualifications Authority, though the qualifications themselves will be referred to collectively as 'National Qualifications'. These qualifications will be available in secondary schools, further education colleges (tertiary colleges) and will also be used for training for existing employees, including adults. The new qualifications will cover both academic and vocational subjects.

There will be five levels of qualification – Access (with sub-levels 1 to 3), Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, Higher and Advanced Higher. The first courses leading to these qualifications will start in the academic session 1999/2000 and implementation will be completed in 2003/2004. The new qualifications will replace existing Highers, Certificate of Sixth Year Studies, National Certificate and General Scottish Vocational Qualifications, but not Standard Grade or Scottish Vocational Qualifications.

Qualifications being introduced under *Higher Still* are divided into units which are internally assessed on the basis of coursework, but (above Access level) there is also an external assessment which determines the grade on a scale A to C. Units can be taken separately, including those for short training courses for trainees and existing employees. The basic content of Advanced Highers in individual subjects, including options, is specified centrally. The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) awards the qualification, carries out external assessments and moderates internal assessments.

The new qualifications are also designed to develop five Core Skills – Communication (written and oral), Numeracy, Information Technology, Problem Solving and Working with Others, awarded at levels as for the main qualifications. Core Skills will be awarded mainly by embedding within the main qualifications (though levels for Core Skills may differ from the level of the overall qualification), but individual Core Skills units will also be available. Core Skills will be recorded separately on qualifications certificates.

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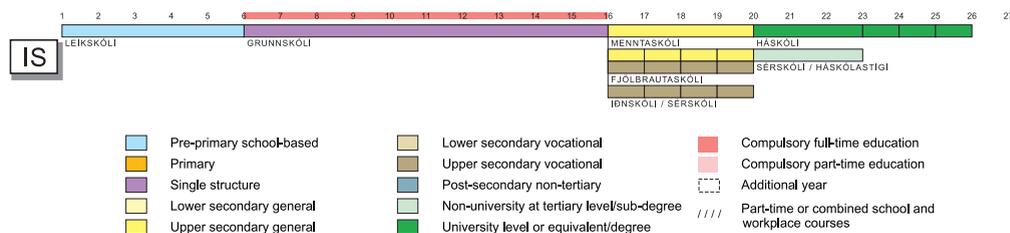
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## Iceland

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>		Vitnisburður um nám í grunnskóla	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Samræmd lokapróf Stúdentspróf Sveinspróf	Stúdentsprófsskírteini Sveinsbréf	Stúdent Sveinn
<b>Post-secondary</b>		Meistarabréf Meistaránám í iðn	Meistari
<b>Higher</b>	BA-próf BEEd-próf BS-próf Doktorspróf Kandidatspróf Meistarapróf	BA-gráða BEEd-gráða BS-gráða Doktorsgráða Kandidatsgráða Meistaragráða	BA BEEd BS Doktor (Dr.phil.) Kandidat (Cand.) Magister (MA, MEd, MPaed, MS)

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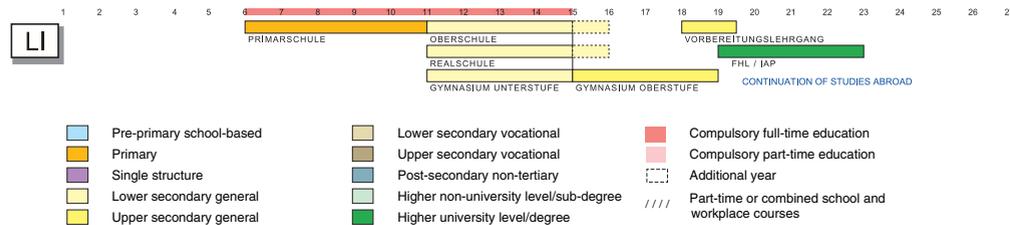
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## Liechtenstein

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>	Abschlussprüfung der Oberschule Abschlussprüfung der Realschule	Abschlusszeugnis der Oberschule Abschlusszeugnis der Realschule	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Fachhochschulreifeprüfung Lehrabschlussprüfung Maturaprüfung (Matura)	Fachhochschulreifezeugnis (Berufsmatura) Lehrbrief Maturazeugnis	
<b>Post-secondary</b>			
<b>Higher</b>	Diplomprüfung Magisterprüfung (Magisterexamen) Vordiplom	Baccalaureat Diplom (Dipl.Arch. FH, Dipl.Ing. FH) Vordiplom	Doktor der Philosophie (Dr.phil.) Magister Artium (MA)

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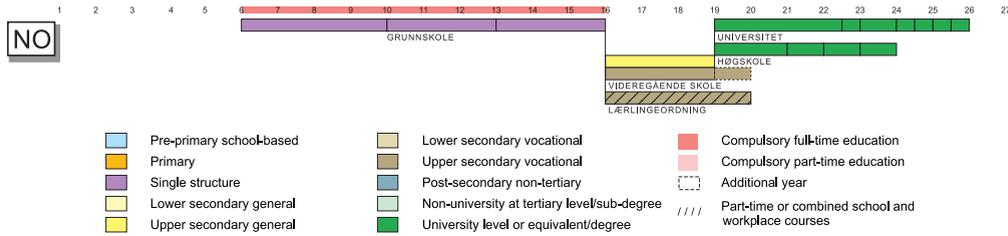
## Norway

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>	Avgangsprøve	Vitnemål	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Eksamen fra videregående opplæring Fagprøve Svenneprøve	Årskursbevis Delkompetansebevis Fagbrev Fagkarakterbevis Modulbevis Svennebrev Vitnemål	
<b>Post-secondary</b>			
<b>Higher</b>		Candidatus (cand.) Candidatus magisterii (cand. mag.) Designkandidat Diplomeksamen Doctor (dr.) Examinatus oeconomiae (exam. oecon) Fiskerikandidat Høgskolekandidat Hovedfagkandidat Høyere avdelings eksamen Høyere revisoreksamen Idrettskandidat Kandidat Kandidat i musikk Kommunalkandidat Kunsthøgskolekandidat Kunsthøgskolekandidat Kunsthøgskolekandidat Kunsthøgskolekandidat Licentiat (lic.) Magister artium (mag. art) Maritim kandidat Master of (M. Phil, M. Sc, MA, MBA, MIB) Praktisk-pedagogisk utdanning Praktisk-teologisk utdanning Sivilarkitekt Sivilingeniør (siv. ing) Siviløkonom (siv. øk) Vitnemål	Candidatus (cand.) Candidatus magisterii (cand. mag.) Designkandidat Doctor (dr.) Examinatus oeconomiae (exam. oecon) Fiskerikandidat Høgskolekandidat Hovedfagkandidat Idrettskandidat Kandidat Kandidat i musikk Kommunalkandidat Kunsthøgskolekandidat Licentiat (lic.) Magister artium (mag. art) Maritim kandidat Master of (M. Phil, M. Sc., MA, MBA, MIB) Sivilarkitekt Sivilingeniør (siv. ing) Siviløkonom (siv. øk)

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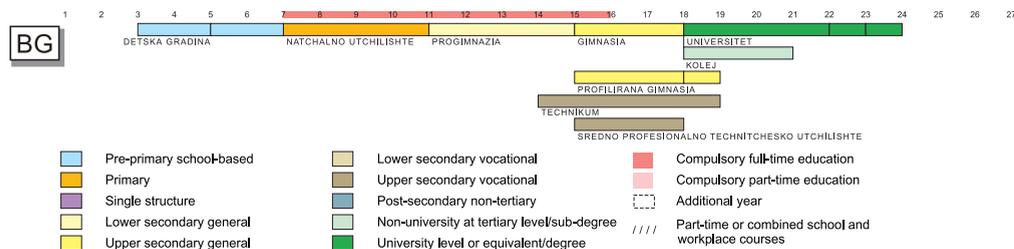


## Bulgaria

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
Primary		Svidetelstvo za natchalno obrazovanie (Свидетелство за начално образование)	
Lower secondary	Izpit po teoria i praktika na profesiata (Изпит по теория и практика на професията)	Svidetelstvo za osnovno obrazovanie (Свидетелство за основно образование) Svidetelstvo za profesionalna kvalifikasia (Свидетелство за професионална квалификация)	
Upper secondary	Izpit po teoria i praktika na profesiata (Изпит по теория и практика на професията) Zrelosten izpit (Зрелостен изпит)	Diploma za sredno obrazovanie (Диплома за средно образование) Diploma za sredno-spetzialno obrazovanie (Диплома за средно-специално образование) Svidetelstvo za profesionalna kvalifikasia (Свидетелство за професионална квалификация)	Rabotnik (Работник) Technik (Техник)
Post-secondary			
Higher	Durjaven izpit (Държавен изпит)	Diploma za doktor na naukite (Диплома за доктор на науките) Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie (Диплома за завършена степен на висшето образование)	Bakalavur (Бакалавър) Doktor (Доктор) (Dr. - Д-р) Doktor na naukite (Доктор на науките) Magistur (Магистър) Specialist po (Специалист по)

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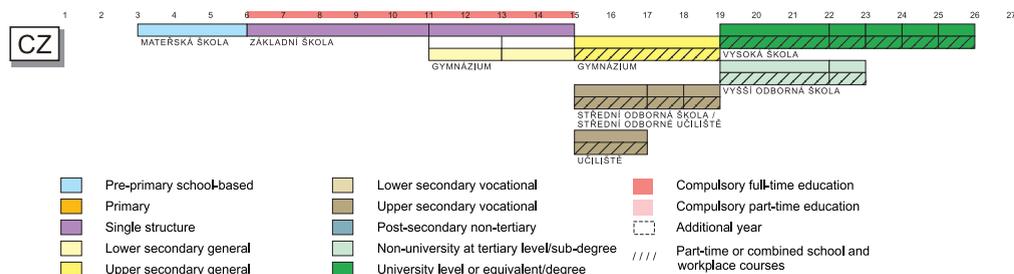
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	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>			
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Maturitní zkouška Závěrečná zkouška	Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce Vysvědčení o závěrečné zkoušce Výuční list	
<b>Post-secondary</b>	Absolutorium	Diplom Vysvědčení o absolutoriu	Diplomovaný specialista v oboru (DiS.)
<b>Higher</b>	Státní doktorská zkouška Státní rigorózní zkouška Státní závěrečná zkouška	Vysokoškolský diplom Vysvědčení o státní doktorské zkoušce Vysvědčení o státní rigorózní zkoušce Vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce	Bakalář (Bc., BcA.) Doktor (JUDr., MUDr., MVDr., Ph.D., PharmDr., PhDr., RNDr., Th.D., ThDr.) Inženýr (Ing., Ing. arch.) Licenciát teologie (ThLic.) Magistr (MgA., Mgr.)

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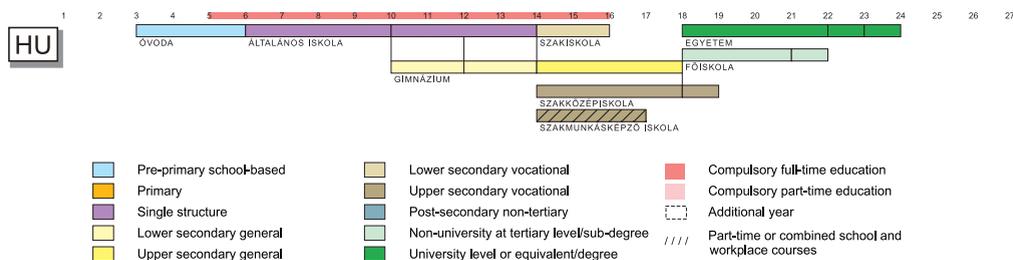
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## Hungary

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>	Felvételi vizsga	Általános iskolai bizonyítvány	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Érettségi vizsga Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő vizsga Szakmai vizsga Technikusképesítő vizsga	Gimnáziumi bizonyítvány Gimnáziumi érettségi bizonyítvány Szakképző iskolai képesítő bizonyítvány Szakközépiskolai bizonyítvány Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítvány Szakközépiskolai képesítő bizonyítvány Szakmunkásképző iskolai bizonyítvány Szakmunkásképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány Technikus oklevél	Szakmunkás Technikus
<b>Post-secondary</b>			
<b>Higher</b>	Doktori szigorlat Szakmai vizsga Záróvizsga	Doktori fokozat (Doktorátus) Egyetemi oklevél Felsőfokú szakképesítést igazoló bizonyítvány Főiskolai oklevél	Doktori cím (Doktorátus) (Dr.) Okleveles

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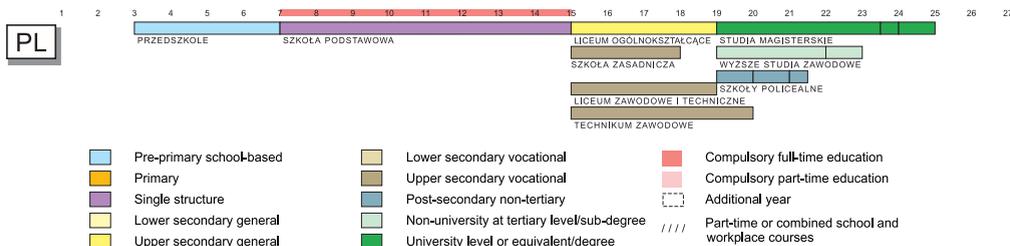
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## Poland

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>	Egzamin wstępny do szkoły średniej	Świadectwo ukończenia szkoły podstawowej	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Egzamin dojrzałości (Matura) Egzamin z nauki zawodu Egzamin z przygotowania zawodowego	Świadectwo dojrzałości (Świadectwo maturalne) Świadectwo ukończenia liceum ogólnokształcącego Świadectwo ukończenia liceum technicznego Świadectwo ukończenia liceum zawodowego Świadectwo ukończenia szkoły zasadniczej Świadectwo ukończenia technikum zawodowego	Robotnik wykwalifikowany Technik
<b>Post-secondary</b>	Egzamin z nauki zawodu Egzamin z przygotowania zawodowego	Dyplom ukończenia szkoły policealnej	Robotnik wykwalifikowany Technik
<b>Higher</b>	Egzamin doktorski Egzamin dyplomowy Egzamin magisterski Kolokwium habilitacyjne	Dyplom doktora Dyplom doktora habilitowanego Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych	Doktor (Dr) Doktor habilitowany (Dr hab.) Inżynier (Inż.) Lekarz Licencjat Magister (Mgr, Mgr inż.)

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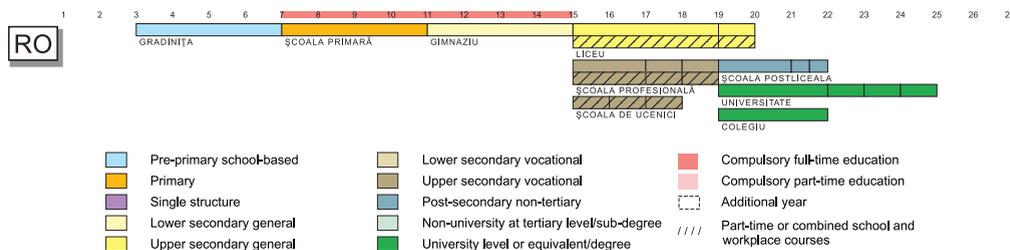
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	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>	Examen de capacitate	Certificat de capacitate Foaie matricolă	
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Examen de absolvire Examen de bacalaureat Probă practică	Atestat profesional Certificat de absolvire Diplomă de absolvire Diplomă de bacalaureat Diplomă de merit Foaie matricolă	
<b>Post-secondary</b>	Examen de absolvire	Certificat de absolvire	
<b>Higher</b>	Colocviu Dizertație Examen de absolvire Examen de licență Teză de doctorat	Certificat de absolvire Certificat de studii universitare de lungă durată Certificat de studii universitare de scurtă durată Diplomă de absolvire Diplomă de doctor Diplomă de licență Diplomă de specializare postuniversitară Diplomă de studii academice postuniversitare Diplomă de studii aprofundate de Master Diplomă de studii aprofundate de specializare Foaie matricolă	Doctor (Dr.) Licențiat Master

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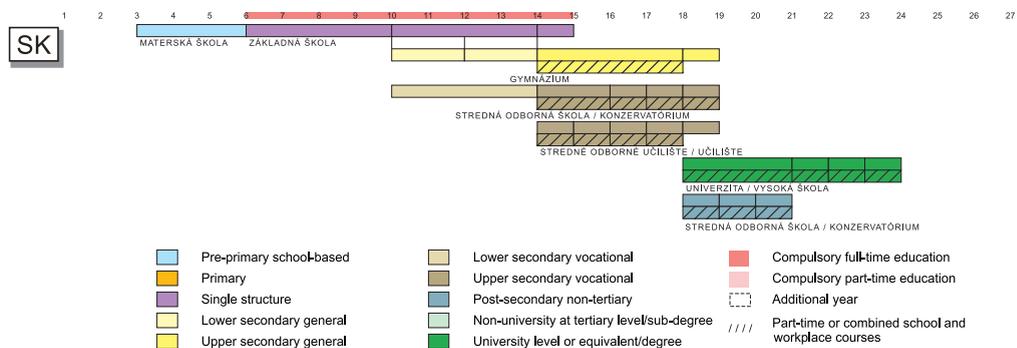
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## Slovakia

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Lower secondary</b>			
<b>Upper secondary</b>	Maturitná skúška Záverečná skúška	Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške Vysvedčenie o záverečnej skúške Výučný list	
<b>Post-secondary</b>	Absolventská skúška (Absolutórium)	Absolventský diplom	
<b>Higher</b>	Rigorózna skúška Štátna skúška	Diplom Vysvedčenie o štátnej skúške	Bakalár (Bc.) Doktor (JUDr., MUDr., MVDr., PaedDr., PharmDr., PhDr., RNDr., ThDr.) Inžinier (Ing., Ing.arch.) Magister (Mgr., Mgr.art.) Philosophiae doctor (PhD., ArtD.)

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