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Every education system uses its own specific terminology to describe the characteristics of its organisation and operation. In trying to understand and compare how the various education systems in Europe really work, we are confronted with questions of terminology. The development of precise ‘markers’ for reference purposes is thus absolutely essential for better mutual understanding and quality cooperation between European countries.

In order to cater for this need, the Eurydice Network has established a publications series entitled the European Glossary on Education. Four volumes on different subjects have been published since 1999. The first volume dealt with ‘examinations, qualifications and titles’, while the second was devoted to ‘educational institutions’ (2000), the third to ‘teaching staff’ (2002) and the most recent to ‘management, monitoring and support staff’ (2003). The four volumes also constitute a ‘dynamic’ database that may be accessed on the Eurydice website (http://www.eurydice.org).

Terminology associated with examinations, qualifications and titles is changing rapidly in an enlarged Europe in which student and teacher mobility as well as the opening up of education and training systems to the wider world are essential aims of cooperation. It is for this reason that the Eurydice Network has decided to update the first volume of the Glossary published in 1999.

In contrast to the previous edition that covered 24 countries (the 15 Member States of the European Union, the EFTA/EEA countries and the first six countries of central and eastern Europe which took part in the activities of the Network), the present glossary now also includes the Baltic countries, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta.

The book provides detailed coverage of the terminology used at national level to refer to the examinations, qualifications and titles specific to each education system. Each term in the original language is accompanied by a structured summary description providing for ready understanding and comparison of information that is becoming increasingly essential for experts and researchers, as well as for those responsible for or involved in mobility in Europe, translators, and many other people active in the world of education.

A guide to use of the Glossary is included by way of introduction. It contains all relevant definitions and outlines the different aspects covered in the explanatory note on each term.

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By making this second edition of the first volume of the Glossary available to all who attempt to compare or understand more about the examinations, qualifications and titles associated with European education systems, the Eurydice Network hopes to make a further contribution to the greater transparency of those systems, which is itself essential for more ambitious cooperation.

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Introduction

This Glossary is a compilation of the terminology used to designate examinations, qualifications and titles in 30 European education systems. It covers almost 1000 specific terms of this kind. The aim is to offer readers the definitions of frequently used terms that they might encounter when reading about or dealing with the education system of any given country.

Only official or widely used and recognised names specific to each education system are included. The qualifications considered are those offered by or in partnership with educational institutions. Qualifications awarded to persons with special educational needs, as well as official qualifications obtained in adult education programmes are also included.

Standard tests held in primary and secondary education to guide or select pupils or to monitor the education system are included if they have an official title or name, or are widely used and recognised.

Qualifications awarded to foreign students who have completed part of their course in a foreign institution (such as certificates awarded to students who have taken part in the Socrates/Erasmus programme) are not included.

The present Glossary is neither a dictionary nor a directory of professional titles used in the world of work.

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.

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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 levels of the one or more educational programmes 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 using the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED). The countries are presented in the order used by the European Union. 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. Wherever the use of special terms calls for a distinction between mainstream education, adult education and provision for persons with special needs, this is indicated at each level concerned.

The symbol (●) or (■) after a term means that it may also be used in adult or SEN education, respectively.
Certain details relating to national characteristics are shown below the summary tables where this is felt to contribute to a better understanding of the situation in a particular country.

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.
Main terms (in original language)

This section lists terms in the nominative singular form, unless only the plural is used. When the term varies with gender, both forms are indicated with the masculine form given first (for example Magíster/tra).

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 brackets.

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 several meanings.

Where a generic term is preceded or followed by the name of the area of specialisation or field of study, only the general term is entered and not all the different areas or fields. In these cases, the term is followed by a bracket indicating that the name of the area of specialisation generally precedes or follows the term in question. Common examples are the term Licence (+) and not the full range of possible Licences, such as Licence in chemistry, physics, journalism, etc.; ‘doctorate’ (+) or Ingénieur (+) 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 in the explanatory notes.

The names of examinations and qualifications that have recently been superseded but are still found in official documents are indicated, 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 plural and the root of the word marked with an asterisk (*) are indicated, so that the reader will recognise the invariable part of the word.

Levels of education
The level of education specified corresponds to the level of the educational programme on completion of which an examination is held, a qualification awarded or a title conferred.

The definitions of each level of educational programme comply with the criteria used in the UNESCO International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED 1997). This Classification is an instrument geared to the collection of statistics on education at international level. It covers two cross-classification variables, namely fields of study and levels of education, with the two further dimensions of general/vocational/pre-vocational orientation and the transition from education to the labour market. It covers ‘all organized and sustained learning activities for children, youth and adults including those with special educational needs, irrespective of the institution or entity that provides them or the form they take’. The ISCED 97 headings, together with their short descriptions and the way they are used in the present Glossary, are explained below. For further information on ISCED 97, readers should visit: http://portal.unesco.org

- **ISCED 0**: The initial stage of organised instruction, which generally begins at the age of 3 and lasts between 2 and 3 years (pre-primary education). These programmes are designed to introduce very young children to a school-type environment. On completing them, children continue their education at ISCED level 1. Given the subject dealt with, this level is not directly relevant to the present Glossary.

- **ISCED 1**: Programmes at this level generally begin between the ages of 5 and 7 and last 4 to 6 years. They are designed to give pupils a sound basic education in reading, writing and mathematics, along with an elementary understanding of other subjects such as history, geography, natural science, social science, art and music. This level also includes programmes suited to children with special educational needs and programmes for adults. In many countries, ISCED level 1 corresponds to primary education, or the first years of basic education, wherever compulsory education is provided in the form of a single structure with no distinction between its primary and secondary levels.

- **ISCED 2**: Educational content at this level is generally designed to complete the provision of basic education beginning at ISCED level 1, and usually entails 3 to 4 years of schooling. Programmes at this level are often based on a more subject-oriented pattern. Completion of ISCED level 2 often coincides with the end of compulsory education. Education is normally general, but in some countries technical or vocational courses are offered at this level. It also includes programmes suited to children with special educational needs and adult education programmes.

ISCED level 2 corresponds to the final years of basic education, wherever compulsory education is provided in the form of a single structure with no distinction between its primary and secondary levels. In all cases, this Glossary uses the common expression ‘lower secondary education’ in the explanatory notes on terms for examinations or qualifications awarded on completion of an ISCED level 2 programme.

In countries in which compulsory education is provided in a single structure without any transition between ISCED levels 1 and 2, the name of the examination (and/or the certificate) corresponding to completion of the course is indicated, and only the level concerned is referred to in the ‘level of education’ column.
• **ISCED 3**: This usually begins at the end of full-time compulsory education. There is greater specialisation in these programmes than at ISCED level 2 and they are often subdivided into general, technical and vocational streams. The age for admission to this level is typically 15 or 16. Education at ISCED level 3 may either be terminal (preparing students for direct entry into working life), or transitional (preparing for entry to tertiary education). The qualification obtained on completion of a programme at this level is necessary (but not always sufficient) for securing access to tertiary education. ISCED level 3 also includes programmes suited to children with special educational needs and programmes for adults.

In all cases, this *Glossary* uses the common expression ‘**upper secondary education**’ in the explanatory notes on terms for examinations or qualifications awarded on completion of an ISCED level 3 programme.

• **ISCED 4**: This comprises education or training courses provided between secondary and tertiary education. Programme content is normally more specialised or detailed than in the second stage of secondary education. In the national context, the content of these courses is not considered as being of ISCED level 3 and a qualification testifying to satisfactory completion of level 3 is not always required for admission. Courses are generally more advanced and more specialised than secondary education courses. They are often of a technical or vocational nature and normally last between 6 months and 2 to 3 years. Programmes at this level are widely known as **post-secondary non-tertiary education**.

• **ISCED 5**: This comprises programmes with a more advanced educational content than those offered at ISCED levels 3 and 4. Admission normally requires at least the satisfactory completion of ISCED level 3 or its equivalent. ISCED level 5 includes programmes with an academic emphasis (ISCED 5A) that are largely theoretically based and intended to provide sufficient qualifications for gaining entry into research programmes or professions with high skills requirements, and programmes of practical or technical training (ISCED 5B) that are generally shorter than the former and prepare for entry to the labour market. This level may also include adult education programmes. ISCED level 5 programmes correspond to studies leading to a first or second **tertiary education** degree.

• **ISCED 6**: This level relates to tertiary education programmes which lead to the award of an advanced research qualification. Such programmes correspond to the second stage of **tertiary education** and, in most countries, to doctoral programmes.

In this *Glossary*, the corresponding ISCED level is noted in the case of each national term.

To clearly identify special terms for exams held or qualifications awarded by special schools at the end of programmes for persons with special educational needs, the abbreviation ‘SEN’ (in brackets) is added after the ISCED level, as in the case of *Befähigungs nachweis* in the German-speaking Community of Belgium (ISCED 3 (SEN)).

Terms relating to adult education are also very often the same as those awarded in mainstream education for children and young people. The abbreviation of ‘adult education’ (i.e. ‘A.Ed.’) is added directly after the ISCED level **solely** if the term concerned is different from the one used in mainstream education (for example *Potrdilo o izobraževanju*, *potrdilo o izpopolnjevanju* in Slovenia – ISCED 3 and 5 (A.Ed.)). If the same term is used to denote a qualification or an examination in both mainstream and adult education, this is indicated in the explanatory note.

**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.

Examinations for admission to tertiary education 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 tertiary education in the Netherlands.

The standard explanatory note for an **examination** includes the following information:
- the level of education, 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 type of programme (university, non-university, theoretical, practical or technical, advanced study, etc.) in tertiary 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 for those wishing to obtain the qualification;
- the **content** and **organisation** of the examination; its nature (written, oral or practical); the number of subjects to be taken by pupils and the common core of subjects all pupils must take;
- the name of the **qualification** awarded (with a cross-reference to the corresponding term in the Glossary) awarded or the level of education to which it gives access.

2. **Diploma and certificate**
   A diploma/certificate is the official proof of a qualification acquired by a pupil or student after completion of a particular stage or whole course of training with or without a final examination.

The standard explanatory note for a **qualification or certificate** includes the following information:
- the level of education, 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;
- whether there is an **examination** or whether the qualification is awarded at the end of the course 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.);
- the level of education to which the qualification gives **access** (or **whether it gives access to the labour market**);
- the **details indicated** 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 a cross-reference to the corresponding term in the Glossary).

If 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 are indicated.
3. Title

In the *Glossary*, the word ‘title’ refers to a person's title, for example that of *doctor* (in general abbreviated to Dr). It may also refer to the title of a qualification. In this case the holder of the qualification may often employ it in a professional or academic context and use it before or after the name (e.g. *Bachelor of Arts*, or its abbreviation BA).

In most countries, titles are conferred only in tertiary 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 (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of General Certificate of Education Advanced level.

A2
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation used for the second year of the General Certificate of Education Advanced level.

A-attest
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Oriëntering-attest A.

Abgangszeugnis
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Abgangszeugnisse, Abgangszeugnis*
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have not achieved the educational goals of lower and upper secondary education, but have fulfilled their compulsory schooling requirement.

Abitur
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Abitur*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Leaving certificate obtained by pupils who have passed the Abiturprüfung at the end of the Gymnasiale Oberstufe (general upper secondary education), normally after completing 13 school years or, in some Länder, 12 school years. The Abitur is certified in the Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife, entitling its holder to take any subject at any tertiary education institution. It may also be obtained in Zweite Bildungsweg (‘second-chance’ education) and other adult education institutions.

Abiturprüfung
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Abiturprüfungen, Abiturprüfung*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Final examination held at the end of the Gymnasiale Oberstufe (general upper secondary education) after 12 or 13 years at school leading to the Abitur and Allgemeine Hochschulreife, which are certified in the Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife. The examination consists of written and oral tests in four subjects, but in some Länder a fifth subject, or a besondere Lernleistung (particular academic achievement), may be included. The subjects examined must cover three different subject areas: languages, literature and the arts; the social sciences; and mathematics, natural sciences and technology. Depending on the Land, the Schulaufsichtsbehörde (school supervisory authority) will either set the topics for the written tests centrally or merely approve them if they are set by individual schools. Vocational schools (berufliches Gymnasium, Fachgymnasium or the 3-year Berufsfachschule) also hold the vocational part of this examination Berufliche Abschlussprüfung.

Abschlusskolloquium
Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Abschlusskolloquien, Abschlusskolloquium*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Compulsory final examination taken by students at the end of a 7-year university 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: Abschlussprüfungen, Abschlussprüfung*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Compulsory final examination taken by students at the end of university courses of varying duration. The examination is
internally organised and varies according to the subject area. Successful students are awarded the  
\textit{Abschlussprüfungszeugnis}.

\textbf{Abschlussprüfung der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule}

\textbf{Country}: Austria  
\textbf{Grammatical variants}: Abschlussprüfungen, Abschlussprüfung*  
\textbf{Level}: ISCED 3  
\textbf{Explanatory note}: Examination taken on completion of 3- or 4-year secondary technical and vocational school (berufsbildende mittlere Schule) leading to the \textit{Abschlussprüfungszeugnis der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule}. It includes both a written part and an oral examination before an examining board.

\textbf{Abschlussprüfung der Grundschulbildung}

\textbf{Country}: Belgium (German-speaking Community)  
\textbf{Grammatical variants}: Abschlussprüfungen  
\textbf{Level}: ISCED 1  
\textbf{Explanatory note}: Primary education examination before an examination board external to the school, which is appointed by the Ministry of the German-speaking Community with a view to awarding the \textit{Abschlusszeugnis der Grundschule}. The examination is organised for children and adults without a primary school leaving certificate, and children who for any reason have not attended primary school. Since the decree on Schlüsselkompetenzen (2002) came into effect, it consists of written and oral tests in all subjects (it previously included tests in German, a first foreign language and mathematics). The examination has replaced the \textit{Kantonalprüfung} since 2000.

\textbf{Abschlussprüfung der Oberschule}

\textbf{Country}: Liechtenstein  
\textbf{Grammatical variants}: Abschlussprüfungen, Abschlussprüfung*  
\textbf{Level}: ISCED 2  
\textbf{Explanatory note}: Optional examination marking the completion of 4 years of general lower secondary education (Oberschule). Schools themselves decide whether to hold this examination, which includes written and oral tests in German, English, mathematics and science, and are fully responsible for its organisation. Successful pupils receive the certificate \textit{Abschlusszeugnis der Oberschule}.

\textbf{Abschlussprüfung der Realschule}

\textbf{Country}: Liechtenstein  
\textbf{Grammatical variants}: Abschlussprüfungen, Abschlussprüfung*  
\textbf{Level}: ISCED 2  
\textbf{Explanatory note}: Compulsory examination organised by the school at the end of 4 years of general lower secondary education (Realschule). The content of the examination, which includes written and oral tests in German, mathematics and English, is determined by each school. An additional examination in French is optional. Successful pupils receive the certificate \textit{Abschlusszeugnis der Realschule}.

\textbf{Abschlussprüfung der Grundschulbildung}

\textbf{Country}: Austria  
\textbf{Grammatical variants}: Abschlussprüfungszeugnisse, Abschlussprüfungszeugnis*  
\textbf{Level}: ISCED 3  
\textbf{Explanatory note}: Certificate awarded to students who pass the \textit{Abschlussprüfung} in various university courses of varying duration. The area of study, course subjects and marks are indicated. Depending on the regulations, this may be a professional qualification. If the course comprises at least 30 ECTS credits, graduates receive the title \textit{Akademische/r (+)}.

\textbf{Abschlussprüfung der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule}

\textbf{Country}: Austria  
\textbf{Grammatical variants}: Abschlussprüfungszeugnisse, Abschlussprüfungszeugnis*  
\textbf{Level}: ISCED 3  
\textbf{Explanatory note}: Certificate awarded to pupils on completion of 1- or 2-year berufsbildende mittlere Schule (secondary technical and vocational school). There is no final examination. The certificate indicates the subjects and marks obtained and gives access to the labour market.
Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule

Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis*
Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded after successful completion of the last year of a Berufsschule. The certificate includes a list of marks and indicates the final level of achievement. The apprentice can take the Lehrabschlussprüfung at the end of the apprenticeship. Those who are holders of the Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule do not have to take the theoretical part of this examination.

Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule

Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis*
Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by a Berufsschule (vocational school) at the end of the schooling component in the duales System (dual system of vocational training), on the basis of at least adequate academic performance. The certificate is always awarded together with a Facharbeiterbrief, a Kaufmannsgehilfenbrief or a Gesellenbrief documenting the final examination (Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung) before the authority (chamber) responsible for vocational training. Besides giving access to the occupation or trade concerned, the certificate incorporates entitlement to the Ersten allgemein bildenden Schulabschlusses, known in most Länder as Hauptschulabschluss. Depending on the candidate’s achievements, a Mittlere Schulabschluss may also be awarded.

Abschlusszeugnis der Grundschule

Country: Belgium (German-speaking Community)
Grammatical variants: Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis*
Level: ISCED 1 and 2

Explanatory note:
• Certificate awarded by decision of the Klassenrat (class council) to pupils at the end of their sixth year of primary school (Primarschule). The certificate testifies to sufficient acquisition of the ‘core skills’ for primary education laid down in the Decree of 16 December 2002. Pupils who finish primary school without obtaining the certificate may still obtain it at the end of the first year of the Beobachtungsstufe (observation cycle corresponding to the first cycle of secondary education), or even later in part-time secondary education.
• Certificate awarded by an examination board external to the school and appointed by the Ministry, to those who have passed the Abschlussprüfung der Grundschulbildung which since 1999/2000 has replaced the Kantonalprüfung.

The certificate gives pupils access to secondary education and its form is centrally determined by government decree.

Abschlusszeugnis der Hauptschule

Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis*
Level: ISCED 2

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded at the end of general lower secondary 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 grades achieved are indicated on the certificate which entitles the pupil to proceed to upper secondary education.

Abschlusszeugnis der Oberschule

Country: Liechtenstein
Grammatical variants: Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis*
Level: ISCED 2

Explanatory note: Leaving certificate of lower secondary education in an Oberschule, which is awarded by schools to pupils who pass the Abschlussprüfung der Oberschule. The certificate is recognised by the State and gives access to vocational upper secondary education in a Fachschule or Berufsschule.

Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts

Country: Belgium (German-speaking Community)
Grammatical variants: Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis*
Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded at the end of the third cycle of secondary school (the Bestimmungsstufe, or ‘determination’ cycle) following six years of general or technical secondary education, or seven years of vocational secondary education. Its form is centrally determined by government decree. The certificate indicates the type of education (general, technical or vocational) and branch of study. It is awarded by decision of the Klassenrat (class council) or, if pupils pass the Prüfung zum Erwerb des Abschlusszeugnisses der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts examination, by the external examination board appointed by the Ministry. The certificate also confirms the pupil’s right to attend tertiary education. Article 92 of the so-called Grundlagendekret of 31 August 1998, which will take effect as soon as there is a new decree on secondary education, states that the division of the
latter into lower and upper cycles will be replaced by a division into three cycles of two years each. As soon as the new secondary education decree comes into force, this certificate will be known as the Abschlusszeugnis der Sekundarschule.

Abschlusszeugnis der Polytechnischen Schule  
**Country:** Austria  
**Grammatical variants:** Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis*  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who complete the one-year Polytechnische Schule at the level of general upper secondary education. It is awarded on the basis of performance in the course of the year without a final examination. The subjects passed and grades achieved are indicated. The certificate entitles the pupil to proceed to the more demanding courses of the vocational school (Berufsschule) and to enter secondary technical and vocational schools, as well as general upper secondary schools.

Abschlusszeugnis der Realschule  
**Country:** Liechtenstein  
**Grammatical variants:** Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis*  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Leaving certificate of lower secondary education in a Realschule, which is awarded by schools to pupils who pass the Abschlussprüfung der Realschule. The certificate is recognised by the State and gives access to general or vocational upper secondary education in a Fachschule, Berufsschule or Gymnasium.

Abschlusszeugnis der Sekundarschule  
**Country:** Belgium (German-speaking Community)  
**Grammatical variants:** Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis*  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate which will replace the Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts as soon as there is a new decree on secondary education.

Abschlusszeugnis der Unterstufe des Sekundarunterrichts  
**Country:** Belgium (German-speaking Community)  
**Grammatical variants:** Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis*  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded at the end of the third year of general or technical secondary education, or the fourth year of vocational secondary education, to pupils who successfully meet the required standard. It may also be awarded by an examination board external to the school and appointed by the Ministry. Its form is centrally determined by government decree. The certificate indicates the type of education (general, technical, or vocational) and is awarded by decision of the Klassenrat (class council) or, if pupils pass the Prüfung zum Erwerb des Abschlusszeugnisses der Unterstufe des Sekundarunterrichts examination, by the external examination board appointed by the Ministry. The certificate gives access to certain public service entrance examinations (which has meant little since compulsory education was extended to the age of 18), but it is no longer a prerequisite for admission to upper secondary education. Article 92 of the so-called Grundlagendekret of 31 August 1998, which will take effect as soon as there is a new decree on secondary education, states that the division of the latter into lower and upper cycles will be replaced by a division into three cycles of two years each. As soon as the new secondary education decree comes into force, this certificate will be replaced by the Stufenzeugnis der zweiten Stufe testifying to completion of the Orientierungsstufe (orientation' cycle), the second cycle of secondary school.

Absolutórium  
**Country:** Slovakia  
**Grammatical variants:** Absolutória, absolútium*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Synonym for Absolventská skúška.

Absolventská skúška  
**Country:** Slovakia  
**Grammatical variants:** Absolventské skúšky*, absolventsk* skúšk*  
**Level:** ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Examination held on completion of vocational tertiary education lasting at least 1 year. The examination is also organised for students of the konzervatórium and špecializačné pmaturitné štúdium who have continued to specialise after obtaining the Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške. Successful students receive the Absolventský diplom certificate. The requirements of this examination are approved by the headteacher and vary depending on the type of institution concerned. In general, they include written and oral examinations, as well as a practical part covering the subjects of specialisation. Synonym: Absolutórium.

Absolventský diplom
Country: Slovakia
Grammatical variants: Absolventské diplomy, absolventsk* diplom*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Leaving certificate awarded by vocational tertiary education institutions to students who have passed the Absolventská skúška examination. The certificate indicates the main subjects of specialisation, as well as the examination marks, and varies depending on the type of institution concerned. It gives access to the labour market.

Access
Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: A 1-year national qualification which is usually awarded to pupils in upper secondary education (fifth and sixth years) but can also be taken in the final (fourth) year of lower secondary education. The qualification is available in a range of academic and vocational subjects and may also be obtained in adult education. There is no compulsory number or common core of subjects that all students are required to study. Access covers 3 sub-levels. Access 3 is at level 3 on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF), broadly equivalent to Standard Grade (General level). Access qualifications are divided into units which are internally assessed on the basis of coursework. Units can be taken separately and there is no external assessment. Particular groupings of units at Access levels 2 and 3 lead to cluster awards, which are qualifications designed especially for students with learning difficulties or those returning to study after obtaining few or no qualifications at school. The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) awards the qualification and moderates internal assessments. Students can progress to the courses leading to Standard Grade Foundation or Intermediate 1.

Advanced diploma level 3 (+)
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to students who successfully complete a further 2 years at the Institute of Tourism Studies after obtaining their Intermediate level 2 certificate in (+). This level is offered only in food and beverage service, and food preparation and production. The diploma indicates the field of specialisation and grades (distinction, credit or pass). Students are continuously assessed through a combination of practical and assignment-based activities appropriate to the subject concerned. The modules of the course include assessment by final examination at the end of each semester. These courses are designed for students who seek management responsibilities in their chosen area of activity.

Advanced Extension Award
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: A qualification introduced in 2002 to help differentiate between the most able candidates at General Certificate of Education Advanced level, particularly in subjects where a high proportion of students achieve A grades. Advanced Extension Awards are based on the same subject content as GCE A level but ask more in-depth questions. They are assessed externally and graded ‘merit’ or ‘distinction’, and are also awarded in adult education. In the summer of 2002, 17 subjects were available from a variety of awarding bodies. Abbreviation: AEA.

Advanced Higher
Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Level: ISCED 3 and 4
Explanatory note: A 1-year national qualification which is usually awarded to pupils at the end of the final (sixth) year of secondary education and may also be obtained in adult education. It is available in a range of academic and vocational subjects and there is no compulsory number or common core of subjects that all students are required to study. 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 from A to C. Units can be taken separately. The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) awards the qualification, carries out external assessments and moderates internal assessments. Assessments are usually written, though depending on the subject studied, oral and practical assessments may also be undertaken. The qualification is at Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) level 7 and, though not a formal entry require-
ment, is usually studied as a precursor to tertiary education. Advanced Highers are also studied to assist entry into employment. The qualification replaced the Certificate of Sixth Year Studies (CSYS) in 1999/2000.

**Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education**

**Country:** United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Qualification which replaced the advanced General National Vocational Qualification (GNVQ) in September 2000. It is awarded to young people over compulsory school age who remain in full-time education, although it can be taken by students of any age. Working within a framework regulated by the qualifications and curriculum authorities, the awarding bodies draw up the syllabuses, carry out external assessment, and moderate course work to ensure consistency of standards. The qualification is available in three, six and 12 units. The three-unit qualification, available in only a few subjects, is equivalent to the General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary level (GCE AS level). The six-unit qualification is available in 14 subjects and is equivalent to the full General Certificate of Education Advanced level (A2). The 12-unit qualification (double award) is equivalent to two A levels and is available in 13 subjects. These qualifications are designed to be related to National Occupational Standards in relevant sectors, but do not provide training for a specific job. Assessment is based on coursework and is both internal and external. The internal component normally contributes two-thirds of the final marks and the external component one-third. The aggregation of unit results gives an overall qualification grade (A-E) but individual unit results are also available. It is not necessary to pass all constituent units for the qualification to be awarded. It may qualify students for entry to tertiary education, depending on the institution and programme concerned and the grade obtained. Also known as: Vocational A level. Abbreviation: AVCE, VCE A level.

**AEA**

**Country:** United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Advanced Extension Award.

**AESI**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Agrégé/e de l’enseignement secondaire inférieur and Agrégation de l’enseignement secondaire inférieur.

**AESS**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**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, afgangsbeviserne  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to all pupils who have completed compulsory education (folkeskole). It includes marks for the year's work, and marks obtained in the optional final examinations Folkeskolens afgangsprøve (organised after the ninth year) or Folkeskolens udvidede afgangsprøve (after the tenth year), if they were sat. The certificate gives pupils access to vocational education and training at upper secondary level. If the required optional final examinations have been taken, it gives access to the general upper secondary education courses of the gymnasium, HF, HHX and HTX.

**Afsluittend examen**

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Afsluitende examens  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Final examination held on completion of a first- or second-cycle course in university education (wetenschappelijk onderwijs, or wo), or professional tertiary education (hoger beroepsonderwijs, or hbo). It reviews the academic achievements of students to determine whether all course requirements have been met, and whether they have passed all intermediate examinations (tentamens) as required by the regulations of their institution. The content and organisation of the examination are the responsibility of the institution concerned. Students who pass it are awarded the certificate Getuigschrift van het afsluittend examen.

**Afsluttende fagprøve**

**Country:** Denmark  
**Grammatical variants:** Afsluttende fagprøver, afsluttende fagprøverne  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**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 (handelskole) and the equivalent of the Svendeprobe taken within the technical trades. It consists of a written project report and an oral examination in the presence of an external examiner. Pupils receive the Uddannelsesbevis certificate.
Agent technique breveté  
**Country:** France  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on holders of the diploma ● Brevet de technicien. Synonym: Technicien breveté.

Agrégation  
**Country:** France  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to those who have performed successfully in the national competitive examination (of the same name) to recruit teachers for upper secondary education. The examination is open to holders of a qualification testifying to at least four years of post-secondary studies, which has been awarded in a Member State of the European Union or the European Economic Area. Students may work for this certificate at university or in tertiary level institutions known as the écoles normales supérieures. Successful performance in the examination gives access to a year of teacher training in an institut universitaire de formation des maîtres (IUFM) prior to entrance to the teaching profession as a professeur agrégé.

Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur  
**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by the Hautes Écoles to those who have passed the curricular examinations organised by the school in each subject, and submitted the final written assignment (mémoire) on completion of three years of non-university tertiary level teacher training. The diploma indicates the section, option, subjects taken, the subject of the written assignment and the final marks obtained. It confers on its holders the title of ● Agrégé/e de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur and enables them to teach at the first three years of general, technical and artistic secondary education, as well as the seven years of vocational secondary education. Abbreviation: AESI.

Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur  
**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Qualification awarded by universities to students who have taken an examination before a university examining board, after obtaining the degree ● Doctorat en (+). The qualification indicates the field of study, the subject of any dissertation and of each of the theses. It enables its holders to teach at university level, though it is not compulsory, and confers on them the title of ● Agrégé/e de l'enseignement supérieur.

Agrégé/e de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur  
**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on those who have obtained the diploma ● Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur. Abbreviation: AESI. Synonym: Régent/e.

Agrégé/e de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur  
**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on those who have obtained the ● Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur. Abbreviation: AESS.

Agrégé/e de l'enseignement supérieur  
**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Titre conferred on those who have obtained the ● Agrégation de l'enseignement supérieur.

Agronomexamen  
**Country:** Sweden  
**Grammatical variants:** Agronomexamina  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Professional degree in agriculture, awarded after a four-and-a-half-year full-time study programme, including a degree project, at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. The degree certificate indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained. It gives access to employment and its holders are also eligible for doctoral studies leading to the ● Doktorsexamen (+).
Akad. (+)
Country: Slovenia
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Akademski/ka (+), which is always followed by the abbreviation of the field of specialisation concerned (for example akad. slik. in painting).

Akademische/r (+)
Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Akademische, Akademisch*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Academic title conferred on students who have been awarded the Abschlussprüfungszugnis. It is always followed by the field of specialisation, e.g. Akademische/r Mediator/in (conciliator), Akademische/r PR-Berater/in (public relations counsellor), Akademische/r Tourismusmanager/in (tourism manager), etc.

Akademski/ka (+)
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Akademske, akademska*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: First professional title awarded to students who have successfully completed 4 years of an artistic academically oriented programme, passed the Diplomski izpit examination and obtained the Diploma at akademija. It gives access to the labour market or further tertiary education leading to the Magister/ica umetnosti, Specialist/ka (+) or Doktor/a znanosti degree. The title is always followed by the field of study in question (for example, akademski/ka slikar in painting). Abbreviation: Akad. (+). General term: Strokovni naslov.

Allgemeine Hochschulreife
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Allgemein* Hochschulreife
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: General higher education entrance qualification entitling its holder to take any subject at any tertiary education institution. It is usually obtained in the Gymnasiale Oberstufe (general upper secondary education) after completing 13 school years or, in some Länder 12 school years, and passing the Abiturprüfung. The qualification may also be obtained in Zweite Bildungsweg (‘second-chance’ education) and other adult education institutions. It is certified in the Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife.

Általános iskolai bizonyítvány
Country: Hungary
Grammatical variants: Általános iskolai bizonyítványok, általános iskolai bizonyítvány*
Level: ISCED 1 and 2

Explanatory note: Certificate of completion of 8 years of education in an általános iskola, awarded by school 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.

Ammattillinen opistoasteen tutkinto
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: tutkinnnot, tutkinto*, tutkinto*
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Qualification formerly obtained on completion of 2 to 3 years of vocational studies in post-secondary opisto institutions. There was no final examination. The qualification indicates the field of specialisation, the subjects passed, and the marks obtained during the course of study. Since 1999, this qualification has been replaced by the Ammattikorkeakoulututkinto following the transfer of the courses concerned from post-secondary institutions to professionally oriented tertiary polytechnic institutions (Ammattikorkeakoulu). Holders of the qualification are entitled to embark on studies at a higher level. Swedish term: Yrkesexamen på institutnivå.

Ammattillinen perustutkinto (+)
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -tutkinnnot, -tutkinto*, -tutkinto*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Qualification awarded after three years of studies in vocational upper secondary education. There is no final examination, but students’ knowledge and skills are assessed after the completion of each study module. This qualification can also be obtained on passing the Näyttötutkinto examination. A qualification certificate (Todistus toisen asteen ammatillisista opinnoista) is awarded on the completion of all studies in the individual study plan, and may also be obtained in adult education. Swedish term: Grundexamen.

Ammattikorkeakoulun jatkokutkinto
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -tutkinnnot, -tutkinto*, -tutkinto*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: New further degree introduced in 2002 on an experimental basis in 20 polytechnic institutions, following authorisation from the Ministry of Education, for a trial period up to 2005. There is no clearly specified duration of studies because the degree is meant to be taken while working, but it corresponds to 40-60 Finnish credits depending on the field concerned. It is intended for those who have already obtained
Ammattikorkeakoulututkinto (+) or other appropriate degree, and at least three years of subsequent work experience in a related field. The type of education to which the degree will give access has not yet been decided. The decision will be taken on the basis of experience acquired during the experiment. Swedish term: Päbyggnads- examen vid yrkeshögskola.

**Ammattikorkeakoulututkinto (+)**

Country: Finland  
Grammarical variants: -tutkintotutkinto, -tutkimma*  
Level: ISCED 5  
Explanatory note: Degree awarded to students who have successfully completed three-and-a-half to four-and-a-half years of full-time studies at professionally oriented tertiary education institutions (Ammattikorkeakoulu, or AMK). Since 1999, the degree has replaced the qualifications obtained under the old system of post-secondary (opisto) and tertiary vocational education and training. There is no final examination. The degree certificate indicates the field of specialisation, the subjects passed and the marks obtained. It gives access to the labour market or, with effect from 2002 (in a trial period up to 2005), to studies leading to the Ammattikorkeakouluen jatkokoulututkinto degree. It is also awarded in adult education. The prefix in the name of the degree refers to the field of study, for example datanomin ammattikorkeakouluututkinto. Swedish term: Yrkesexamen.

Anotero diploma

(Aνώτερο δίπλωμα)  
**Country:** Cyprus  
**Grammarical variants:** Anotera diplomata, anoter* diplom*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by both public and private tertiary education institutions (dimosies scholes, idiotikes scholes tritovathmias ekpaedesis) after completion of studies of 3 years duration, to candidates who have passed the examinations in all of the subjects studied. The qualification indicates 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 entry to higher studies leading to *Ptychio* (+) and bachelor.

Apliecība par pamatizglītību

**Country:** Latvia  
**Grammarical variants:** Apliecības par pamatizglītību, apliecību par pamatizglītību  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed the 9 years of basic education (pamatizglītība), and been satisfactorily assessed in all subjects in the curriculum and passed the Valsts pārbaudījumi. The certificate may also be obtained in special education. It is awarded by schools in accordance with government regulations and has a supplement that indicates the subjects taken and final marks obtained. It gives access to all types of upper secondary education.

Apliecība par profesionālās ievirzes izglītības ieguvi

**Country:** Latvia  
**Grammarical variants:** Apliecības par profesionālās ievirzes izglītības ieguvi, apliecību par profesionālās ievirzes izglītības ieguvi  
**Level:** ISCED 1, 2 and 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate confirming the satisfactory completion of introductory vocational education in art, culture or sports, alongside basic and secondary education. The certificate is awarded to pupils who have successfully completed a licensed introductory vocational programme (of at least 160 hours) alongside basic or (upper) secondary education programmes in an accredited education institution and passed their examinations and assessment in all subjects or sports concerned. The certificate is awarded by schools in accordance with regulations fixed by the government and the Minister of Education and Science and has a supplement indicating the subjects taken and final marks obtained. Holders of the certificate may continue vocational education or embark on various continuous vocational training courses.
Aplieciba par profesionālās pilnveides izglītības ieguvi

Country: Latvia

Grammatical variants: Apliecibas par profesionālās pilnveides izglītības ieguvi, apliecību par profesionālās pilnveides izglītības ieguvi

Level: ISCED 3 (A.Ed.)

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to students in adult education who have successfully completed a licensed professional development programme of at least 160 hours at an accredited institution, and have been satisfactorily assessed or passed in all subjects or sports and examinations. The certificate is awarded by schools in accordance with regulations fixed by the government and Ministry of Education and Science, and has a supplement indicating the subjects taken and final marks obtained. It gives access to the labour market, and its holders may continue vocational education or embark on various continuous vocational training courses.

Aplieciba par profesionālo pamatizglītību

Country: Latvia

Grammatical variants: Apliecibas par profesionālo pamatizglītību, apliecību par profesionālo pamatizglītību

Level: ISCED 2

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed 1-2 years of basic vocational education (profesionālā pamatizglītība) and passed the Kvalifikācijas eksāmens. The certificate testifies to possession of a Level 1 qualification. It is awarded by the institution concerned in accordance with government regulations and standards, and has a supplement indicating the subjects taken and final marks obtained. The certificate gives access to the labour market.

Apolytiries exetaseis

(Aπολυτήριες εξετάσεις)

Country: Greece

Grammatical variants: Apolytirion exetaseon, apolytiri* exetas*

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Internal written examinations organised in some subjects at the end of the third year of eniaeou lykeiou. The body responsible for these examinations is the school unit and enables its holders to take national examinations. These examinations are complemented by external written examinations organised at national level called Panelladikes exetaseis.

Apolytirio

(Απολυτήριο)

Country: Cyprus

Grammatical variants: Apolytiria, apolytiri*

Level: ISCED 1, 2 and 3

Explanatory note: Generic term for Apolytirio dimotikou scholeiou, Apolytirio gymnasiou and Apolytirio eniaeou lykeio.

Apolytirio dimotikou scholeiou

(Απολυτήριο δημοτικού σχολείου)

Country: Cyprus

Grammatical variants: Apolytiria dimotikou scholeiou, apolytiri*

Level: ISCED 1

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 refers to the mark and grade of the pupil's overall assessment, and gives access to lower secondary education. Generic term: Apolytirio.

Apolytirio eniaeou lykeiou

(Απολυτήριο ενιαίου λυκείου)

Country: Greece

Grammatical variants: Apolytiria eniaeou lykeiou, apolytiri*

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Leaving certificate of upper secondary education (eniaeou lykeio, techniki scholi) lasting 3 years, awarded to candidates on the basis of internal ongoing assessment throughout their studies in all of the subjects taken and final end-of-year exams in Greek, maths, and 2 optional subjects (the subjects chosen by each student). The certificate refers to the course subjects and marks obtained, as well as the average mark and the grade. This diploma is a qualification for employment in clerical positions, provides access to local and overseas tertiary education establishments and enables its holders to take national examinations Eisagogikes exetaseis which give access to the University of Cyprus or universities in Greece. Generic term: Apolytirio.

Apolytirio eniaeou lykeiou

(Απολυτήριο ενιαίου λυκείου)

Country: Greece

Grammatical variants: Apolytiria eniaeou lykeiou, apolytiri*

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Leaving certificate of upper secondary general education (eniaeou lykeio) lasting 3 years, awarded by the school to candidates on the basis of internal assessment called Apolytiries exetaseis – with the exception of 9 externally assessed subjects – throughout their studies in all of the subjects taken and on the basis of an external assessment Panelladikes exetaseis in 9 subjects examined at national level. Both types of assessment, internal and external, are prerequisites for the certificate. This certificate refers.
to all the course subjects and the marks obtained in each subject (in both the internally organised apolytiries exetasesis and externally assessed panelladikes exetasesis), the field of studies, the average mark and the grade.

**Apolytirio gymnasiou**  
(Απολυτήριο γυμνασίου)  
**Country:** Cyprus  
**Grammatical variants:** Apolytiria gymnasiou, apolytiri*  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**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 taken. It mentions the course subjects and marks obtained, as well as the average mark and grade. This certificate gives access to upper secondary education (eniaeo lykeio or techniki scholi). Generic term: Apolytirio.

**Apolytirio technologikou epaggelmatikou ekpaedeftirioou**  
(Απολυτήριο τεχνολογικού επαγγελματικού εκπαιδευτηρίου)  
**Country:** Greece  
**Grammatical variants:** Apolytiria technologikou epaggelmatikou ekpaedeftirioou, apolytiri*  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Leaving certificate of upper secondary vocational education (technologika epaggelmatika ekpaedeftiria or TEE) lasting 3 years, awarded to pupils on the basis of internal assessment throughout their studies in all of the subjects taken. It indicates the specialisation, the course subjects and the marks obtained, as well as the average mark and grade. This diploma confers on its holder the title of Psychiouchos technologikou epaggelmatikou ekpaedeftirioou and gives access to employment in the field of specialisation and, for those wishing to continue their studies, the right to sit entrance exams for a technological tertiary education institution (TEI) or to participate in the national final examinations of eniaeo lykeio, Panelladikes exetasesis.

**Apotheker**  
**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)  
**Grammatical variants:** Apotheikeres  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Qualification and title of pharmacist obtained by students who have successfully completed the 2-year first cycle of university studies in pharmacy and obtained the Kandidaat in de (+), and then completed the 3-year second cycle. The written, oral and/or practical examinations are organised by the university institution concerned and cover all subjects studied. The degree certificate indicates the name of the institution and title of the qualification, while a supplement gives details of the subjects studied and marks awarded. The qualification gives access to the profession of pharmacist, as well as to the third cycle of university studies leading to the Doctor in de (+).

**Architect**  
**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Qualification and title obtained by students who have successfully completed the 2-year first cycle of non-university tertiary education in architecture or interior design and obtained the Kandidaat in de (+), and then completed the second cycle of studies in architecture (3 years) or interior design (2 years) in a Hogeschool. The qualification gives access to the profession of architect although, in the case of interior design, both it and the title are termed interieurarchitect. It also gives access to appropriate continuing or further tertiary training programmes for those wishing to become Geaggregeerde voor het secundair onderwijs-groep 2 (qualified teachers in upper secondary education) and/or obtain a Gediplomeerde in de voortgezette studies van (+). For information on examinations and the details indicated on the certificate, see Apotheker.

**Architecte**  
**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma and title awarded by the Instituts Supérieurs d’Architecture to students who have passed the curricular examinations for each subject and submitted the final written assignment (mémoire) on completion of three years of second-cycle tertiary education after obtaining the Candidate en (+). The diploma indicates the subjects taken, the subject of the
mémoire and the final marks obtained. It enables its holders to enter the architectural profession subject to satisfactory completion of a two-year placement and to register officially with the Order of Architects.

**Architecte diplômé par le Gouvernement**  
**Country:** France  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma and title obtained by students who have passed their final examinations on completion of six years of non-university studies in architecture. These written and oral examinations prepared by the institution concerned cover all subjects studied. The diploma gives access to the profession or to a year of further specialised studies.

**Arkitekt**  
**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** -en, -er, -erna  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Swedish term for **Arkkitehti**.

**Arkitektexamen**  
**Country:** Sweden  
**Grammatical variants:** Arkitektexamina  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Professional degree in architecture, awarded after a four-and-a-half-year full-time study programme, normally including a degree project, at a university or university college (universitet or högskola). The degree certificate indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained. It gives access to employment and its holders are also eligible for doctoral studies.

**Arkkitehdin tutkinto**  
**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** -tutkinton, -tutkinto*, -tutkinno*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded to students who have successfully completed 5 years of full-time studies in the field of architecture at university (ylipisto or korkeakoulu). There is no final examination and, to obtain the degree, students prepare a thesis which is assessed and approved by the university department board. Details indicated on the degree certificate are not governed by national regulations but determined by the university concerned. The degree gives access to the labour market, or to advanced study and research leading to the **Tohtorin tutkinto (+)**. It confers on its holder the title of **Arkkitehti**. Swedish term: **Arkitektexamen.**

**Arkkitehti**  
**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** Arkkitehdit, arkkitehti*, arkkitehdi*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on holders of the **Arkkitehdin tutkinto** degree. Swedish term: **Arkitekt.**

**Arquitecto**  
**Country:** Spain  
**Grammatical variants:** Arquitecta/os  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree and title obtained by students who have passed the examinations required by the programme and a final examination (a 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 every subject taken. The degree certificate indicates the field of specialisation, and the qualification gives access to the profession and/or to advanced study and research leading to a **Doctorado en (+)**. The degree corresponds to the **Licenciatura en (+).**

**Arquitecto Técnico**  
**Country:** Spain  
**Grammatical variants:** Arquitecta/os Técnica/os  
**Level:** ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree and title obtained by students who have passed the examinations required by the programme and a final examination (a 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 every subject taken. The degree certificate indicates the field of specialisation, and the qualification gives access to the profession and/or to second-cycle university studies leading to the Licenciatura en (+). The degree corresponds to the Diplomatura en (+).

Årksursbevis
Country: Norway
Grammatical variants: Årksursbeviset, årksursbevisene
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded without a final examination to pupils on the completion of courses lasting 1 year in an upper secondary school, as well as to external candidates.

ArtD.
Country: Slovakia
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of doktor umenia in the field of arts. See Doktor (+).

Arts
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Qualification and title obtained by students who have successfully completed the 3-year first cycle of university studies in medicine and obtained the Kandidaat in de (+), and then completed the 4-year second cycle. The qualification gives access to the medical profession, as well as to the third cycle of university studies for those wishing to specialise and obtain the degree of Doctor in de (+). For information on examinations and the details indicated on the certificate, see Apotheker. Synonym: Doktor.

AS level
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary level.

Attestat profesional
Country: Romania
Grammatical variants: Atestatul profesional
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate of vocational proficiency awarded to students who have passed the practical test Probă practică, at the end of vocational or technological upper secondary education in liceu. It indicates the specialisation and gives access to employment.

Atstāts par arodizglītību
Country: Latvia
Grammatical variants: Atstāti par arodizglītību, atstātu par arodizglītību
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed 2-3 years of vocational education (arodizglītība) subsequent to basic education, and passed the Kvalifikācijas eksāmens or Centralizēts profesionālās kvalifikācijas eksāmens. The certificate testifies to possession of a Level 2 qualification. It is awarded by the institution concerned in accordance with government regulations and standards, and has a supplement indicating the subjects taken and final marks obtained. While the certificate does not qualify its holders to continue their education at tertiary level, those who wish to pursue their studies may embark on 2-year programmes in vocational secondary education and, on completing them, then undertake tertiary level studies. The certificate gives access to the labour market.

Atstāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību
Country: Latvia
Grammatical variants: Atstāti par vispārējo vidējo izglītību, atstātu par vispārējo vidējo izglītību
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed the 3 years of general (upper) secondary education, and been satisfactorily assessed in all subjects in the curriculum and passed the Valsts pārbaudījumi. The certificate may also be obtained in special education. It is awarded by schools in accordance with government regulations and has a supplement that indicates the subjects taken and final marks obtained. It gives access to all types of tertiary education.

Attest
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 3, 4 and 5 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to learners in adult education and training who pass the examinations relating to part of a module (eenheid). The examinations, which are written, oral and/or practical as decided by the teacher, are organised by the individual institution and cover all subjects studied. The certificate is not regarded as a document of great civil importance. It is awarded as proof of the limited skills achieved by learners who have not completed a self-con-
tained unit at their institution. They are normally expected to follow the other eenheden (components of the module) in order to complete it for a Deelcertificaat (+), and subsequently complete a full modular course to obtain a Certificaat (+). The attest also gives limited access to the labour market and indicates the skills that have been acquired.

Attest van gedane studies
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 2 and 3 (SEN)
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have not completed a course of social and vocational training (in form 3 of special secondary education) because of frequent absence, or because they left school prematurely, or lacked the motivation required, etc. The certificate is not regarded as a document of great civil significance.

Attest van regelmatige lesbijwoning
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 3 and 4
Explanatory note: This certificate takes two forms, depending on the type of education received:

• An attendance certificate issued to pupils in part-time vocational education who leave school before the end of the school year, or to pupils who do not obtain an Attest van verworven bekwaamheden, a Studiegetuigschrift, or a Kwalificatiegetuigschrift van het deeltijds beroepsonderwijs.

• An attendance certificate issued to pupils who have taken a 1-year post-secondary preparatory course offered in the third year of the third stage of secondary general and art education, for example in art subjects and engineering. The aim of such a course is to prepare prospective students for the entrance examinations to embark on study in the fields concerned. The certificate is not a compulsory requirement for admission to tertiary education.

These certificates are not regarded as documents of great civil significance. They are awarded as proof of the limited skills achieved by pupils or students who, for example, did not complete a self-contained unit at their institution, or to testify to limited school attendance during a given period.

Attest van verworven vaardigheden
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 2 and 3 (SEN)
Explanatory note: Certificate testifying to the limited skills which are acquired by pupils who pass part of a specific course of social and vocational training (in form 3 of special secondary education), but which do not constitute a self-contained unit recognised on the labour market. The certificate is issued to pupils who do not obtain a Getuigschrift (for a course in training form 3 of special secondary education). The examinations, which are written, oral and/or practical as decided by the teacher, are organised by the individual institution and cover all subjects studied. The certificate indicates the skills acquired, and may sometimes give access to limited occupational activity in the sector concerned.

Attest voor het (+)
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 1, 2 and 3 (SEN)
Explanatory note: Certificate of special secondary education focused on social adjustment and vocational preparation issued to pupils who have regularly attended classes in training form 2 of special secondary education. They are offered general and social training with the aim of securing their integration into a protected environment and work situation. The certificate is a basic requirement for working in a sheltered workplace. The entire name is Attest voor het buitengewoon secundair onderwijs.

• Certificate of special secondary education focused on social adjustment and vocational training issued to pupils who do not obtain an Attest van verworven bekwaamheden, a Studiegetuigschrift, or a Kwalificatiegetuigschrift van het deeltijds beroepsonderwijs.

• Certificate of special secondary education focused on social adjustment may be issued to all pupils who leave a school for special primary education normally lasting 7 years. The written, oral and/or practical examinations are organised by the individual school or teacher and cover all subjects studied. The certificate entitles pupils to enter the first year of special secondary education and, in some cases, the first year of secondary education in the B-stream. Some pupils may receive the Getuigschrift basisonderwijs certificate, which is equivalent to the certificate gained at the end of mainstream primary education and gives access to the first year of secondary education in the A- or B-streams. The entire name is Attest voor het buitengewoon basisonderwijs.

Attest voor verworven bekwaamheden
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate testifying to the limited skills acquired by pupils who do not complete satisfactorily a full course in part-time vocational secondary education, and thus do not obtain a Kwalificatiegetuigschrift van het deeltijds beroepsonderwijs. The examinations, which are written, oral and/or practical as decided by the teacher, are organised by the individual institution and cover all subjects studied. The certificate indicates the skills acquired, and gives access to certain appropriate occupations.

Augstākās profesionālās izglītības diploms
Country: Latvia
Grammatical variants: Augstākās profesionālās izglītības diplomi
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to students who have successfully completed either a second-level professional tertiary education programme (of at least 4 years) which may lead to the professional degree of Bakalaurs (+), or a professional tertiary education programme (of 1-2 years) possibly leading to the professional degree of Maģistrs (+) and entitlement to a level V professional qualification. The diploma is awarded to those who pass the Vals pārbaudījums. Those who hold it currently have access to the labour market, and may embark on further academic or professional studies in Master’s programmes. The Augstākās profesionālās kvalifikācijas diploms is a specific form of this diploma.

Augstākās profesionālās kvalifikācijas diploms
Country: Latvia
Grammatical variants: Augstākās profesionālās kvalifikācijas diplomi
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: A specific form of Augstākās profesionālās izglītības diploms, in which the name of the professional title conferred with the diploma may be included, e.g. Ārsta diploms, Zobārsta diploms.

Aukštojo mokslo diplomas
Country: Lithuania
Grammatical variants: Aukštojo mokslo diplom*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Diploma awarded on satisfactory completion of non-university programmes, first level, second level or integrated consecutive university programmes, or the third level of professional studies at universitetas, akademija or kolegija, after passing examinations and/or successfully defending a thesis. The diploma certifies that its holders have been awarded a professional qualification in a certain field of study and confers on them the title of Profesinė kvalifikacija but no academic title.

Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Ausbildungsabschlussprüfungen, Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Final examination held at the end of vocational training in the duales System (dual system of vocational training) to ascertain whether trainees possess the required skills and practical and theoretical knowledge. Depending on the occupation concerned, successful completion of this examination leads to the award of a Facharbeiterbrief, Kaufmannsgehilfenbrief or Gesellenbrief. The authority (chamber) responsible for vocational training sets the examination, which includes a practical and a written component.

AVCE
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education.

Avgångsbetyg från grundskolan
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -betyget, -betygen
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Peruskoulun päättötodistus.

Avgangsprøve
Country: Norway
Grammatical variants: Avgangsprøven, avgangsprøver, avgangsprøvene
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: School-leaving examination held at the end of compulsory education lasting 10 years (grunnskole). It involves a written examination, in Norwegian (both forms)/Sami, mathematics or English. The examination is compulsory and organised by the National Board of Education.
Pupils are assessed by two external examiners, and may also have to take a locally organised oral examination in which they are assessed by teachers from another school. Since the year 2000, they have additionally had to complete a final project in the last term of year 10, for which the teacher’s written assessment (but no mark) is included in the Vitnemål. Successful pupils can progress to upper secondary school (videregående skole).
B. (+)
**Country:** The Netherlands
**Level:** ISCED 5
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Bachelor (+).
The abbreviation is written after the name of the holder of this title and may be followed by letters indicating the field of study.

B.A.
**Country:** Denmark
**Level:** ISCED 5
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Bachelor of Arts. See Bachelor (+).

B.A.
**Country:** Germany
**Level:** ISCED 5
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Bachelor of Arts/Bakkalaureus Artium, mainly in arts and humanities. See Bachelor (+).

B.A.
**Country:** Iceland
**Level:** ISCED 5
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Bachelor of Arts. See Bachelor’s degree.

B.A.
**Country:** Ireland, United Kingdom
**Level:** ISCED 5
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Bachelor of Arts. See Bachelor’s degree.

Baccalauréat
**Country:** Liechtenstein
**Level:** ISCED 5
**Explanatory note:** First degree awarded by the Internationale Akademie für Philosophie (IAP) in various areas of study, to students who pass the corresponding examination on completion of the 2-year basic course of study (Grundstudium). The examination is compulsory and consists of papers in philosophy and two subjects chosen by the student. Its requirements and content are established internally by the IAP. The degree gives access to the labour market or to second-cycle university studies leading to the title of Magister Artium.

Baccalauréat
**Country:** France
**Level:** ISCED 3
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to stu-
dents who have passed the final national examination of the same name held on completion of general and technological upper secondary education (3 years) or vocational upper secondary education (4 years). The examination is organised by the ministry of education and consists of compulsory written papers and oral tests, and optional examinations. The common compulsory subjects in the general track are mathematics, science, a foreign language, a second language (which may be foreign or regional, or Latin in the case of students working for a literary Baccalauréat), philosophy, history/geography, civics and physical and sports education; the optional examinations vary depending on whether students are working for the general, technological or vocational Baccalauréat. The certificate indicates the type of baccalauréat obtained and the final marks. It gives access to tertiary education and/or, in the case of those who have opted for vocational education, the labour market. It confers on its holder the title of \textit{Bachelier/ère}.

\textbf{Baccalaureus}

\textbf{Country}: Belgium (Flemish Community)  
\textbf{Level}: ISCED 5  
\textbf{Explanatory note}: Intermediate qualification and title obtained by students who have successfully completed a 2-year first cycle of university studies in philosophy and ethics. This corresponds to the degree of \textit{Kandidaat in de} (+) in other fields of study. The qualification gives access to the second cycle of university studies in some fields, leading to the \textit{Licentiaat in de} (+). For information on examinations and details indicated on the certificate, see \textit{Apotheker}.

\textbf{Baccalaureus (+)}

\textbf{Country}: The Netherlands  
\textbf{Grammatical variants}: Baccalaurei  
\textbf{Level}: ISCED 5  
\textbf{Explanatory note}: Title conferred on students who have successfully completed first-cycle professional tertiary education in non-technical fields and obtained the \textit{Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen}. It may be followed by reference to the field of specialisation concerned. Abbreviation: Bc. (+).

\textbf{Bacharel}

\textbf{Country}: Portugal  
\textbf{Grammatical variants}: Bacharéis  
\textbf{Level}: ISCED 5  
\textbf{Explanatory note}: Title conferred on students who have obtained the \textit{Bacharelato} degree.

\textbf{Bacharelato}

\textbf{Country}: Portugal  
\textbf{Grammatical variants}: Bacharelatos

\textbf{Level}: ISCED 5  
\textbf{Explanatory note}: Degree awarded by university and polytechnic institutions (\textit{universidade, academia or instituto politécnico}) to students who pass all curricular units at the end of a specific course (usually lasting 3 years). The degree testifies that they have been scientifically, academically and culturally educated to a standard sufficient for them to exercise certain professional activities. The degree always indicates the subject area, the grade awarded, the marks obtained and, where applicable, the relevant qualification. It confers on its holder the title of \textit{Bacharel} and gives access to employment or, in certain cases, to further study leading to the \textit{Licenciatura} degree.

\textbf{Bachelier/ère}

\textbf{Country}: France  
\textbf{Level}: ISCED 3  
\textbf{Explanatory note}: Title conferred on holders of the \textit{Baccalauréat}.

\textbf{Bachelor}

\textbf{Country}: Cyprus  
\textbf{Level}: ISCED 5  
\textbf{Explanatory note}: Equivalent to \textit{Ptychio} (+) awarded in private institutions.

\textbf{Bachelor (+)}

\textbf{Country}: Denmark  
\textbf{Grammatical variants}: Bacheloren, bachelorer, bachelorerne  
\textbf{Level}: ISCED 5  
\textbf{Explanatory note}: Title conferred on students who have obtained the \textit{Bachelorgrad}. It is followed by the name of the field concerned. Abbreviations: B.Sc. (\textit{Bachelor of Science}) in natural sciences and engineering and B.A. (\textit{Bachelor of Arts}) in all other fields.

\textbf{Bachelor (+)}

\textbf{Country}: Germany  
\textbf{Level}: ISCED 5  
\textbf{Explanatory note}: First academic degree and title which were introduced in 1998 by the \textit{Hochschulrahmengesetz} or HRG (Framework Act for Higher Education) and are obtained on completion of three to four years of study at universities, other equivalent tertiary education institutions and \textit{Fachhochschulen} (universities of applied sciences). The degree gives access to the labour market or to second-cycle university studies leading to the \textit{Master (+)}. In the case of \textit{Bachelor} courses that are more application oriented, the term \textit{Bachelor} is followed by reference to the field of study, in the form \textit{Bachelor of (+)}, e.g. \textit{Bachelor of Engineering}. Abbreviations: B.A. and B.Sc.
Bachelor (+)
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Bachelors
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have successfully completed first-cycle tertiary university education (wo) or professional education (hbo), and obtained the 🏯 Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen. It may be followed by reference to the field of specialisation in which it was obtained. Abbreviation: B. (+).

Bachelor i (+)
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: First academic degree and title which, with effect from 2003, may be obtained by students on successful completion of 3 years of studies (4 years in the case of music) after passing the final examinations set by each institution. For certain professional qualifications, such as those in teacher training, the paramedical professions and engineering, the Ministry of Education and Research establishes a framework plan. The degree gives access to studies leading to the second degree 🏯 Master i (+) in the main field concerned.

Bachelor of (+)
Country: Iceland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title describing the holder of a 🏯 Bachelor's degree.

Bachelor of (+)
Country: Liechtenstein
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: First university degree and title obtained by students who have passed the 🏯 Bachelor-Prüfung. The degree is awarded together with the 🏯 Bachelor-Urkunde diploma, and gives access to the labour market or second-cycle university studies leading to the 🏯 Master of (+). The title is Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration or Bachelor of Science, depending on the field of study concerned.

Bachelor of arts
Country: Iceland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred by a tertiary education institution (háskóli) on students who have obtained the 🏯 BA-gráda degree in humanities, social sciences and visual arts. Abbreviation: BA.

Bachelor of education
Country: Iceland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title awarded by a tertiary education institution (kennaraháskóli or háskóli) to students who have obtained the degree 🏯 BEd-gráda in the field of educational sciences. Abbreviation: BEd.

Bachelor of fine arts
Country: Iceland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred by an academy of the arts (listaháskóli) at the end of a 4-year course of tertiary education studies in drama on students who have obtained the B.F.A.-gráða degree. For all information, see 🏯 BA-gráða and 🏯 BA-próf. Abbreviation: B.F.A.

Bachelor of music
Country: Iceland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred by an academy of the arts (listaháskóli) at the end of the first cycle of tertiary education studies in music on students who have obtained B.MUS-gráða degree. For all information, see 🏯 BA-gráða and 🏯 BA-próf. Abbreviation: B.MUS.

Bachelor of science
Country: Iceland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred by a tertiary education institution (háskóli) on students who have obtained the degree 🏯 BS-gráða in the field of economics, business administration, medicine, natural sciences and engineering. Abbreviation: BS.

Bachelor’s degree
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree awarded to students who successfully complete a first-degree course normally involving 3 or 4 years of study, but in some subjects up to 6 years, in universities, Colleges of Education and in certain Institutes of Technology. 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. obtained on a pass/fail basis. Degrees are generally awarded in accordance with the student’s results in a final examination which, depending on the institution, may be combined with marks obtained in intermediate examinations and/or in assessed course work and/or, depending on the discipline, practical work. Holders of an honours degree may proceed to second-cycle studies or advanced study and research.
leading to a Master’s degree and Doctorate respectively. Holders of a general degree may proceed to certain postgraduate courses, such as those for teacher training, or to a professional qualification or enter employment. The most common Bachelor’s degrees are those in arts and science, abbreviated to BA and B.Sc. respectively and in medicine MB. Bachelor’s degrees in education are usually designated B.Ed. Holders are entitled to use the designatory letters BA, B.Sc., B.Eng., BBS, etc. after their name.

Bachelor’s degree
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree awarded to students who successfully complete a first-degree course lasting 3-5 years at the University of Malta. The degree indicates the field of specialisation, the title, the overall mark and the grade obtained. Holders of an honours degree may proceed to second-cycle or advanced study and research leading to a Master’s degree and Doctorate respectively. Holders of a general degree may proceed to certain further courses leading to a Postgraduate certificate/diploma (+), e.g. in teacher training, or to a professional qualification, or enter employment. The most common Bachelor’s degrees are those in arts and science, abbreviated to B.A. and B.Sc. respectively. Bachelor’s degrees in education are usually designated B.Educ., those in commercial studies B. Com., etc. Holders are entitled to use the designatory letters BA, B.Sc., B. Educ. etc. after their name.

Bachelor-Diplom
Country: Liechtenstein
Grammatical variants: Bachelor-Diplome, Bachelor-Diplom*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Synonym for Bachelor-Urkunde.

Bachelorograd
Country: Denmark
Grammatical variants: -graden, -grader,
-graderne
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: First university degree awarded after 3 years of study to students who have successfully completed the study programme at a universitet or a non-university tertiary institution (teknika- or ingeniørhøjskoler). Study programmes include project work equivalent to a minimum of two months’ full-time work. There is not just one final examination at the end, as examinations are taken following the teaching of each individual subject throughout the course of study. The degree is awarded by the institution concerned and indicates the subjects examined, credits obtained in any other examinations, the marks obtained, and the title and the field of specialisation. It confers on its holders the title Bachelor (+) or Diplomingeniør (in the field of engineering) and gives access to studies leading to the Candidate (+), and also to the labour market.

Bachelor-Prüfung
Country: Liechtenstein
Grammatical variants: Bachelor-Prüfungen, Bachelor-Prüfung*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Final national-level examination organised at the end of first-cycle university studies lasting from 6 to 12 semesters in the Fachhochschule. It consists of 3 parts, namely written or oral examinations in various modules (supplemented by student research, projects in areas such as architectural design, presentations, etc.), preparation of the written Bachelor-Thesis, and an interdisciplinary and exclusively oral final examination. Students have to pass the Bachelor-Prüfung in order to obtain the Bachelor of (+) degree and the Bachelor-Urkunde diploma.

Bachelors degree
Country: United Kingdom
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Usually a first degree awarded to students who successfully complete a course normally lasting 3 years (4 years in Scotland) but longer in some subjects, such as medicine. Bachelor’s degrees may be taken in one or more subjects at ordinary or honours level. Courses are offered in universities and other tertiary education institutions and, in some cases, further education institutions. While universities remain free to decide on the designation of their degrees, and study of the same subject may lead to different degrees in different institutions, they are now encouraged to achieve greater consistency under the new frameworks for higher education qualifications, which are being phased in from September 2003. Students are normally required to sit final examinations but the classification of the degree usually takes into account their performance in interim examinations and coursework. Ordinary degrees are not graded and, under the above-mentioned new frameworks, will be classified as an ‘intermediate level’ (I) qualification in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and, in Scotland, as ‘SHE level 3’/SCQF level 9. Honours degrees are normally classified as first, upper second, lower second, and third class and will be designated as ‘Honours level’ (H) or, in Scotland, as ‘SHE level H’/SCQF level 10. Degree certificates normally indicate the
name of the institution, the subject(s) studied and for how long, and the grade obtained. Bachelor degrees are recognised for progression within tertiary education and by employers and, in some cases, may lead to professional accreditation. Holders of a good honours degree (first class or upper second) may apply to study for a Masters degree or Doctorate. The most common titles for Bachelor degrees are Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science, abbreviated to BA and BSc respectively. Some Bachelor degrees, particularly in vocational subjects, have more specific titles. For example, degrees in education are usually designated BEd, and degrees in medicine are designated Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery, abbreviated as MB ChB, MB Ch, MBBS or BMBS.

**Bachelor-Urkunde**  
**Country:** Liechtenstein  
**Grammatical variants:** Bachelor-Urkunden, Bachelor-Urkunde*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to students who pass the Bachelor-Prüfung. It indicates the field of study and the academic degree and title of Bachelor of (+). Synonym: Bachelor-Diplom.

**Bachiller**  
**Country:** Spain  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate and title obtained at the end of general upper secondary education corresponding to 2 years of a Bachillerato course as defined by the 1990 Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo (LOGSE, or Organic Law on the General Organisation of the Education System). The certificate is awarded to pupils whose continuous assessment in every subject has been satisfactory. With the full implementation of the 2002 Ley Orgánica de Calidad de la Educación (LOCE, or the Organic Act on the Quality of Education), the Bachiller certificate will be awarded, with effect from the 2005/06 school year, to those who secure a pass grade in all subjects and successfully complete a Prueba General de Bachillerato. Pupils with the Bachiller certificate have direct access to the Pruebas de Acceso a la Universidad, to tertiary non-university vocational training (Formación profesional específica de grado superior), or to artistic tertiary education (as a rule provided they have received the certificate Título profesional del grado medio de (+)).

**BA-gráda**  
**Country:** Iceland  
**Grammatical variants:** BA-grádu  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** General first degree awarded by a tertiary education institution (háskóli) to students who successfully complete a 3-year first course of university education in the field of humanities, social sciences and visual arts ending with the BA-próf examination. It states the courses and the results obtained in the exam-ination. It gives access to the labour market or to university education in the corresponding field at the second level leading to the Meistaragráða degree. It confers the title Bachelor of Arts. The equivalent degree in the field of music is called B.MUS-gráða and leads to the title Bachelor of music in arts; in fine arts it is called B.FA.-gráða and leads to the title Bachelor of fine arts.

**Bakalár**  
**Country:** Slovakia  
**Grammatical variants:** Bakaláři, bakalár*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred by tertiary education institutions on students who have obtained the Vysokoškolský diplom (+). Abbreviation: Bc.

**Bakalář/ka**  
**Country:** Czech Republic  
**Grammatical variants:** Bakaláři, bakalář*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the diploma Vysokoškolský diplom and the certificate Vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce. Abbreviation: Bc., and BcA. in the field of arts.

**Bakalaura diploms (+)**  
**Country:** Latvia  
**Grammatical variants:** Bakalaura diplom, bakalaura diplomiem, bakalaura diplomus  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to students who have successfully completed the first stage of academic studies lasting three or four years at a universitāte or another tertiary education institution. The qualification is generally awarded on the basis of the student’s results in the Gala pārbaudījumi. Degrees are designated Bachelor of Humanities, Education Sciences, Social Sciences, Engineering, etc., depending on the field of study. They give access to the labour market, further professional programmes or the second stage of university education leading to the academic or professional Maģīsts (+) degree. The diploma entitles its holder to the academic degree Bakalaurs (+).

**Bakalauras**  
**Country:** Lithuania  
**Grammatical variants:** Bakalaur*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Synonym for Bakalauro laipsnis (+).
**Bakalaureus**  
**Country:** Estonia  
**Grammatical variants:** Bakalaureuse, bakalaureust  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the Bakalaureusekraad degree.

**Bakalaureuseeksam**  
**Country:** Estonia  
**Grammatical variants:** Bakalaureuseeksami, bakalaureuseeksamit  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Final examination taken at the end of the 3-4 years of first level tertiary education (Bachelor’s study, or bakalaureuseõpe). For students who defend their final thesis this examination is not compulsory. It is organised by each institution, which also determines its content. Students who successfully defend their thesis or pass this examination are awarded the Bakalaureusekraad degree.

**Bakalaureusekraad**  
**Country:** Estonia  
**Grammatical variants:** Bakalaureusekraadi, bakalaureusekraadiga  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** First degree awarded to students who have successfully completed first level tertiary education (Bachelor’s study, or bakalaureuseõpe) and defended the Bachelor’s thesis or passed the Bakalaureuseeksam examination at universities. It is awarded together with a Diplom. The degree confers the title of Bakalaureus and gives access to a Master’s study programme (magistriópe) leading to the Magistrikraad in accordance with the conditions and pursuant to the procedure established by the board of the educational institution concerned.

**Bakalauro laipsnis (+)**  
**Country:** Lithuania  
**Grammatical variants:** Bakalauro laipsn*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** First academic title conferred on students who have obtained the diploma Bakalauro diplomas. The title is followed by reference to the field of study concerned. Synonym: Bakalauras.

**Bakalauris (+)**  
**Country:** Latvia  
**Grammatical variants:** Bakalauram, bakalauru  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Academic or professional degree obtained by holders of the Bakalauresa diplom* or the Augstākās profesionālās izglītības diploms (or Augstākās profesionālās kvalifikācijas diploms), respectively.

**Bakalaur** (Бакалавър)  
**Country:** Bulgaria  
**Grammatical variants:** Bakalavri  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** First academic title conferred on students who have obtained the Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie at the end of first-cycle university studies.

**Bakk. (+)**  
**Country:** Austria  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Bakkalaureas/rea (+), followed by designation of the field of study in abbreviated form, e.g. Bakk. rer.nat. Titles conferred by Fachhochschulen are followed by the abbreviation FH.

**Bakkalaureatsprüfung**  
**Country:** Austria  
**Grammatical variants:** Bakkalaureatsprüfungen, Bakkalaureatsprüfung*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Compulsory final examination at universities and Fachhochschulen organised at the end of first-cycle studies (minimum duration 3 years). The examination is organised internally by the institution and takes place before a board. Its content is related to the individual course of study and includes written and oral examinations. Successful students receive the Bakkalaureatsprüfungszeugnis.

**Bakkalaureatsprüfungszeugnis**  
**Country:** Austria  
**Grammatical variants:** Bakkalaureatsprüfungszeugnisse, Bakkalaureatsprüfungszeugnis*  
**Level:** ISCED 5
Explanatory note: First degree testifying to success in the Bakkalaureatsprüfung 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 leading to a Magister/tra (+). The degree confers on its holder the academic title Bakkalaureus/rea (+).

Bakkalaureus/rea (+)
Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Bakkalaurei, Bakkalaureae, Bakkalaure*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Academic title conferred on holders of the Bakkalaureatsprüfungszeugnis. It is followed by an indication of the field of study, e.g. Bakkalaureus/rea der Naturwissenschaften (natural sciences). Titles obtained through study at a Fachhochschule are followed by the abbreviation FH. Abbreviation: Bakk. (+).

BA-próf
Country: Iceland
Grammatical variants: BA-prófi, BA-prófs
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Examination organised at the end of the 3-year first cycle of university education within the field of humanities, social sciences and visual arts held by a tertiary education institution (háskóli). It comprises a series of tests and examinations throughout the 3 years, as well as a final dissertation. The content and assessment of the examination vary depending on individual institutions. The examination is the responsibility of the relevant faculty. It is compulsory for obtaining the degree BA-gráda. The equivalent examination in the field of music is called B.MUS-próf and leads to the B.MUS-gráda; in fine arts it is called B.F.A.-próf and leads to the B.F.A.-gráda.

Barnmorskeexamen
Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Barnmorskeexamina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Diploma in midwifery, awarded after a full-time study programme of at least one-and-a-half years at a university or university college (universitet or högskola). Being a registered nurse is a precondition for admission to the programme. The diploma indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained and gives access to employment.

Baseline assessment
Country: United Kingdom (WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 0 and 1
Explanatory note: Assessment scheme concerned with each child’s knowledge, understanding, attitudes and skills on entry to primary school at the age of 4 or 5, so that staff can plan the curriculum appropriately and provide activities that meet children’s needs. Assessment must be carried out within 7 weeks after they have started school in Wales and within the first year in Northern Ireland. Language skills, mathematical skills and personal and social skills are assessed using an accredited assessment scheme. No certificates are provided but schools must discuss the results of this formative assessment with parents. In England, Baseline Assessment has been replaced by the Foundation stage profile. Pupils progress to key stage 1 of the National Curriculum or the Northern Ireland Curriculum.

B-attest
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Oriëntering attest B.

BBS
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Bachelor of Business Studies. See Bachelor’s degree.

Bc.
Country: Czech Republic
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Bakalář/ka.

Bc.
Country: Slovakia
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Bakalár.

Bc. (+)
Country: The Netherlands
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Baccalauréus (+), which is written after the name of the holder of this title and may be followed by letters indicating the field of study concerned.

BcA.
Country: Czech Republic
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Bakalář/ka in the field of arts.

BEd
Country: Iceland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Bachelor of education.
BEd-gráda

**Country:** Iceland  
**Grammatical variants:** BEd-grádu  
**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** First degree awarded by a tertiary education institution (kennaraháskóli or háskóli) to students who have successfully completed a 3-year first cycle of university studies in the field of educational sciences and successfully passed the BEd-próf examination. The degree certificate indicates the courses and results obtained in the examination. The degree gives access to the teaching profession at compulsory education level and to second-cycle university studies in the corresponding field leading to the Meistaragróða degree. It confers on its holder the title Bachelor of education.

BEd-próf

**Country:** Iceland  
**Grammatical variants:** BEd-prófi, BEd-prófs  
**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Examination held by a tertiary education institution (kennaraháskóli or háskóli) at the end of the first 3-year cycle of university studies in the field of educational sciences. It comprises a final dissertation, as well as a series of tests and examinations throughout the course of study, the content and assessment of which vary depending on individual institutions. The examination is the responsibility of the relevant faculty. It is compulsory for obtaining the degree BEd-gráda.

Befähigungsnachweis

**Country:** Belgium (German-speaking Community)  
**Grammatical variants:** Befähigungsnachweise  
**Level:** ISCED 3 (SEN)

**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who have completed the fourth and fifth years of special vocational secondary education and successfully passed a qualification examination before an examination board comprising members of the relevant trade or occupation. Its form is centrally determined by government decree. The certificate indicates the branch of study (specialisation) and gives access to the relevant trade or occupation.

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**Country:** Belgium (German-speaking Community)  
**Grammatical variants:** Befähigungsnachweise  
**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded at the end of the sixth year of technical and vocational secondary education to pupils who have successfully completed their vocational training and passed the qualification examination before an examination board comprising members of the relevant trade or occupation. Its form is centrally determined by government decree. The certificate indicates the form of education (technical or vocational) and the branch of study (specialisation), and gives access to the relevant trade or occupation. The certificate awarded at the end of the sixth year of vocational education may also be obtained by attending part-time education.

**BEF**

**Country:** France  
**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Brevet d’études professionnelles.

Berufliche Abschlussprüfung

**Country:** Germany  
**Grammatical variants:** Berufliche Abschlussprüfungen, Beruflich* Abschlussprüfung*  
**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Second part of the final examination held at the end of double (general and vocational) qualification courses at upper secondary level in a berufliches Gymnasium, Fachgymnasium or 3-year Berufsfachschule (types of vocational school). The first part, the Abiturprüfung, leads to the Allgemeine Hochschulreife and gives right of access to tertiary education. The second part, the vocational examination, consists of a written and a practical test and leads to vocational qualifications valid under Land law, for example as an Erzieher (youth or child care worker), physikalisch-technischer Assistent (paramedical assistant) or kaufmännischer Assistent (business assistant). A combined certificate is issued for the first and second parts of the examination.

Berufsbildungsreife

**Country:** Germany  
**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Term used in certain Länder for Erster allgemein bildender Schulabschluss. For further information, see Hauptschulabschluss.

Berufsmaturität

**Country:** Liechtenstein  
**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Synonym for Berufsmaturitätsprüfung.

Berufsmaturitätsprüfung

**Country:** Liechtenstein  
**Grammatical variants:** Berufsmaturitätsprüfungen, Berufsmaturitätsprüfung*  
**Level:** ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Final examination organised at national level at the end of vocational upper secondary education (four years in the duales System plus four semesters in the Berufsmittelschule). The content of this examination includes oral and written tests in German and communication, English, mathematics, applied mathematics and the chosen subject of specialisation (from the four options of technical studies, economics, art and ICT). Students have to pass this examination in order to obtain the certificate Berufsmaturitätszeugnis.

Berufsmaturitätszeugnis
Country: Liechtenstein
Grammatical variants: Berufsmaturitätszeugnisse, Berufsmaturitätszeugnis*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Leaving certificate of vocational upper secondary education awarded to students who pass the examination Berufsmaturitätsprüfung. The certificate indicates the area of specialisation, the individual subjects, the examination results and both the title and result of the project work in German and communication. It gives access to specialised tertiary education in a Fachhochschule, without an entrance examination.

Berufsschulabschluss
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Berufsschulabschlüsse, Berufsschulabschluss*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note:
• Qualification of a vocational training programme in the duales System (dual system of vocational training), subsequent to 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.
• Qualification of a mostly 2-year full-time course of study in a Berufsfachschule (vocational upper secondary school), which prepares students for a particular occupation. The Mittlere Schulabschluss is usually a prerequisite for admission to such a course.

Berufsfriewe
Country: Germany
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Term used in certain Länder for Erster allgemein bildender Schulabschluss. For further information, see Hauptschulabschluss.

Bevis for (+)
Country: Denmark
Grammatical variants: Beviset, beviser, beviserne
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Diploma awarded by non-university tertiary education institutions (erhversakademier) following a short course (erhversakademiuddannelse) usually lasting 2 years. There is a final examination, which varies depending on the field but which essentially involves

Level: ISCED 3
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, with at least 3 years of studies) or who have passed the 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.

Bevis for avlagd yrkesexamen på andra stadiet
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: Betyget, betygen
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Todistus toisen asteen ammatillisista opinnoista.

Betyg över kombinationsstudier
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: Betyget, betygen
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Todistus yhdistelmäopinnoista.

Betyg över läraravtalsutbildning
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: Betyget, betygen
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Todistus oppisopimuskoulutuksesta.

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written and oral examinations, as well as written assignments. The examining board can consist of internal or external examiners appointed by the Ministry of Education on the recommendation of the institution. The diploma indicates the marks obtained in the examinations and the professional title conferred – usually the name of the trade or occupation to which it gives access (for example, administrationsøkonom AK, designteknolog AK, byggetekniker AK, markedføringsøkonom AK). Synonym: Eksamensbevis som (+).

Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen  
**Country:** Denmark  
**Grammatical variants:** Beviset, beviser, beviserne  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the Højere Forberedelseseksamen. It is awarded by the gymnasium and includes the marks obtained in the examination in the compulsory and optional subjects and in the major written assignment. The examination result is the average of these marks. The certificate is a basic qualification for entry to tertiary education.

Bevis for Højere Handelseksamen  
**Country:** Denmark  
**Grammatical variants:** Beviset, beviser, beviserne  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the Højere Handelseksamen. It is awarded by the handelskole. For information on elements included in the certificate and the education to which it gives access, see Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen.

Bevis for Højere Teknisk Eksamen  
**Country:** Denmark  
**Grammatical variants:** Beviset, beviser, beviserne  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the Højere Teknisk Eksamen. It is awarded by the teknisk skole. For information on elements included in the certificate and the education to which it gives access, see Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen.

Billedkunstnerngrad  
**Country:** Denmark  
**Grammatical variants:** -graden, -grader, -graderne  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded by the kunstakademi (an artistic tertiary education institution) to students who have successfully completed 5 or 6 years of academic studies in the 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 written assignment. The degree indicates only the artistic field concerned. It confers on its holders the title Billedkunstner and gives access to employment, as well as to studies lasting 2 years to prepare for work as an art teacher in the field in question (kunstformidler).

BMBS  
**Country:** United Kingdom  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery. See Bachelors degree.

Brandos atestatas  
**Country:** Lithuania  
**Grammatical variants:** Brandos atestatai, brandos atestat*  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Leaving certificate awarded to pupils who pass the Brandos egzaminai at the end of vidurinė mokykla or gimnazija, option 3 of vocational secondary education (profesinė mokykla), or the first-stage course of the konservatorija at upper secondary level. The certificate indicates the course subjects and the marks obtained. It is required for access to all types of tertiary education and post-secondary vocational education profesinė mokykla (option 4).

Brandos egzaminai  
**Country:** Lithuania  
**Grammatical variants:** Brandos egzaminas, brandos egzamin*  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** National examinations organised at the end of upper secondary education by Nacionalinis egzaminų centras, an external institution for which the Ministry of Education and Science is responsible. The examinations are all written and cover 4 subjects in the curriculum, of which Lithuanian has to be one. Successful candidates are awarded the Brandos atestatas.
Brevet
Country: France
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have passed the final national examination (of the same name) held on completion of lower secondary education lasting four years (in a collège). The examination, which is held in three categories (collège, technological, vocational), is organised at the level of the département. It consists of three parts (in French, mathematics and history/geography/civics). In awarding this certificate, the marks obtained in the final two years in all subjects as a whole are also taken into account. The certificate indicates whether studies have been of a general, technological or vocational nature. It is not required for access to upper secondary education.

Brevet d’études professionnelles
Country: France
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to students who have passed the (compulsory) final national examination testifying to satisfactory completion of the first two years of vocational upper secondary education (involving initial training lasting two years in a lycée professionnel, continuing training, or distance provision). The examination is in two distinct (written and oral) parts covering general and vocational subjects. The certificate indicates the chosen area of specialisation. It gives access to the labour market as a skilled worker or employee, as well as to classes for students wishing to work towards the vocational or technological Baccalauréat. Abbreviation: BEP.

Brevet de maitrise
Country: Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Certificate of technical and vocational proficiency and 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: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to students who have passed the (compulsory) final national examination of the same name held on completion of general and technological or vocational upper secondary education, depending on the area of specialisation. The examination is organised by the national académie authorities and consists of written, oral and practical parts. Where the area of specialisation is agriculture, the certificate is known as the brevet de technicien agricole. It confers on its holder the title of Agent technique breveté or Technicien breveté. The certificate indicates the chosen area of specialisation and gives access to the labour market. Students with the best marks may embark on further study in their area of specialisation leading to the brevet de technicien supérieur. Abbreviation: BT, and BTA where the area of specialisation is agriculture.

Brevet de technicien supérieur
Country: France
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to students who have passed the required examinations in the two-year programme of non-university tertiary studies. The examinations are organised by the institution concerned during or at the end of the course, and vary depending on the type of programme and area of specialisation. The diploma indicates the area of specialisation and gives access to the labour market or further tertiary studies leading to the Diplôme national de technologie spécialisée or the Licence professionnelle. It confers on its holder the title of Technicien supérieur. Abbreviation: BTS.

Brevet de technicien supérieur
Country: Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Qualification certifying the completion of studies awarded after 2 years of post-secondary vocational training in technical lycées (upper secondary schools). It is awarded to students who pass a final examination organised by the Ministry of Culture, Higher Education and Research, and covers subjects in the curriculum of the different sections (secretarial studies and office automation, accounting/management, overseas trade/marketing and cartoon animation). The qualification indicates the area of specialisation and mark obtained and gives access to employment. Abbreviation: BTS.

BS
Country: Iceland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Bachelor of science.

BSc
Country: United Kingdom
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Bachelor of Science. See Bachelor of science.


BS-gráda

**Country:** Iceland

**Grammatical variants:** BS-grádu

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** First degree awarded by a tertiary education institution (*háskóli*) to students who successfully complete a 3- to 4-year first course of university education in the field of economics, business administration, medicine, natural sciences and engineering, and who have passed the BS-próf examination. The degree indicates the subjects and the results obtained in the examination, and gives access to university education in the corresponding field at the second level leading to the Meistaragráða degree. It also gives professional certification in the field of nursing and physiotherapy, and confers on its holder the title Bachelor of science.

BS-próf

**Country:** Iceland

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

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Examination organised by each faculty in a tertiary education institution (*háskóli*) at the end of 3-4 years of first-cycle university studies in the field of economics, business administration, medicine, natural sciences and engineering. The examination comprises a series of tests and examinations throughout the 3-4 years as well as a final dissertation. Its content and assessment vary depending on individual institutions. It is compulsory for obtaining the degree BS-gráda.

BT

**Country:** France

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Brevet de technicien.

BTA

**Country:** France

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of brevet de technicien agricole. See Brevet de technicien.

BTEC First Diploma

**Country:** United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Diploma designed to provide specialist work-related qualifications in a range of sectors, focusing on applied knowledge and understanding of the specific sector studied. It is now offered by Edexcel (an independent awarding body) but has retained the initials of the Business and Technology Education Council, one of two awarding bodies which merged to form Edexcel in 1996. The diploma comprises six units, each involving 60 hours of guided study and is regulated by the qualifications and curriculum authorities. Assessment is internal or external and varies depending on the unit concerned. The final qualification is graded ‘pass’, ‘merit’ or ‘distinction’. This Diploma is a level 2 qualification within the National Qualifications Framework. Progression is possible to a level 3 qualification such as the BTEC National Award, National Vocational Qualification (level 3) and General Certificate of Education Advanced level. The diploma may also be obtained in adult education.

BTEC National Award

**Country:** United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** A specialist work-related qualification focusing on applied knowledge and understanding of a specific sector but available in a range of sectors. It is now offered by Edexcel (an independent awarding body) but has retained the initials of the Business and Technology Education Council, one of two awarding bodies which merged to form Edexcel in 1996. Students (young people or adults) must normally hold a level 2 qualification such as a BTEC First Diploma. BTEC National Awards require 6 units of study while BTEC National Certificates and Diplomas comprise 12 and 18 units respectively. Each unit involves 60 hours of guided study. The qualifications are regulated by the qualifications and curriculum authorities. Assessment is internal or external and varies depending on the unit concerned. Final qualifications are graded ‘pass’, ‘merit’ or ‘distinction’. These qualifications are level 3 qualifications within the National Qualifications Framework. Progression is possible to a level 4 qualification such as the Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma and National Vocational Qualification (level 4).

BTEC National Certificate

**Country:** United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Qualification related to the BTEC National Award but requiring 12 units of study.

BTEC National Diploma

**Country:** United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Qualification related to the BTEC National Award but requiring 18 units of study.
**BTS**

**Country:** France  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of *Brevet de technicien supérieur.*

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**BTS**

**Country:** Luxembourg  
**Level:** ISCED 4  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of *Brevet de technicien supérieur.*
**Cand. (+)**
*Country:* Denmark  
*Level:* ISCED 5  
*Explanatory note:* Abbreviation of *Candidatus (+)*, followed by the Latin name of the field concerned usually in its abbreviated form, for example, cand.med.vet.

**Cand. (+)**
*Country:* Iceland  
*Level:* ISCED 5  
*Explanatory note:* Abbreviation of *candidatus* followed by the name of the specialisation (also in the abbreviated form), e.g. cand. pharm. in pharmacy, cand. o econ. in economics, cand. med. in the field of medicine and cand. odont. in the field of dentistry. See *Kandidat (+)*.

**Cand. (+)**
*Country:* Norway  
*Level:* ISCED 5  
*Explanatory note:* Abbreviation of *Candidatus (+)*, which is always followed by reference to the field of study in abbreviated form, for example cand.med. in the case of medicine, cand.agric. in agriculture, and cand.theol. in theology.

**Cand.mag.**
*Country:* Norway  
*Level:* ISCED 5  
*Explanatory note:* Diploma awarded to students who have passed the curricular examinations organised by their institution in each subject, on completion of two or three years of university or long non-university first-cycle studies in tertiary education. It is awarded by university institutions, the Hautes Écoles, the Instituts Supérieurs d'Architecture and the Écoles supérieures des Arts. The diploma indicates the field of study, the subjects taken and the final marks obtained. It confers on its holders the title of *Candidat(e) en (+)* and gives access to second-cycle university studies or long second-cycle non-university studies in tertiary education leading to the degrees of *Licence en (+), Maîtrise en (+), Ingénieur (+)*.

**Candidatus (+)**
*Country:* Denmark  
*Grammatical variants:* Candidata  
*Level:* ISCED 5  
*Explanatory note:* Degree and title obtained by students who pass written and oral final examinations and submit a final dissertation at the end of studies lasting 5 to 7 years at a university or other tertiary education institution. The degree may also be awarded to students holding a *Candidatus magisterii, Examinatus oeconomiae or equivalent diploma, who pass final examinations at the end of university studies lasting one-and-a-half to 2 years. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, one of whom is external. The degree indicates the student’s examination results, the average marks obtained in the main subjects, the subject of the final dissertation and its assessment. It gives access to employment, to practical training leading to the *Praktisk-teologisk utdanning* qualification, or to advanced study and research leading to the *Doctor (+) or Ph.d. degree. The term *candida*-
**Candidatus magisterii**

Country: Norway

Grammatical variants: Candidata magisterii

Level: ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** First degree and title obtained by students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of undergraduate studies lasting 4 years (three-and-a-half years in natural sciences). The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners. The degree indicates the student’s results in the final examinations and the average marks obtained in the main subjects. It gives access to further tertiary education leading to the **Idrettskandidat**, **Candidatus (+)** or **Kandidat (+)** degree in the main field concerned. Abbreviation: Cand.mag.

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**CAP**

Country: Belgium (French Community)

Level: ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of **Certificat d’aptitude pédagogique**.

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**CAP**

Country: France

Level: ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of **Certificat d’aptitude professionnelle**.

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**CAPAES**

Country: Belgium (French Community)

Level: ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of **Certificat d’aptitude pédagogique approprié à l’Enseignement supérieur**.

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**CAPE**

Country: France

Level: ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of **Certificat d’aptitude au professorat des écoles**.

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**CAPES**

Country: France

Level: ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of **Certificat d’aptitude au professorat de l’enseignement secondaire**.

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**Carta Doutoral**

Country: Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Cartas Doutorais

Level: ISCED 6

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**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by universities (universidade) to students who have passed the **Prova de doutoramento**. The diploma always indicates the field of study and the mark obtained. It confers on its holder the title of **Doutor** and gives access to the profession of university teacher.

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**Centraal examen**

Country: The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Centrale examens

Level: ISCED 2 and 3

**Explanatory note:** Compulsory national examination taken in schools in the final year of secondary education (vmbo, havo or vwo), which is part of the **Eindexamen** examination. It is held under conditions applicable to all general secondary schools, and at a time specified by the Min-
ister of Education. The examination consists of a written test for each subject and tests, assessment and marking comply with national requirements. In each type of school, there is a central examination for a chosen combination of at least 6 subjects, depending on the specialised component (in havo and vwo) or the sector and learning pathway (in vmbo). Dutch and English are compulsory in all forms of secondary education.

Centralizēts eksāmens

*Country:* Latvia  
*Grammatical variants:* Centralizēts eksāmeni, centralizēts eksāmenu  
*Level:* ISCED 2 and 3  
*Explanatory note:* Examination which is developed in accordance with a specific methodology devised at central government level, and held at the end of 9-year basic education (pamatizglītība) and 3-year general (upper) secondary education (vispārējā vidējā izglītība). The examination has a specific order for assessing pupil attainment. It is held in the subjects determined at national level, and is organised by the government and municipal education boards in cooperation with schools. Satisfactory assessment in the subjects of examination leads to the award of the Satisfactory assessment in the subjects of examinations on completion of a vocational secondary education programme in which they have received final pass marks in all subjects and practical training. Finally, they may be awarded a Profesionalās kvalifikācijas apliecība after passing examinations taken on completing part of a vocational education programme (subsequent to secondary education) or vocational secondary programme in which they have received final pass marks in all subjects and practical training. The profesionalās kvalifikācijas apliecība may also be awarded to those who have satisfactorily completed extramural vocational education or vocational secondary education programmes, or a continuing vocational education programme.

Centralizēts profesionālās kvalifikācijas eksāmens

*Country:* Latvia  
*Grammatical variants:* Centralizēti profesionālās kvalifikācijas eksāmeni, centralizēto profesionālās kvalifikācijas eksāmenu  
*Level:* ISCED 3 and 4  
*Explanatory note:* Centrally organised examination equivalent to the Kvalifikācijas eksāmens. The Ministry of Education and Science selects accredited vocational education institutions or examination centres which organise and hold the examination in cooperation with it. The examination takes place at the end of vocational education (arodīgā izglītība lasting 2-3 years) and vocational secondary education (profesionalā vidējā izglītība lasting 3-4 years), and enables those who pass it to obtain second or third level vocational qualifications in specific fields of training and education programme groups. The content and assessment criteria for the examination are determined at national level by the state institution responsible for the training field or programme group concerned. The Atestāts par arodīgā izglītību may be obtained by students who take and pass examinations on completion of a vocational programme in which they have received final pass marks in all subjects and practical training. Similarly, they may obtain the Diploms par profesionālo vidējo izglītību if they take and pass the required examinations on completing of a vocational secondary education programme in which they have received final pass marks in all subjects and practical training. Finally, they may be awarded a Profesionalās kvalifikācijas apliecība after passing examinations taken on completing part of a vocational education programme (subsequent to secondary education) or vocational secondary programme in which they have received final pass marks in all subjects and practical training. The profesionalās kvalifikācijas apliecība may also be awarded to those who have satisfactorily completed extramural vocational education or vocational secondary education programmes, or a continuing vocational education programme.

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*Country:* Ireland  
*Level:* ISCED 5  

CertHE

*Country:* United Kingdom  
*Level:* ISCED 5  

Certificaat (+)

*Country:* Belgium (Flemish Community)  
*Level:* ISCED 3, 4 and 5  
*Explanatory note:* Certificate awarded to pupils, students and adult learners who pass the examinations held on completion of an entire modular course in education or training, and who have obtained the Deelcertificaat (+) in each module. The examinations, which are written, oral or practical as decided by the teacher, are set by the individual school or institution and cover all subjects studied. The certificate gives access to the corresponding profession or occupation, or to other (related) modules in modular courses. The name of the certificate is followed by reference to the course (area of specialisation) concerned.

Certificaat havo

*Country:* The Netherlands  
*Grammatical variants:* Certificaten havo  
*Level:* ISCED 3 (A.Ed.)  

Certificaat hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

*Country:* The Netherlands  
*Grammatical variants:* Certificaten hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs  
*Level:* ISCED 3 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Leaving certificate awarded to pupils in general secondary adult education, vavo, who pass in one or more compulsory examination subjects of *hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*. The Minister of Education determines the blueprint for the certificate, which indicates the type of school and, on a separate list, the subject(s) passed with marks of 6 or over, the component, the marks in the *Schoolexamen* and the *Deeleindexamen*, and the date of the final result. Abbreviation: Certificaat havo.

**Certificaat mbo**

*Country:* The Netherlands  
*Grammatical variants:* Certificaten mbo  
*Level:* ISCED 2, 3 and 4  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of *Certificaat middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*. Synonym: Mbo-certificaat.

**Certificaat middelbaar beroepsonderwijs**

*Country:* The Netherlands  
*Grammatical variants:* Certificaten middelbaar beroepsonderwijs  
*Level:* ISCED 2, 3 and 4  
**Explanatory note:** Leaving certificate awarded to pupils who have passed the partial examination of a vocational secondary education course. After they have passed all tests for the course, the certificates are replaced by the *Diploma middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*. Certificates are classified according to the four levels of secondary vocational education, each of which gives access to the subsequent level, while the fourth level offers pathways to higher education. Abbreviation: Certificaat mbo.

**Certificaat staatsexamen**

*Country:* The Netherlands  
*Grammatical variants:* Certificaten staatsexamen  
*Level:* ISCED 2 and 3  
**Explanatory note:** Leaving certificate awarded to pupils who pass in one or more compulsory subjects in the partial state examination *Deelstaatsexamen* of general secondary education involving havo, vwo, or the theoretical learning pathway of vmbo. The Minister of Education determines the blueprint for the certificate, which indicates the type of school, the subject(s) passed with marks of 6 or over, the final grade for each subject, and the date of the final result. After pupils have passed all compulsory examination subjects, their certificates are replaced by one of the following diplomas: diploma staatsexamen voortgezet middelbaar beroepsonderwijs, diploma staats-examen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs or diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs. See *Diploma staatsexamen*.  

**Certificaat staatsexamen havo, vmbo, vwo**

*Country:* The Netherlands  
*Grammatical variants:* Certificaten staatsexamen havo, vmbo, vwo  
*Level:* ISCED 2 and 3  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of *certificaat staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*, *certificaat staatsexamen voortgezet middelbaar beroepsonderwijs* and *certificaat staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs*. See *Certificaat staatsexamen*.

**Certificaat staatsexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs**

*Country:* The Netherlands  
*Grammatical variants:* Certificaten staatsexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs  
*Level:* ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** For further information, see *Certificaat staatsexamen* (havo). Abbreviation: Certificaat staatsexamen vmbo.

**Certificaat staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs**

*Country:* The Netherlands  
*Grammatical variants:* Certificaten staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** For further information, see *Certificaat staatsexamen* (vwo). Abbreviation: Certificaat staatsexamen vwo.

**Certificaat vmbo**

*Country:* The Netherlands  
*Grammatical variants:* Certificaten vmbo  
*Level:* ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of *Certificaat voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*. Synonym: Vmbo-certificaat.
Certificaat voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Certificaten voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note:
• Leaving certificate awarded to pupils in pre-vocational secondary education, vmbo, who have been failed definitively for the Eindexamen and leave school and who have obtained one or more marks of 6 or over pass in one or more compulsory examination subjects. Pupils leaving havo or vwo without the Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs or Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs receive a final list of marks obtained in general secondary education. The Minister of Education determines the blueprint for the certificate, which indicates the type of school and, on a separate list, the subject(s) passed with marks of 6 or over, the final grade for each subject, the marks in the Schoolexamen and the Deelindexamen, and the date of the final result.
• Leaving certificate awarded to students in general secondary adult education, vavo, who pass in one or more compulsory examination subjects of voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs, vmbo-tl (theoretical programme). The Minister of Education determines the blueprint for the certificate, which indicates the type of school and, on a separate list, the subject(s) passed with marks of 6 or over, the component, the marks in the Schoolexamen and the Deelindexamen, and the date of the final result.
Abbreviation: Certificaat vmbo.

Certificaat voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Certificaten voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs
Level: ISCED 3 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Leaving certificate awarded to pupils in general secondary adult education, vavo, who pass in one or more compulsory examination subjects of voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs. The Minister of Education determines the blueprint for the certificate, which indicates the type of school and, on a separate list, the subject(s) passed with marks of 6 or over, the component, the marks in the Schoolexamen and the Deelindexamen, and the date of the final result. Abbreviation: Certificaat vwo.

Certificado académico del ciclo elemental de las enseñanzas de idiomas
Country: Spain
Grammatical variants: Certificados académicos del ciclo elemental de las enseñanzas de idiomas
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have passed the final examination at the end of 3 years in the elementary cycle of the first level of language studies (upper secondary education) in an official language school (Escuela Oficial de Idiomas). The written and oral final examination is organised by each institution and focuses on the foreign language studied, which is indicated on the certificate. The latter gives access to the advanced cycle of the first level of language studies in the same kind of school leading to the certificate Certificato de aptitud del ciclo superior de las enseñanzas de idiomas.

Certificado acreditativo del grado elemental de (+)
Country: Spain
Grammatical variants: Certificados acreditativos del grado elemental de
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils whose continuous assessment has been satisfactory during 4 years at the elementary level of studies in music or dance (lower secondary education) at a conservatorio. The certificate involves two areas of specialisation, music and dance, and in the case of the former indicates the subjects taken and field studied. It entitles pupils to take the entrance examinations for intermediate studies in music or dance.

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: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have passed the final examination at the end of 2 years in the advanced cycle of the first level of language studies (upper secondary education) in an official language school (Escuela Oficial de Idiomas). The written and oral final examination is organised by each institution and focuses on the foreign language studied, which is indicated on
the certificate. The latter is a useful supplementary qualification for teachers in their competitive examinations to become civil servants and for their career advancement more generally.

**Certificado de Escolaridad**

**Country:** Spain  
**Grammatical variants:** Certificados de Escolaridad  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who have not obtained the certificate at the end of their 8 years of compulsory education (Educación General Básica, or EGB) in the education system in existence prior to the 1990 Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo (LOGSE, or Organic Law on the General Organisation of the Education System). This certificate has not been awarded since the 1997/98 school year. It gives access to vocational upper secondary training or, in the new education system established by the LOGSE, to the second stage of compulsory lower secondary education (Educación Secundaria Obligatoria, or ESO). With the implementation of the 2002 Ley Orgánica de Calidad de la Educación (LOCE, or the Organic Act on the Quality of Education), this certificate will be awarded to pupils who do not obtain the title of Graduado en Educación Secundaria Obligatoria.  

**Certificat (+)**

**Country:** Luxembourg  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded by the Centre universitaire which is being incorporated into the new Université du Luxembourg with effect from October 2003. The certificate lists the subjects studied and is obtained following successful completion of the single year of courses at the Centre. It entitles its holders to pursue their second year of studies abroad, and indicates the fields of specialisation of those concerned (for example, 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:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to those who have performed successfully in the national competitive examination to recruit teachers for general secondary education. The examination is open to holders of a qualification testifying to at least three years of post-secondary studies, which has been awarded in a Member State of the European Union or the European Economic Area, or a qualification testifying to at least four years of post-secondary studies in the case of other countries. The examination consists of written papers and, for those who achieve the required standard in them, an oral examination. Students may work to obtain this certificate in an institut universitaire de formation des maîtres (IUFM). The certificate indicates the subject(s) of specialisation and gives access to a year of teacher training in an IUFM, which normally leads to the status of teacher with full tenure (professeur certifié). Abbreviation: CAPES.  

**Certificat d'aptitude au professorat des écoles**

**Country:** France  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to those who have performed successfully in the competitive examination to recruit teachers for nursery and ‘elementary’ schools (écoles maternelles or écoles élémentaires). The examination is open to holders of a qualification testifying to at least three years of post-secondary studies, which has been awarded in a Member State of the European Union or the European Economic Area. Study for this certificate in an institut universitaire de formation des maîtres (IUFM) is optional. The examination is organised by the académie at regional level and consists of written papers and an oral examination. The certificate gives access to a year of teacher training in an IUFM, which normally leads to the status of teacher with full tenure (professeur des écoles). Abbreviation: CAPE.  

**Certificat d'aptitude pédagogique approprié à l'Enseignement supérieur**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Non-academic vocational certificate awarded to prospective teachers who have already obtained a technically oriented diploma in lower secondary, upper secondary or tertiary education, and who have passed the final examination organised by the French Community Examining Board. The examination consists of a written paper (comprising a summary, with explanations and comments on a text related to teaching) and an oral part (a lesson chosen by the Examining Board and an oral examination in psychology, teaching, methodology and educational practice). It may also be obtained in education for promotion sociale (adult education). The length of studies depends on the level achieved in initial technical studies. The certificate authorises its holder to teach technical subjects in lower or upper secondary education. Abbreviation: CAP.  

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Explanatory note: Certificate awarded on completion of both theoretical field, or in interpersonal psychology and practical training (practical supervision, analysis of practices and professional development) at university in the Hautes Écoles offering long tertiary courses in economics or in education for promotion sociale (adult education). Candidates for the CAPAES are also expected to prepare and submit a record of their professional experience. This certificate enables its holder to be employed or appointed as a teacher with permanent tenure in a Haute École. It may only be obtained by those who hold an academic title authorising them to be recruited to the position of maître de formation pratique, maître assistant or chargé de cours in a Haute École, and who are actually employed in such a post. Abbreviation: CAPAES.

Certificat d’aptitude professionnelle
Country: France
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: A certificate of vocational qualification awarded to students who have passed the (compulsory) final national examination on completion of two years of vocational upper secondary education in a branch of industry, the crafts sector or the tertiary sector. The examination consists of written, oral and practical parts prepared by the national académie authorities. Students may work towards this certificate in initial training lasting two years in a lycée professionnel, in continuing training, or by means of distance provision. The certificate indicates the area of specialisation and gives access to the labour market. Students who perform best may secure entry to 2-year courses for a Baccalauréat professionnel. Holders of the certificate may also embark on a further year of specialisation. Abbreviation: CAP.

Certificat d’aptitude technique et professionnelle
Country: Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: General certificate awarded to pupils who pass the Examen de fin d’apprentissage at the end of the final year of vocational education (year 12, referred to as an essentially practical year), and who have successfully completed both school-based and practical training. The certificate indicates the pupil’s area of specialisation, but not the marks or subjects studied. It gives access to courses for the Brevet de maîtrise and to employment. Abbreviation: CATP.

Certificat d’Enseignement Secondaire du Deuxième Degré
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed the first and second cycles of general, technical, artistic or vocational education. It may also be obtained in education for promotion sociale (adult education) or following a decision by the French Community Examining Board. The certificate gives access to the third cycle of secondary education which leads to the upper secondary school leaving certificate. It has replaced the Certificat d’Enseignement Secondaire Inférieur. Abbreviation: CESDD.

Certificat d’Enseignement Secondaire Inférieur
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate which has been replaced by the Certificat d’Enseignement Secondaire du Deuxième Degré since the 1997/98 school year. It was awarded to pupils who successfully completed the first two years (corresponding to the first ‘observation’ cycle) and a third year of general, technique de transition, artistic or vocational secondary education, or a third and fourth year of technique de qualification or vocational secondary education. Abbreviation: CESI.

Certificat d’Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 3 and/or 4
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded on the basis of school marks to final-year students (at the end of the third cycle) in general, technical or artistic upper secondary education (lasting 6 years) and vocational upper secondary education (7 years). It may also be awarded to pupils who have successfully completed one of the sections in education for promotion sociale (adult education) or following examinations organised by the French Community Examining Board. Most schools organise a final internal examination covering the main subjects (determined by the school). The certificate indicates the branches of study as well as the sections within them. It constitutes a minimum qualification for admission to tertiary education. While holders of the certificate for the professional branch may only access non-university tertiary education, they may be admitted to university tertiary education if they obtain the Diplôme d’Aptitude à accéder à l’Enseignement Supérieur. Abbreviation: CESS.
Certificat d’Études

Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 3 and 4

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed the sixth year of vocational education or the seventh year of technique de qualification. This certificate may also be obtained in courses with a shorter timetable, in accordance with the conditions applicable to full-time provision. It gives access to the labour market. Abbreviation: CE.

Certificat d’Études de Base

Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 1 and 2

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed the final school year or passed the final examination Examen cantonal held at the end of primary education (lasting 6 years). It may also be awarded to unsuccessful pupils if they have been satisfactorily assessed on completing the first or second year of secondary education. The certificate may further be obtained by someone to whom an equivalent qualification has been awarded in education for promotion sociale (adult education). It gives automatic access to secondary education. Abbreviation: CEB.

Certificat d’études pédagogiques

Country: Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: State certificate awarded by institutions administered by the Ministry of Culture, Higher Education and Research, on successful completion of 3 years of studies at the Institut supérieur d’études et de recherche pédagogiques (ISERP, or higher institute for studies and educational research). The ISERP is being incorporated into the new Université du Luxembourg with effect from October 2003. The certificate is obtained by those who pass a final examination which is organised by the Ministry and covers the curriculum of the area of specialisation. It testifies to training in one of two possible options – teaching in primary or pre-primary education – and entitles its holders to sit the competitive examination for entry to the teaching profession in the area concerned.

Certificat d’Initiation Technique et Professionnelle

Country: Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate testifying to satisfactory completion of the first stage of a two-stage apprenticeship after a period of 2 to 4 years. It is awarded by the Ministry of Education to pupils who pass the examination covering the different courses organised in modules, and indicates the area of specialisation but not the marks or subjects studied. This certificate gives access to the second stage of apprenticeship for the Certificate d’aptitude technique et professionnelle and also to employment. Abbreviation: CITP.

Certificat de absolviere

Country: Romania
Grammatical variants: Certificatul de absolviere
Level: ISCED 3, 4 and 5

Explanatory note:
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• Certificate of completion of general, vocational or technological upper secondary education in liceu 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 (școala postliceală) awarded to students who have passed the Examen de absolviere. It mentions the specialisation and certifies qualification for a trade or occupation to which it gives access.

• Certificate awarded to all teachers by teacher training departments, attached to universities (universitate). It is issued on the basis of academic results, without a final examination, and indicates the subjects taken and marks obtained during training.

Certificat de capacitate

Country: Romania
Grammatical variants: Certificatul de capacitate
Level: ISCED 2

Explanatory note: Certificate of completion of lower secondary education (școala generală), lasting 4 years, issued to pupils who have passed the final national examination Examen de capacitate. It indicates the subjects taken and results obtained in the examination, and gives access to upper secondary education.

Certificat de capacité (+)

Country: France
Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: National certificate awarded by universities accredited by the minister responsible for tertiary education, to students who have satisfactorily completed three or four years of university studies in optical or speech therapy, respectively. The name of the qualification is always followed by reference to the area of specialisation, for example certificat de capacité d’orthoptiste. The certificate gives access to the profession concerned.
Certificat de Capacité Manuelle
Country: Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by the Ministry of Education to pupils who have passed only the practical part of vocational training and thus only the practical subjects in the Examens de fin d'apprentissage. It indicates the area of specialisation but not the marks or subjects studied. This certificate gives access to low-skilled jobs in the labour market. Abbreviation: CCM.

Certificat de fin d'études secondaires
Country: France
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded on completion of upper secondary education to those who have failed the Baccalauréat examination but have obtained an average mark of at least 8/20 in all its papers or tests. The certificate constitutes a formal record of results that does not give access to tertiary education. Abbreviation: CFES.

Certificat de fin de scolarité
Country: Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who complete their 9 years of compulsory education. There is no specific examination and it is not necessary to have passed each year but just to have completed the 9 years, although pupils who do pass are awarded a grade. The certificate enables those who so wish to enter working life, or to continue either in general upper secondary education or in technical secondary education.

Certificat de formation générale
Country: France
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to young people aged over 16 who have left the education system without any qualification. The certificate testifies that its holder has acquired an essential grounding in French and mathematics and knowledge of the contemporary world, and that pupils in the final two years of ‘specialised’ lower secondary education (section d'éducation spécialisée, or SES, and établissements régionaux d'enseignement adapté, or EREA) are capable of social integration and securing an occupation. Abbreviation: CFG.

Certificat de Qualification
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 3 and 4
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have spent a sixth year (CQ 6) or seventh year upgrading their qualifications or specialising (CQ 7), and who have passed an ‘examination for qualification’ in a ‘qualification’ stream at the end of the third cycle of technical or vocational upper secondary education. This certificate may also be obtained in courses with a shorter timetable, in accordance with the conditions applicable to full-time provision. It may further be obtained in education promotion sociale (adult education) and, subject to successful completion of further general education, leads to the award of the Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur. It gives access to the labour market. Abbreviation: CQ.

Certificat de réussite de 5 années d'études de l'enseignement secondaire
Country: Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by schools to pupils who have successfully completed five years of secondary education. It has been introduced recently to certify qualification for access to working life.

Certificat de studii universitare de lungă durată
Country: Romania
Grammatical variants: Certificatul de studii universitare de lungă durată
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Diploma of completion of university studies (universitate, academie or institut) lasting 4 to 6 years, awarded to students who have failed the Examen de licenţă or Examen de diplomă. It indicates the subjects of specialisation, and may be obtained on simple request.

Certificat de studii universitare de scurtă durată
Country: Romania
Grammatical variants: Certificatul de studii universitare de scurtă durată
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Diploma of completion of short-term university education (colegiu universitar) lasting 3 years, awarded by their institutions to students who fail the Examen de absolvire. It indicates the subjects of specialisation, and may be obtained on simple request.

Certificat du cycle moyen de l'enseignement secondaire technique
Country: Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate issued by schools to pupils who have successfully completed the intermediate stage of secondary education and technical secondary education. It has been introduced recently to certify qualification for access working life.
Certificate in (+)
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to students who successfully complete a 2-year course at the Institute of Tourism Studies in different areas of the hospitality industry (e.g. travel agency operations). The certificate indicates the field of specialisation and grades (distinction, credit or pass). Students are continuously assessed through a combination of practical and assignment-based activities appropriate to the subject concerned. The modules of the course include assessment by final examination at the end of each semester. The certificate gives access to employment or to appropriate studies at the Institute of Tourism Studies, leading to a Diploma in (+).

Certificate of Achievement
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Former term for Entry Level Certificate.

Certificate of Higher Education (+)
Country: United Kingdom
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: A tertiary education qualification awarded on successful completion of a short course (normally 1 year full time, or 2 years part time) and usually in a specialised or vocational subject. Courses are offered by universities and other tertiary education institutions and, in some cases, further education institutions. They are of a standard equivalent to the first year of a Bachelor’s degree programme. Individual institutions determine assessment arrangements and also the information (such as grades) included on the corresponding certificate; the subject area would normally be indicated, e.g. Certificate in Textiles or Certificate in Fundamentals of Accountancy. Courses leading to the Further and Adult Education Teachers’ Certificate are open to those with technical qualifications who wish to teach in further education institutions. The Certificate of Higher Education will be incorporated into the lowest level of the new frameworks for higher education qualifications, which are being phased in from September 2003, and is classified as ‘Certificate level’ (C) or, in Scotland, ‘SHE level1’/SCQF level 7. Certificates of Higher Education are recognised for progression within tertiary education (for example to a Bachelor’s degree) and by employers, and in some cases may lead to professional accreditation. Certain institutions use different terms for the qualification such as University Certificate (+) or College Certificate (+). The name of the qualification is normally followed by reference to the field of study concerned. Abbreviation: CertHE.

Certificate of Sixth Year Studies
Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Level: ISCED 3 and 4

Certificato di Specializzazione Tecnica Superiore
Country: Italy
Grammatical variants: Certificati di Specializzazione Tecnica Superiore
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by the regional governments and autonomous provinces of Trento and Bolzano, since 1999, to candidates who pass the final examination at the end of an Istruzione e Formazione Tecnica Superiore (IFTS, or higher education and technical training) course lasting from a minimum of two to a maximum of four semesters. This certificate gives access to the labour market and the skills acquired may be totally or partially recognised so that university or other training courses can be taken for a shorter period.

Certifikat o nacionalni poklicni kvalifikaciji
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Certifikati o nacionalnih poklicnih kvalifikacijah, certifikat* o nacionaln* poklicn* kvalifikacij*
Level: ISCED 3 and 5 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to candidates who have successfully completed assessment procedures in the system of national vocational qualifications Nacionalna poklicna kvalifikacija. They obtain a certificate indicating that they have demonstrated the required standard in the field assessed, together with knowledge and skills certified in accordance with the catalogue of standards for national vocational qualifications.

CESDD
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 3

CESI
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Certificat d’Enseignement Secondaire Inférieur.

CESS
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 3 and/or 4
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Certificat d’Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur.
CFES
Country: France
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Certificat de fin d'études secondaires.

CFG
Country: France
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Certificat de formation générale.

CITO-toets
Country: The Netherlands
Level: ISCED 1
Explanatory note: Synonym for Eindtoets Basisonderwijs.

CITP
Country: Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Certificat d'Initiation Technique et Professionnelle.

City and Guilds Certificates and Diplomas
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Vocational and occupational qualifications which are awarded by City and Guilds of London (awarding body) in a wide range of areas, and regulated by the national qualifications and curriculum authorities. These qualifications are intended for both young people and adults and offered largely by further education institutions and training providers, but some are also available in some schools. They may be taken full time, part time or on a day-release basis depending on the institution. The length of the course varies in accordance with the subject and mode of study. These awards retain the emphasis on developing practical skills and knowledge, but they tend to be classroom based with assessment by written and practical examination. They are usually available in five levels that relate closely to the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). Some awards are graded ‘pass’, ‘credit’ or ‘distinction’ but most are designated ‘pass’ or ‘fail’. The certificates indicate the title and level of the qualification and also the grade (where applicable). These qualifications may give access to further vocational study, for example at the next level in the NQF. They are recognised by many employers and may in some cases lead to professional accreditation.

Civilingenjörsexamen
Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Civilingenjörsexamina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Professional degree in engineering, awarded after a four-and-a-half-year full-time study programme, normally including a degree project, at a university or university college (universitet or högskola). The degree certificate indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained. It gives access to employment and its holders are also eligible for doctoral studies leading to the Doktorsexamen (+).

Colocviu
Country: Romania
Grammatical variants: Colocviul
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Examination held at the end of a 1-year further tertiary level course, which has to be passed in order to obtain the Diplomă postuniversitară de specialisare. Its content and the level of requirements depend on each institution.

CQ
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Certificat de Qualification.
DAES
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplôme d’Aptitude à accéder à l’Enseignement Supérieur.

DAEU
Country: France
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplôme d’accès aux études universitaires.

Daktaras
Country: Lithuania
Grammatical variants: Daktar*
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Synonym for Daktaro mokslo laipsnis (+).

Daktaro mokslo laipsnio diplomas
Country: Lithuania
Grammatical variants: Daktaro mokslo laipsnio diplom*
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Advanced research degree awarded by universities to holders of the Ma-gistro diplomas on satisfactory completion of advanced study and research at universitetas and akademija, or sometimes also at research institutions. Studies last a maximum 4 years, of which one-and-a-half or two years are spent attending courses which may be jointly organised by tertiary education and research institutions for candidates who have defended a thesis in their subject of specialisation before a university research council. The degree indicates the academic field concerned and its holders are eligible for recruitment to the posts of docentas and profesorius at tertiary education institutions (universitetas or akademija). The title conferred on them is Daktaro mokslo laipsnis (+).

Daktaro mokslo laipsnis (+)
Country: Lithuania
Grammatical variants: Daktaro mokslo laipsn* Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the diploma Daktaro mokslo laipsnio diplomas. Synonym: Daktaras.

DEA
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplôme d’études approfondies.

DEA
Country: France
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplôme d’études approfondies.

DEC
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplôme d’études complémentaires.

Deelcertificaat (+)
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 3, 4 and 5
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils, students and adult learners who pass the examinations held on completion of a single module in a modular course in education and training. The examinations, which are written, oral or practical as decided by the teacher, are set by the individual school or institution and cover all subjects studied. The certificate enables its holder to start the next module with a view to completing the full course and obtaining a Certificaat (+). It also gives limited access to the labour market. The certificate indicates in detail the skills acquired, and its name is followed by reference to the module concerned.

Deeleindexamen
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Deeleindexamens
Level: ISCED 2 and 3 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: The partial school-leaving examination corresponding to the Eindexamen in less than the compulsory number of sub-
jests in pre-vocational (theoretical programme) – vmbo, and general secondary education – havo and vwo as presented in general secondary adult education – vavo. The deeleindexamen is taken in schools under the same conditions and at the same time as the eindexamen and leads to a Certificaat voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs – vmbo-tl (theoretical programme), Certificaat hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs or Certificaat voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs for each subject passed.

Deelstaatsexamen
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Deelstaatsexamens
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: The partial state examination corresponding to the Staatsexamen in less than the compulsory number of subjects for general secondary education involving havo, vwo or the theoretical learning pathway of vmbo. The deelstaatsexamen is taken before a state board of examiners under the same conditions and at the same time as the staatsexamen and leads to a Certificaat staatsexamen for each subject passed.

Delkompetansebevis
Country: Norway
Grammatical variants: Delkompetansebeviset, delkompetansebevisene
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: A ‘partial competence’ certificate awarded to testify that pupils/apprentices have completed a three-year or five-year period of training, but have not satisfied the conditions for receiving a diploma or a Fagbrev, Svennebrev (craft/journeyman's) certificate.

Delovodja/dkinja (+)
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Delovodje/dkinje, delovod*
Level: ISCED 4 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Title conferred by the Slovenian Chamber of Commerce and Industry on persons who have obtained the Spričevalo o delovodskem izpitu certificate. It indicates the field of specialisation before or after the word delovodja/dkinja (e.g. delovodja/dkinja v elektroenergetiki, gradbeni delovodja/dkinja). General term: Naziv poklicne/strokovne izobrazbe.

Delovodski izpit
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Delovodski izpiti, delovodsk* izpit*
Level: ISCED 4 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Foreman’s examination open to those who have satisfactorily completed 3-year vocational upper secondary education (poklicna šola) or 4-year technical upper secondary education (srednja strokovna šola) with at least 3 years of work experience. Those who pass this examination obtain a qualification at the level of technical upper secondary education. The content of the examination is determined by the Ministry of the Economy in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and consists of the following four (oral and written) parts: a practical part involving the preparation of a product or service; a professional part focusing on the subject of specialisation at the level of technical secondary school; a managerial part enabling candidates to demonstrate their ability to manage a working group; and a teaching/educational part enabling them to demonstrate the teaching skills needed to work with others in the lifelong learning process. Successful students obtain the Spričevalo o delovodskem izpitu certificate, while those who pass the examination with outstanding results receive the listina o odličnosti. If they also pass examinations in general subjects included in the Poklicna matura, they may enter the two-year višje strokovne šole.

DES
Country: Belgium (French Community), France
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplôme d'études spécialisées.

DESC
Country: France
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplôme d'études spécialisées complémentaires.

Designkandidat
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree and title obtained by students who pass final examinations at the end of four-and-a-half years of studies at a university or other tertiary education institution. The degree certificate may also be awarded to students holding a Høgskolekandidat (involving 3 years of study) who pass final examinations at the end of further university studies lasting one-and-a-half years.

DESS
Country: Belgium (French Community), France, Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées.

DET
Country: Portugal
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diploma de especialização tecnológica.

DEUG
Country: France
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplôme d'études universitaires générales.

DEUST
Country: France
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplôme d'études universitaires scientifiques et techniques.

DF2CEM
Country: France
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplôme de fin de deuxième cycle des études médicales.

DI
Country: Austria
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplom-Ingenieur. Titles obtained through study at a Fachhochschule are followed by the abbreviation FH.

DI
Country: Finland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplomi-insinööri.

Didaktor (+)
(Διδάκτωρ)
Country: Cyprus, Greece
Grammatical variants: Didaktores, didaktor*
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Title awarded to students who already hold the diploma Didaktoriko diploma (+). It is followed by the name of the subject of specialisation.

Didaktoriko diploma (+)
(Διδακτορικό δίπλωμα)
Country: Cyprus
Grammatical variants: Didaktorika diplomata, didaktorik* diplom*
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Doctorate awarded by universities after completion of advanced study and research lasting a minimum of 3 years, to:

• students who already hold the degree Master (+) in the field concerned, after preparation of a doctoral thesis which has been presented in public and approved by a university committee which assesses its originality and judges whether it makes a significant contribution to knowledge in that field;
• students with only a Ptychio (+) who, after satisfying legal procedures for second cycle studies, prepare a doctoral thesis as in the previous case.

This degree confers on its holder the title of Didaktor (+).

Didaktoriko diploma (+)
(Διδακτορικό δίπλωμα)
Country: Greece
Grammatical variants: Didaktorika diplomata, didaktorik* diplom*
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Doctoral degree awarded by a university institution (panepistimio, polytechnio) to students who have completed advanced study and research lasting a minimum of 3 years, and who either:

• already hold the degree Metaptychiako diploma eidekefsis (+), after preparation of a doctoral thesis which has been presented in public and approved by a seven-member university committee which assesses the originality of the thesis and judges whether it contributes significantly to knowledge in the chosen field;

• hold a Ptychio (+), after preparing a doctoral thesis as in the previous case.

The name of the degree, which confers the title of Didaktor (+), is followed by reference to the field concerned.

Dierenarts
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Qualification and title obtained by students who have successfully completed the 3-year first cycle of university studies in veterinary science leading to the Kandidaat in de (+), and then the 3-year second cycle. The qualification gives access to the profession of veterinary surgeon, as well as to the third cycle of university studies for those wishing to obtain the degree of Doctor in de (+). For information on examinations and the details indicated on the certificate, see Apotheker.

Diferencialni izpit
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Diferencialni izpit, diferencialn* izpit*
**Level**: ISCED 3 and 5  
**Explanatory note**: General term for special types of examination for pupils or students who would like to change their course of study in the middle of schooling (e.g. from a technical programme to a general gimnazija programme), or for those who do not have the certificate required for enrolment at school. The particular school determines what kind and type of programme candidates should have completed and the knowledge they have to demonstrate when examined. Examinations can be taken at the school or (in the case of tertiary education in particular) at the National Examinations Centre. Pupils or students who pass the examination can enrol for the programme concerned.

**Dip.**  
**Country**: Ireland  
**Level**: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Abbreviation of ♦ National Diploma (+).

**DipHE**  
**Country**: United Kingdom  
**Level**: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Abbreviation of ♦ Diploma of Higher Education.

**Dipl. (+)**  
**Country**: Germany  
**Level**: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Abbreviation of ♦ Diplom (+), which is supplemented by reference to the subject in abbreviated form, e.g. Dipl. -Ing. for Diplom-Ingenieur (graduate engineer). When awarded by a Fachhochschule or other tertiary education institution offering applied science courses, the suffix FH is added to the degree title.

**Dipl. (+)**  
**Country**: Slovenia  
**Level**: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Abbreviation of ♦ Diplomiranija/na (+), which is always followed by the abbreviation of the field of study concerned (for example dipl. inž. met.).

**Dipl.-Ing.**  
**Country**: Austria  
**Level**: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Abbreviation of the title ♦ Diplom-Ingenieur. Titles obtained through study at a Fachhochschule are followed by the abbreviation FH.

**Diplom (+)**  
**Country**: Austria  
**Grammatical variants**: Diplome, Diplom*  
**Level**: ISCED 3, 4 and 5  
**Explanatory note**: Diploma awarded to students who have passed the ♦ Absolutorium final examination at the end of technical tertiary education. The term for the diploma is always used with an indication of the professional field concerned, e.g. Diplomierte Gesundheits- und Krankenschwester (qualified nurse) obtained on completion of post-secondary non-tertiary education, or Diplomierte/r Physiotherapeut/in (qualified physiotherapist) obtained in tertiary education. The diploma gives access to the relevant profession.

**Diplom (+)**  
**Country**: Belgium (German-speaking Community)  
**Grammatical variants**: Diplome, Diplom*  
**Level**: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Professionally qualifying higher education certificate awarded to students who pass the final examination at the end of a 3-year course in the Nursing College (Krankenpflegeschule) or one of the two teacher training colleges (Pädagogische Hochschule). The final examination includes tests in all subjects covered and a final written dissertation presented to an examination board. The form of the certificate is centrally determined by government decree. The certificate indicates the area of specialisation, the topic of the final dissertation, the compulsory and optional subjects taken, and the overall examination mark obtained. Its full name always includes the area of specialisation, as in Diplom eines graduierten Krankenpflegers, Diplom eines Primarschullehrers, or Diplom einer Kindergärtnерin. The certificate entitles students to exercise the profession concerned and gives access to further study at another higher education institution or university.
last 2 or three-and-a-half years at the vyšší odborná škola, or 6 to 8 years at the konzervatoř (conservatoire). The diploma indicates the area of specialisation, gives access to employment, and confers on its holders the qualification of Diplomovaný specialista v oboru.

**Diplom**

**Country:** Estonia  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi, diplom  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:**  
- Diploma awarded at the end of vocational tertiary education programmes (diplomiõpe, kutsekõrgharidusõpe, rakenduskõrgharidusõpe) to students who have completed the curriculum and passed the final examination or successfully defended their final dissertation. It gives access to a Master’s course (magistriõpe) in accordance with the conditions and pursuant to the procedure established by the board of the educational institution concerned.  
- Diploma which is awarded together with the degrees of Bakalaureusekraad, Magistrikraad and Doktorikraad, and which certifies them.

**Diplom (+)**

**Country:** Germany  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplome, Diplom*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Professional title conferred on students who have obtained the Diplomgrad degree. It is followed by reference to the field of study concerned, e.g. Diplom-Ingenieur (graduate engineer), Diplom-Psychologe (graduate psychologist). When awarded by a Fachhochschule or other tertiary education institution offering applied science courses, the suffix Fachhochschule or FH is added to the degree title; when awarded by the Berufsakademie, the suffix B.A. is added. Abbreviation: Dipl. (+).

**Diploma**

(∆ίπλωμα)  
**Country:** Cyprus  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplomata, diplom*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by public and private schools of tertiary education (dimo-sies scholes tritovathmias ekpaedesis, idiotikes scholes tritovathmias ekpaedesis) after completion of studies of two years duration, to candidates who have passed the examinations in all subjects studied. The qualification indicates the field of specialisation, the title, the overall mark and the grade obtained. It gives access to employment in the field concerned, as well as to further university studies leading to Anotero diploma.

**Diploma (+)**

(∆ίπλωμα)  
**Country:** Greece  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplomata, diplom*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:**  
- Degree of completion of university studies lasting from 4 to 6 years, awarded by an institution of polytechnic tertiary education (polytechnio) to candidates who have passed the examinations in all subjects studied. The diploma indicates the field of specialisation, the title, the overall mark and the grade obtained. It gives access to employment in the field concerned, as well as to second-cycle university studies. The name of the degree is always accompanied by the name of that field.  
- Synonym for Psychio (+) for polytechnic tertiary education.

**Diploma**

**Country:** Slovenia  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplome, diplom*  
**Level:** ISCED 5 and 6  
**Explanatory note:** Qualification awarded to students who have successfully completed different types of academic or professional study programme and passed the Diplomski izpit examination at akademija, fakulteta or visoka strokovna šola. The qualification includes the name of the educational institution, the field of study and the professional or academic title and is awarded by the institution concerned. Depending on the type of programme and institution, it confers on its holder one of the various first or second academic or professional titles. See Akademska/ka (+), Diplomirani/na (+), Doktor/ica (+), Magister/tra farmacije, Magister/trica umetnosti, Magister/trica znanosti, Profesor/ica, Specialist/ka (+) and Univerzitetni/na diplomirani/na (+). These titles are regulated by the Professional and Academic Titles Act: professional titles are used after the name, and academic titles before it. The qualification gives access to the labour market or further tertiary education.

**Diplóma**

**Country:** Iceland  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplóma, diplómur  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Qualification awarded by a tertiary education institution (háskóli) at the end of 1½-2 year practical studies in the field of languages, educational sciences and business to
students who have passed the Diploma-próf examination. It gives access to further university studies in the corresponding field leading to the BA-gráda or BS-gráda. The completion of studies confers no collective title.

**Diplomă de absolvire**  
**Country:** Romania  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de absolvire  
**Level:** ISCED 3 and 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma certifying the completion of upper secondary vocational studies (școala profesională or școala de ucenici) or short university studies (colegiu universitar – 3 years), issued to students who have passed the Examen de absolvire. In all cases, it indicates the field of specialisation and gives access to the profession or (for students of university level) to the continuation of university studies lasting 4 to 6 years in a similar field leading to Diplomă de licență, Diplomă de inginer diplomat or Diplomă de arhitect diplomat.

**Diplomă de arhitect diplomat**  
**Country:** Romania  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de arhitect diplomat  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree certifying the completion of university studies (universitate) in architecture lasting 6 years, awarded to students who have passed the examination Examen de diplomă. The degree indicates the field of specialisation and confers the title Arhitect diplomat. It gives access to employment and/or to specialised second-cycle or doctoral studies leading to Diplomă postuniversitară de specializare, Diplomă de studii academice postuniversitare, Diplomă de studii aprofundate or, in the case of doctoral studies, Diplomă de doctor.

**Diplomă de bacalaureat**  
**Country:** Romania  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de bacalaureat  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by liceu to students who have passed the final national examination Examen de bacalaureat after 4 or 5 years of upper secondary education. It indicates the subjects taken and results obtained in the examination. It is a basic qualification for entry to tertiary education (universitate, academie or institut).

**Diploma de conclusão da parte curricular do Mestrado**  
**Country:** Portugal  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplomas de conclusão da parte curricular do Mestrado  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by universities (universidade), to students who have passed the curricular units of the specialisation course for the Mestrado degree. Assessment covers both the written work submitted, and oral and written examinations marked on a scale from 0 to 20. Candidates can additionally obtain the Carta Magistral.

**Diplomă de doctor**  
**Country:** Romania  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de doctor  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Advanced research degree in various fields which is awarded by the institution concerned (universitate, academie, institut or research institutions) to students who have passed the examination Teză de doctorat at the end of a 4-year doctoral programme accredited by the Ministry of Education and Research. In order to embark on the programme, candidates must hold one of the following qualifications Diplomă de licență, Diplomă de arhitect diplomat or Diplomă de inginer diplomat. The degree indicates the field of specialisation and confers on its holder the title of Doctor. It gives access to employment in research or the academic profession.

**Diploma de ensino básico**  
**Country:** Portugal  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplomas de ensino básico  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate which is awarded by the school at the end of the 9 years of compulsory education (ensino básico), divided into three cycles, to pupils who are successful in the final assessment of the third cycle but with no final examination. The certificate is awarded by the school board and indicates the subjects studied and grade obtained. It entitles its holder to proceed to upper secondary education. The Diploma de qualificação profissional de nível 2 is equivalent to it.

**Diploma de especialização tecnológica**  
**Country:** Portugal  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplomas de especialização tecnológica  
**Level:** ISCED 4  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who have completed a technological specialisation course in a public or private escola profissional, a public or private escola secundária which is autonomous in the area of teaching, an escola tecnológica under the Ministry of Economy, a
vocational training centre under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour, or a tertiary education institution such as a university or a polytechnic institution (universidade or instituto politécnico). A course of this kind lasts between 1200 and 1560 hours. The curriculum includes subjects in the scientific/technological and socio-cultural areas, plus a training period at the workplace that may last between 360 and 720 hours. The certificate indicates the name of the institution and the course, and the mark obtained on the basis of continuous internal assessment. It gives access to employment and as a specialised technician. Holders of the certificate obtain a level 4 professional qualification and may also, under certain circumstances, embark on tertiary education. Abbreviation: DET.

**Diploma de estudos secundários**

**Country:** Portugal  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplomas de estudos secundários  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who successfully complete the 3 years of upper secondary education (ensino secundário), either in general courses (CG) or technological courses (CT) in a escola secundária, and who have passed the Exame final de âmbito nacional. The certificate indicates the subjects and the final assessment and, in the case of foreign languages, the number of years they have been learnt. This certificate entitles pupils to embark on tertiary education and gives access to employment. The Diploma de qualificação profissional de nível 3 is equivalent to it.

**Diplomă de inginer diplomat**  
**Country:** Romania  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de inginer diplomat  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree certifying the completion of university studies (universitate) in engineering lasting 5 years, which is awarded to students who have passed the examination Examen de diplomă. It indicates the field of specialisation and confers the title Inginer diplomat. It gives access to employment and/or to specialised second-cycle or doctoral studies leading to Diplomă postuniversitară de specialisare, Diplomă de studii academice post-universitare, Diplomă de studii aprofundate, Diplomă de Master or, in the case of doctoral studies, Diplomă de doctor.

**Diplomă de licenţă**  
**Country:** Romania  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de licenţă  

**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree certifying the completion of university studies (universitate, academie or institut) lasting 4 or 6 years, which is awarded to students who pass the examination Examen de licenţă. It indicates the field of specialisation and confers the title Licenţiat. It gives access to employment and/or to specialised second-cycle or doctoral studies leading to Diplomă postuniversitară de specialisare, Diplomă de studii academice post-universitare, Diplomă de studii aprofundate, Diplomă de Master or, in the case of doctoral studies, Diplomă de doctor.

**Diplomă de Master**  
**Country:** Romania  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de Master  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded to students who pass the examination Dizertaţie at the end of advanced study and research lasting 1 to 2 years (universitate, academie or institut). The degree indicates the specialisation obtained and confers the title Master. This qualification gives access to relevant professions and doctoral studies leading to Diplomă de doctor.

**Diplomă de merit**  
**Country:** Romania  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de merit  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded on the completion of general, vocational or technological upper secondary education at liceu to students who have obtained a minimum score of 9.5 (on a scale of 1 to 10) during all 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 2**  
**Country:** Portugal  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplomas de qualificação profissional de nível 2  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who have completed an initial vocational training course or a level 2 vocational qualification course in an escola profissional, an escola básica, an escola secundária, or a set of technical training supplementary credits in second-chance education, qualifying them for a given occupation. The certificate indicates the subjects and grade of the course, and is recognised as equivalent to the Diploma de ensino básico. It gives access to employment and to upper secondary education.
Diploma de qualificação profissional de nível 3  
**Country:** Portugal  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplomas de qualificação profissional de nível 3  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed a 3-year technological upper secondary course (CT) in an escola secundária, or a vocational upper secondary course in an escola profissional. The certificate issued by vocational schools (escola profissional) indicates the final assessment based on the pupil’s average grade and the final assessment in the Prova de aptidão profissional. It confers on its holders the title of intermediate technician, entitles them to embark on tertiary education and gives access to employment. It is also recognised as equivalent to the Diploma de estudos secundários.

**Diplomă de studii academică postuniversitară**  
**Country:** Romania  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de studii academică postuniversitară  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded to candidates who pass the final examination at the end of 1 to 2 years of advanced research courses which may be organised by research centres, independent from or attached to institutions of university level (universitate, academie or institut). The examination content and requirements depend on each institution. The degree indicates the field of specialisation and gives access to employment.

**Diplomă de studii aprofundate**  
**Country:** Romania  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma de studii aprofundate  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded to students who pass the examination Dizertatie at the end of advanced study and research lasting one to one-and-a-half or two years at a universitate, academie or institut. The degree indicates the field of specialisation and gives access to the relevant profession.

**Diploma di Accademia di Belle Arti**  
**Country:** Italy  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi di Accademia di Belle Arti  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by Accademia di Belle Arti (Academies of Fine Arts), at the end of studies lasting 4 years, to students who pass the examinations in all subjects, plus the final test. This test involves writing and presenting an assignment on an artistic subject, as well as creative work in the student’s field of specialisation. The diploma indicates this field and the title (e.g. Diploma di licenza in pittura for studies in painting). It gives access to employment in the field concerned.

**Diploma di Laurea (+)**  
**Country:** Italy  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi di Laurea  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:**  
- In the case of students enrolled before the 2001/02 academic year, degree awarded by university institutions (università, istituti universitari, politecnici) at the end of studies lasting from 4 to 6 years. It gives access to employment and to study for advanced research degrees (e.g. courses leading to the Dottorato di Ricerca).  
- With effect from the 2001/02 academic year, degree awarded by university institutions at the end of first-cycle studies lasting 3 years (corresponding to 180 credits). It gives access to employment and to study for second degrees (e.g. courses leading to the Laurea specialistica, Master di I livello, Corso di specializzazione di I livello).

In either case, students have to pass the examinations in all subjects (Esame di profitto) plus the final examination Esame di laurea. The degree indicates the field, the title and the grade only if it is the maximum grade. Upon special request, candidates receive a certificate setting out all the subjects studied and the marks received in each. Since the 1998/99 academic year, the diploma di laurea in scienze della formazione primaria has qualified its holders to teach in pre-primary and primary education. The title conferred is Dottore/ssa. Abbreviation: DL. Standard name: Laurea.

**Diploma di Laurea Specialistica (+)**  
**Country:** Italy  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi di Laurea Specialistica  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** With effect from the 2001/02 academic year, second degree awarded by university institutions (università, istituti universitari, politecnici) at the end of studies lasting 2 years (after the Diploma di Laurea (+)), to students who pass the examination in all subjects (corresponding to 120 credits) and the final examination Esame di laurea specialistica. Some courses last 5 years (those in veterinary medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and architecture) or 6 years (medicine and surgery) and are not based on the Diploma di Laurea. The degree indicates the field, the title and the grade only if it is the maximum grade. The title conferred is Dottore/ssa specialista.
Diploma di licenza elementare
Country: Italy
Grammatical variants: Diplomi di licenza elementare
Level: ISCED 1
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by the school at the end of primary education, lasting 5 years, to pupils who pass the final examination Esame di licenza elementare. This certificate provides a general assessment of their abilities and gives access to secondary education.

Diploma di licenza media
Country: Italy
Grammatical variants: Diplomi di licenza media
Level: ISCED 2
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 provides a general assessment of their abilities, and gives access to upper secondary education.

Diploma di maestro d’arte
Country: Italy
Grammatical variants: Diplomi di maestro d’arte
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to pupils who pass the final examination Esame di licenza di maestro d’arte at the end of the first 3-year cycle of art studies in secondary education in an istituto d’arte. The diploma indicates the area of specialisation and the marks obtained. The title conferred is Maestro d’arte. This diploma gives access to employment or to the second cycle of art studies in secondary education in an istituto d’arte.

In the case of students enrolled before 2001/02, second degree awarded by university institutions (università, istituti universitari, politecnici) at the end of further specialised studies lasting at least 2 years, to those who have already obtained the Diploma di Laurea (+) and who pass the examinations in all subjects, as well as the final examination Esame di specializzazione.

With effect from the 2001/02 academic year, second degree awarded by university institutions at the end of further specialised studies lasting from 1 to 3 years (1 year in the case of those who hold the Diploma di Laurea specialistica (+), and 3 years for holders of the Diploma di Laurea (+)), to students who pass the examinations in all subjects (obtaining from 60 to 180 credits) and the final examination Esame di specializzazione. The degree indicates the specialisation and the grade only if it is the maximum grade, and gives access to employment. It confers on its holders the title of Specializzato in (+). Abbreviation: DS.

Diploma di superamento dell’esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore
Country: Italy
Grammatical variants: Diploma di superamento dell’esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Diploma which, since 1998/99, has replaced 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 indicates the area of specialisation (e.g. Diploma di superamento dell’esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di Liceo classico), 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 tertiary education (candidates who have followed 4 years of upper secondary education must still complete an extra year of study), as well as to employment. Titles conferred on holders of the diploma are Diplomato dell’istruzione secondaria superiore.
Diploma epaggelmatikis katartisis

(Dίπλωμα επαγγελματικής κατάρτισης)

**Country:** Greece

**Grammatical variants:** Diploma epaggelmatikis katartisis, diplom*

**Level:** ISCED 4

**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 lykeio or in a technico epaggelmatiko ekpaedeftirio (TEE). It is awarded by a vocational training institution (instituto epaggelmatikis katartisis, or IEK) to students who pass the examinations in all subjects studied, obtain the certificate of completion of their practical training placement, and pass the final examination before an examining board appointed by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs. The diploma gives access to employment in the field of specialisation.

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Diploma in (+)

**Country:** Malta

**Level:** ISCED 4 and 5

**Explanatory note:**
- Diploma awarded to students who successfully complete a course lasting 2-4 years at the Institute of Tourism Studies, in different areas of the hospitality industry (e.g. hospitality management), usually subsequent to studies leading to a Certificate in (+). The diploma indicates the field of specialisation and grades (distinction, credit or pass). Students are continuously assessed through a combination of practical and assignment-based activities appropriate to the subject concerned. The modules of the course include assessment by final examination at the end of each semester. The diploma gives access to employment or to appropriate studies at the University of Malta, leading to a Bachelor’s degree.
- Diploma awarded by the University of Malta to students who successfully complete a programme of 1, 2 or 3 years’ duration in various fields, such as management studies, nursing, etc. The diploma indicates only the area of specialisation and gives access to job opportunities in related fields. Students are assessed by means of a final examination and a dissertation. The diploma gives access to further studies and, in some cases, to a Bachelor’s Degree.

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Diploma in de verpleegkunde

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level:** ISCED 4

**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to pupils who pass the examinations held on completion of the 3-year fourth stage of vocational secondary education in nursing. The written, oral and/ or practical examinations are organised by the individual school or teacher and cover all subjects studied. The diploma indicates its title and the name of the institution, and gives men or women access to the nursing profession. Note: courses in nursing are also offered at hogeschoolen. See Gegradueerde in de (+).

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Diploma middelbaar beroepsonderwijs

**Country:** The Netherlands

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

**Level:** ISCED 2, 3 and 4

**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to students in vocational secondary education after obtaining the Certificaat middelbaar beroepsonderwijs in all tests for prescribed sections in the corresponding training programme. The diploma indicates the type of course and its level. Abbreviation: Diploma mbo.

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Diploma of Higher Education (+)

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** A tertiary education qualification awarded on successful completion of a short course (normally 2 years full time, although some institutions offer 1-year courses) usually in a specialised or vocational subject (e.g. nursing or industrial minerals technology). Courses are offered by universities and other tertiary education institutions and, in some cases, further education institutions. They are of a standard equivalent
to the first 2 years of a first degree programme. Individual institutions determine assessment procedures and also the information (such as grades) included on the corresponding certificate; the subject area would normally be indicated. The qualification will be incorporated into the new frameworks for higher education qualifications at ‘Intermediate level’ (I) or, in Scotland, ‘SHE level 2’/SCQF level 8. These qualifications are recognised for progression within tertiary education (for example to a Bachelor’s degree) and by employers, and in some cases may lead to professional accreditation. Certain institutions use different terms for the qualification, such as University Diploma (+) or College Diploma (+). The name of the qualification is normally followed by reference to the field of study concerned. Abbreviation: Diploma.

Diplomă postuniversitară de specialisare
Country: Romania
Grammatical variants: Diploma postuniversitară de specialisare
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Degree awarded at the end of a 1-year supplementary advanced research course to students who pass the final examination Colocviu held by each institution (universitate, academie or institut). The Diplomă de licenţă, Diplomă de arhitect diplomat or Diplomă de inginer diplomat is required in order to embark on the course. The degree indicates the field of specialisation, in which it gives access to employment.

Diploma secundair onderwijs
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to pupils who have already obtained the Getuigschrift (tweede graad secundair onderwijs), and who pass the final written and oral examinations held at the end of the 2-year third stage of secondary general, technical or art education. In vocational education, the diploma is awarded to those who have already obtained the Getuigschrift (tweede graad secundair onderwijs), and who pass the final examinations held on completion of the 3-year third stage or the first year of the 3-year fourth stage of vocational secondary education. The written, oral or practical examinations are set by the individual school and cover all subjects studied. In the vocational, technical and art branches, there is a combined test, the so-called geïntegreerde proef, which is a kind of practical examination held at the end of the third stage and the years of specialisation (3-year third stage). The test forms part of the overall assessment.

After the completion of compulsory education, this diploma may also be obtained in adult education, or with the approval of the Examining Board of the Flemish Community. The diploma is a basic requirement for entry to tertiary education. As far as the vocational, technical and art branches are concerned, it also gives access in most cases to the corresponding profession or occupation. Abbreviation: Diploma SO.

Diploma SO
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diploma secundair onderwijs.

Diploma staatsexamen
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Diploma’s staatsexamen
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: Leaving certificate awarded to pupils who pass the Staatsexamen before a state board of examiners on completion of general secondary education (havo, vwo or the theoretical learning pathway of vmbo). The Minister of Education determines the blueprint for this qualification. The certificates awarded via the staatsexamen are the diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (theoretical learning pathway), the diploma staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs and the diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs.

Diploma staatsexamen havo, vmbo, vwo
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Diploma’s staatsexamen havo, vmbo, vwo
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of diploma staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs, diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs, and diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs. See Diploma staatsexamen.

Diploma staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Diploma’s staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: For further information, see Diploma staatsexamen. Abbreviation: Diploma staatsexamen havo.
**Diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma's staatsexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** For further information, see ♦ Diploma staatsexamen. Abbreviation: Diploma staatsexamen vmbo.

**Diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma's staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** For further information, see ♦ Diploma staatsexamen. Abbreviation: Diploma staatsexamen vwo.

**Diploma Superiore per le Industrie Artistiche**

**Country:** Italy  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplomi Superiori per le Industrie Artistiche  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by higher institutes of the art industry (Istituto Superiore per le Industrie Artistiche, or ISIA), at the end of studies lasting 4 years, to students who pass the examinations in all subjects, plus the final test which involves writing and presenting an assignment on a practical project. The candidate's achievements throughout the course are also taken into consideration. The diploma indicates the field, the area of 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:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree which has been phased out, with 2000/01 the last year in which students could enrol. It was awarded by university institutions (università, istituti universitari, politecnici) at the end of studies lasting 2-3 years, to those who passed the examinations in all subjects, plus the final examination ♦ Esame di diploma universitario. The degree indicated the field, the title, the subjects studied, and the grade only if it was the maximum grade. Upon special request, candidates could receive a certificate setting out all the marks received. The title conferred was ♦ Diplomato universitario (+). Abbreviation: DU.

**Diploma višje šole**

**Country:** Slovenia  
**Grammatical variants:** Diplome višje šole, diplom* višje šole  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to students who have successfully completed 2 years of a tertiary vocational programme and passed the ♦ Diplomski izpit examination at višja strokovna šola. The diploma indicates the name of the educational institution, the programme, and the title of the vocational qualification ♦ Naziv poklicne/strokovne izobrazbe. It is awarded by the višja strokovna šola and gives access to the labour market and to the second year of certain tertiary professionally oriented programmes at visoka strokovna šola or fakulteta.

**Diploma vmbo, havo, mbo, vwo**

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma's vmbo, havo, mbo, vwo  
**Level:** ISCED 2, 3 and 4  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviations of ♦ Diploma voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs, ♦ Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs, ♦ Diploma middelbaar beroepsonderwijs and ♦ Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs. Synonyms:Vmbo-diploma, havo-diploma, vwo-diploma, mbo-diploma.

**Diploma voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma's voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs  
**Level:** ISCED 2 and 4  
**Explanatory note:** Leaving certificate awarded to pupils who pass the two parts of the ♦ Eindexamen in the final (fourth) year of general lower secondary education (vmbo, or voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs). The Minister of Education determines the blueprint for this certificate which indicates the type of school, the subjects passed and the learning pathway selected for study. It also indicates the level at which the programme has been studied, the marks obtained for each examination subject in the internal ♦ Schoolexamen and national ♦ Centraal examen, the final marks and the result of the eindexamen. The diploma gives access to vocational education. Abbreviation: Diploma vmbo.

**Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Diploma's voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs
Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie
(Диплом за завършена степен на висшето образование)
**Country**: Bulgaria
**Grammatical variants**: Diplomi za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie
**Level**: ISCED 5 and 6
**Explanatory note**: Degree certifying the completion of non-university tertiary studies (koléj) lasting 3 years, first- or second-cycle university studies (lasting 4 years and 1 year, respectively) or long-cycle university studies (lasting 5-6 years) at universities. It is awarded by the institution concerned to students who have defended a final thesis or passed the Durjaven izpit examination. The degree certificate indicates the average of the marks obtained in all 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. The degree confers on its holder the professional title of Specialist po (+) (after non-university studies), Bakalavur (first-cycle university studies) which gives access to the first level of university studies, Magistur (second- or long-cycle university education) which gives access to the second level of university studies or to the advanced research programme, or Magistur (second- or long-cycle university education) which gives access to advanced study and research, as well as to the labour market.

• Advanced research degree awarded to students who have successfully completed 4 years of advanced study and research, and publicly defended a doctoral thesis. Doctoral studies are organised by universities, specialised tertiary education institutions or scientific bodies. The degree gives access to employment as a researcher. It confers on its holder the title of Doktor. The title of doktor na naukite in the field of research concerned is conferred on candidates who have publicly defended a thesis relating to an individual or original academic research project (of no specified duration).

**Diploma za zavurcheno sredno obrazovanie**
(Диплом за завършена степен на средното образование)
**Country**: Bulgaria
**Grammatical variants**: Diplomi za zavurcheno sredno obrazovanie
**Level**: ISCED 3
**Explanatory note**: Certificate awarded by the educational institution concerned to pupils who have completed the last grade (year) and passed the Durjaven zrelosten izpit final examination. The certificate indicates the field of specialisation, the average marks obtained in general and ‘orientation’ courses during the last 3 years of study, and the marks in the final examination. It gives access to employment and to tertiary education.

**Diplomado en (+)**
**Country**: Spain
**Grammatical variants**: Diplomada/os en
**Level**: ISCED 5
**Explanatory note**: Title conferred on students who have received the Diplomatura en (+) degree. It is followed by the name of the field of specialisation concerned.

**Diplóma-próf**
**Country**: Iceland
**Grammatical variants**: Diplóma-prófi , diplóma-prófs
**Level**: ISCED 5
**Explanatory note**: Examination consisting of a series of tests for students held by a tertiary education institution (háskóli) throughout their course in the field of languages, educational sciences and business. The content and assessment of the examination vary. It is the responsibility of the faculty concerned and is compulsory for those wishing to obtain the Diplóma.

**Diplom-Architekt**
**Country**: Liechtenstein
**Grammatical variants**: Diplom-Architekten
**Level**: ISCED 5
**Explanatory note**: Synonym for Master of Science. See Master of (+).

**Diplomato dell’istruzione secondaria superiore**
**Country**: Italy
**Grammatical variants**: Diplomata, diplomati, diplomate dell’istruzione secondaria superiore
**Level**: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the Diploma di superamento dell’esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore in general education courses.

**Diplomato universitario (+)**

Country: Italy

Grammatical variants: Diplomata universitaria, diplomi universitari, diplome universitarie

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred on students enrolled before 2001/02 who have obtained the Diploma universitario. The full title includes reference to the field concerned.

**Diplomatura en (+)**

Country: Spain

Grammatical variants: Diplomaturas en

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Degree awarded at the end of the first (3-year) cycle of university studies, generally in an Escuela Universitaria, to students who have passed the examinations required under the programme. These examinations are organised by each institution and cover every subject taken. The certificate indicates the (technical, scientific or artistic) area of specialisation. It gives access to the profession and/or to the second cycle of university studies leading to the title of Licenciado (+), or Ingeniero en/de (+), or Arquitecto, or Titulado Superior en (+). It confers on its holder the title of Diplomado en (+).

**Diplôme d’accès aux études universitaires**

Country: France

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by accredited universities to those who have passed an individual examination held on completion of a preparatory year of university education. The examination consists of written and oral parts to assess, on the one hand, knowledge and general level of education and, on the other, the approach and expertise of prospective students in relation to the requirements of tertiary education. It is intended for those who have discontinued their initial studies for at least two years. The certificate indicates the kind of work (littéraire or scientifique) for which they are equipped and gives access to tertiary education. Abbreviation: DAEU.

**Diplôme d’Aptitude à accéder à l’Enseignement Supérieur**

Country: Belgium (French Community)

Level: ISCED 4

Explanatory note: Diploma awarded by the French Community Examining Board to students who have passed the Examen d’Aptitude à accéder à l’Enseignement Supérieur held mainly at the end of the third cycle corresponding to the end of vocational upper secondary education in the case of pupils who have obtained the Certificat d’Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur. It gives access to university or non-university tertiary education. Abbreviation: DAES.

**Diplôme d’Éducateur**

Country: Luxembourg

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Qualification awarded by the Ministry of Education on successful completion of 3 years of upper secondary studies at the Institut d’Études Éducatives et Sociales (IESS, or institute of educational and social studies). The IESS is being incorporated into the new Université du Luxembourg with effect from October 2003. The training is open 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, they sit a final examination organised by the Ministry. Marks obtained in dissertations, as well as during the entire course, are taken into account in awarding the qualification which indicates the chosen area of specialisation and gives access to occupations in the socio-educational field.

**Diplôme d’éducateur gradué**

Country: Luxembourg

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Qualification awarded on successful completion of 3 years of tertiary level studies at the Institut d’Études Éducatives et Sociales (IESS, or institute of educational and social studies), which is being incorporated into the new Université du Luxembourg with effect from October 2003. The training is open to holders of a Diplôme de fin d’études secondaires. At the end of the third year, students sit a final examination organised by the Ministry. The overall marks awarded take account of the marks obtained in dissertations, as well as during the entire course. The qualification indicates the chosen area of specialisation and gives access to occupations in the socio-educational field. The title of Éducateur gradué is conferred on its holders.

**Diplôme d’État d’audioprothésiste**

Country: France

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: National diploma awarded by universities accredited by the minister responsible for higher education, to students who have satisfactorily completed three years of university
studies in the treatment of auditory impairments using prostheses or other devices. The diploma gives access to the corresponding profession.

Diplôme d’État d’infirmier/ère  
**Country:** Luxembourg  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Qualification awarded to pupils who pass the final examination at the end of technical upper secondary education (lasting 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 tertiary education.

Diplôme d’État de docteur (+)  
**Country:** France  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded by universities accredited by the minister responsible for higher education, to students who have successfully completed studies in medicine (lasting 9-11 years), dentistry (6-8 years) or pharmacy (6-9 years) and successfully defended a thesis. The first year is common to studies in medicine, dentistry and midwifery. On completion of this year, examinations are held to rank candidates competitively and admit just a limited number (regulated annually by field and institution) to the second year of studies in medicine, dentistry and midwifery. Students have to select one of these three fields in accordance with their ranking in the examination and the numerus clausus established for each field. The same degree may also be obtained after third-cycle non-university studies in veterinary medicine (involving two years in a Classe Préparatoire aux Grandes Écoles and then four years of study and the defence of a thesis in an école vétérinaire). The degree, which is referred to as d’exercice (indicating that its holder is professionally qualified), gives access to the corresponding profession provided, in the case of medicine, that it is accompanied by a Diplôme d’études spécialisées or an attestation de qualification en médecine générale (document testifying that its holder is qualified in general medicine). The name of the degree is always followed by reference to the chosen field, for example Diplôme d’État de docteur en médecine. The qualification confers on its holder the title of Docteur en (+).

Diplôme d’État de sage-femme  
**Country:** France  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by universities accredited by the minister responsible for higher education, to students who have satisfac-

Diplôme d’études approfondies  
**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded on completion of at least one or two years of third-cycle studies (over 2 years in some fields) to those who have already obtained a university degree or qualification in long non-university tertiary education (Licence en (+), Ingénieur (+) or Maîtrise en (+)) and who have passed the curricular examinations organised by their institution in each subject. The degree indicates the field of study, the subjects taken and the final marks obtained. In some universities, it is one of the requirements for admission to courses leading to the Doctorat en (+). Abbreviation: DEA.

Diplôme d’études approfondies  
**Country:** France  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded to students who have submitted a final dissertation (mémoire) and passed the examinations held on completion of one year of third-cycle university studies open to holders of the Maîtrise. The degree testifies to a year of research on a specific subject. The final (written and oral) examinations are prepared by the institution concerned and relate to the subjects studied. The degree indicates the field of specialisation and provides a grounding for work leading to the Doctorat. In the new system, it will be replaced by the Diplôme de master (recherche). Abbreviation: DEA.

Diplôme d’études complémentaires  
**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded on completion of at least one year of university studies (after the qualification of Candidature en (+), Licence en (+), Ingénieur (+) or Maîtrise en (+) obtained in a university or an institution for long-cycle ter-
tiary education) to students who have passed the curricular examinations organised by their institution in each subject. These studies are intended to expand on or broaden basic studies in the same field or a different one. The degree indicates the field of study, all the subjects taken and the final marks obtained. Abbreviation: DEC.

**Diplôme d'études spécialisées**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded on completion of at least one year (and a maximum of two years except in special cases) of specialised studies (after the † Licence en (+), † Ingénieur (+) or † Maîtrise en (+) obtained in a university or an institution for long-cycle tertiary education) to students who have passed the curricular examinations organised by their institution in each subject. This third-cycle degree indicates the field of specialisation, the subjects taken and the final marks obtained. Abbreviation: DES.

**Diplôme d'études spécialisées**

**Country:** France

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by universities accredited by the minister responsible for higher education, to students on hospital placements who have completed their theoretical and practical university and hospital training in a specialised medical or pharmaceutical field. Procedures for recognising the satisfactory completion of training are the responsibility of each institution concerned, acting in accordance with national curricular guidelines. The name of the diploma is appended to the † Diplôme d’État de docteur (+) and indicates the field in which its holder has specialised. The qualification gives access to professional activity in that field. Abbreviation: DES.

**Diplôme d'études spécialisées complémentaires**

**Country:** France

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Diploma testifying to the satisfactory completion of further specialised training supplementing the † Diplôme d'études spécialisées for students on hospital placements. The so-called ‘group II’ diplomas, which enable those who study for them to specialise more narrowly in certain fields, correspond to a precise qualification (for example, in thoracic and cardio-vascular surgery, maxillofacial surgery and stomatology, infantile surgery, etc.). The work entailed lasts three years, two of which are spent on a hospital placement. Abbreviation: DESC.

**Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by the Hautes Écoles, at the end of one or two years of long non-university tertiary education (after the qualification of † Licence en (+), † Ingénieur (+) or † Maîtrise en (+)), to those who have completed a placement concerned with research and development practice in a professional environment and an end-of-course work assignment, and have passed the examinations organised by the institution. The diploma indicates the field of specialisation, the subjects taken and the final marks obtained. Abbreviation: DESS.

**Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées**

**Country:** France

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to students who have passed the final examinations held on completion of one year of third-cycle studies, including a compulsory in-company placement. These courses are open to holders of the † Maîtrise (or an equivalent qualification). The (written and oral) examinations are prepared by the institution concerned and relate to all the subjects studied. Candidates also have to submit a placement report. The diploma indicates the field of specialisation and gives access to the labour market. In the new system, it will be replaced by the † Diplôme de master (professionnel). Abbreviation: DESS.

**Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées**

**Country:** Luxembourg

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Qualification awarded by the Centre universitaire which is being incorporated into the new Université du Luxembourg with effect from October 2003. The qualification has been offered since the 1999/2000 academic year at the end of specialised third-cycle university studies in the field of contentieux communautaires (1 year). Abbreviation: DESS.

**Diplôme d'études universitaires générales**

**Country:** France

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Intermediate qualification awarded to those who have passed the required examinations in the first-cycle programme of university studies lasting two years. The examinations are prepared by the institution concerned and relate to each subject studied. The qualification indicates the main subject and gives access to second-cycle university studies leading to the degree of † Licence or † Licence professionnelle. Abbreviation: DEUG.
**Diplôme d’études universitaires scientifiques et techniques**  
*Country:* France  
*Level:* ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to those who have passed the required examinations in the programme of short university studies lasting two years, which includes an in-company placement. The examinations are prepared by the institution concerned and relate to the subjects studied. The diploma indicates the subject of specialisation and gives access to the labour market or studies leading to the Licence professionnelle. Abbreviation: DEUST.

**Diplôme d’Ingénieur industriel**  
*Country:* Luxembourg  
*Level:* ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Qualification awarded by institutions administered by the Ministry of Culture, Higher Education and Research, at the end of four years of studies at the Institut Supérieur de Technologie (IST, or higher institute of technology) which is being incorporated into the new Université du Luxembourg with effect from October 2003. In order to obtain this qualification, students have 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 performance during the course. There are four fields of specialisation, namely mechanical engineering, electronic engineering, civil engineering and applied computer science engineering. The qualification provides for immediate access to employment, as well as enrolment for courses in university institutions abroad. It confers on its holder the title of Ingénieur industriel.

**Diplôme de fin d’études secondaires**  
*Country:* Luxembourg  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Qualification awarded to pupils who pass the Examen de fin d’études secondaires held at the end of general secondary education (lasting 7 years). The marks obtained in this examination are specified in an annexe to the qualification. The latter indicates the area of specialisation and gives access to all forms of tertiary education.

**Diplôme de fin d’études secondaires techniques**  
*Country:* Luxembourg  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Qualification awarded to pupils who pass the Examen de fin d’études secondaires techniques, at the end of technical upper secondary education. The qualification indicates the section as well as the branches in which pupils have been examined, and gives access to working life and all forms of tertiary education.

**Diplôme de fin de deuxième cycle des études médicales**  
*Country:* France  
*Level:* ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma testifying to the completion of the first six years of studies in medicine, which is awarded by universities accredited by the ministry responsible for awarding the diplôme d’État de Docteur en (médecine). Abbreviation: DF2CEM.

**Diplôme de master**  
*Country:* France  
*Level:* ISCED 5 and 6  
**Explanatory note:** National degree established in April 2002, which testifies to two years of study (M1 and M2) open to holders of the Licence or Licence professionnelle. The degree corresponds to 120 European credits and should be equivalent to a total of 300 credits (5 years of study at university) subsequent to the Baccalauréat. It comprises a vocational option (master professionnel) or a research option (master recherche). Award of the degree is based on assessment provided for in the programme for each field of study, the preparation of a mémoire, and a proven grasp of at least one foreign language. The qualification gives access to the labour market. The second year of the master recherche involves initiating students into research and is regarded as an integral part of studies leading to the Doctorat (+). In the case of the master professionnel, access to doctoral studies depends on the decision taken by institutions in each individual case. The degree confers on its holder the title (grade) of Master.

**Diplôme de Premier Cycle Universitaire**  
*Country:* Luxembourg  
*Level:* ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by the Centre universitaire (which is being incorporated into the new Université du Luxembourg with effect from October 2003) on satisfactory completion of 2 years of university education in arts and social sciences, law, economics and science. Holders of the diploma may pursue their studies abroad. Abbreviation: DPCU.

**Diplôme de recherche technologique**  
*Country:* France  
*Level:* ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to those who have presented the final written dissertation (mémoire) on completion of one-and-a-half or
two years of third-cycle university studies open to holders of a Maitrise. The diploma testifies to the completion of technological research aimed at solving a problem related to the industrial or tertiary sectors, in close cooperation with a business undertaking. It indicates the area of specialisation and gives access to the labour market. In the new system, it is intended that it should be linked to studies leading to the Diplôme de master. Abbreviation: DRT.

**Diplôme de spécialisation**  
**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by the Hautes Écoles at the end of one year of further studies in short non-university tertiary education, to those who have passed the curricular examinations organised by their institution in each subject. The diploma indicates the field of specialisation, the subjects taken and the final marks obtained.

**Diplôme de technicien**  
**Country:** Luxembourg  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Qualification awarded at the end of the upper stage of training for technicians, to pupils who have passed the Examen de fin d'études du technicien. The qualification indicates the division (section) as well as the branches in which pupils have been examined. It gives access to employment at ‘technician’ level and to higher level technical studies in the area of specialisation chosen during training.

**Diplôme des grandes écoles**  
**Country:** France  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by the grandes écoles to students who have passed all required examinations in the programme of non-university tertiary studies (lasting 2-5 years) in the various fields of specialisation. The examinations are prepared by the institution concerned and vary from one field of specialisation to the next. The diploma indicates the field in question and gives access to the labour market or studies leading to the Diplôme de master. In certain cases, it confers on its holder the title of Ingénieur.

**Diplôme national de technologie spécialisée**  
**Country:** France  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to holders of the Brevet de technicien supérieur or Diplôme universitaire de technologie who have passed the required examinations in the programme of one-year vocational tertiary studies in the field of technology (involving block release for in-company training). The examinations are prepared by the institution concerned and vary from one field of specialisation to the next. The diploma indicates the field in question and enables its holder to take the competitive examination to recruit teachers for lycées professionnelles. Abbreviation: DNTS.

**Diplôme universitaire de technologie**  
**Country:** France  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to students whose continuous assessment has been satisfactory on completion of two years of university tertiary education in an institut universitaire de technologie (IUT). The diploma indicates the field of specialisation and gives access to the labour market, or to further studies leading to the Diplôme national de technologie spécialisée or Licence professionnelle. It confers on its holder the title of Technicien supérieur. Abbreviation: DUT.

**Diplôme universitaire de Technologie**  
**Country:** Luxembourg  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Qualification obtained on successful completion of short-term training in advanced management studies lasting 2 years at the Centre universitaire, which is being incorporated into the new Université du Luxembourg with effect from October 2003. Those awarded the qualification have to pass a final examination with dissertations and, 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 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 indicates the division of the section concerned as well as the marks obtained and gives access to the labour market. Abbreviation: DUT.

**Diplomeksamen**  
**Country:** Norway  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to students who pass final examinations at the end of university studies in music lasting 2 years following a Kandidat i musikk or equivalent degree. Each institution defines the content and level required in the final examination, which consists of a solo recital or the composition of one or more musical works. Students are assessed by two examiners,
one of whom one is external. The diploma gives access to employment as a musician, singer or composer.

**Diplomeksamen (Musik)**
*Country*: Denmark  
*Grammatical variants*: -eksamenen, -eksamenerne  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Diploma awarded by the musikkonservatorium to students who have successfully completed 5 years of academic studies in music. 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 diploma indicates the final marks in major and minor subject(s) as well as the area of specialisation. It gives access to the labour market or to admission tests for a programme of specialisation lasting 2 to 4 years.

**Diplomgrad**  
*Country*: Germany  
*Grammatical variants*: Diplomgrade, Diplomgrad*  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**:  
• Academic degree awarded on completion of normally 4½ years of studies at universities and no more than 4 years at a Fachhochschule. The standard period of study leading to the Fachhochschule degree includes one or two semesters of practice. A Diplomgrad can also be awarded at the end of postgraduale Studiengänge (further study, supplementary and follow-up courses). A tertiary education institution may also award a Diplomgrad on the basis of a state examination (see Staatsprüfung) or ecclesiastical examination (see Kirchlichen Abschlussprüfung) concluding a course of study.  
• State leaving certificate awarded by some Berufsakademien (professional academies) after 3 years of studies; the suffix Berufsaakademie or its abbreviation B.A. is added to the degree title.  

The Diplomgrad is awarded to students who have passed the Diplomprüfung. The certificate obtained after doing so indicates the results as well as the topic of the dissertation and the mark obtained for it. It may also include information on the study programme and principal fields of study. In terms of international comparison, this degree is equivalent to the Bachelor (+) with honours when awarded by the Fachhochschule, and gives access to the labour market or to second-cycle tertiary education leading to the Master (+) or Magister (+). When awarded by a university or equivalent tertiary education institution, it corresponds to the Master (+) and gives access to further or advanced study and research leading to the Doktor (+). It confers on its holder the professional title of Diplom (+).

**Diplomierter (+) NDS**  
*Country*: Liechtenstein  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: University degree and title obtained by students who have received the Nachdiplom. The degree gives access to the labour market, and the title is Diplomierter Wirtschaftsingenieur NDS, Diplomierter Bankmanager NDS, Diplomierter Private Banking Experte NDS, depending on the field of study concerned.

**Diplomi-insinööri**  
*Country*: Finland  
*Grammatical variants*: -insinöörit, -insinööri*  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Title conferred on holders of the Diplomi-insinöörin tutkinto degree. Abbreviation: DI. Swedish term: Diplomingenjör.

**Diplomi-insinöörin tutkinto**  
*Country*: Finland  
*Grammatical variants*: -tutkinnot, -tutkinto*, -tutkinno*  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Degree awarded to students who have successfully completed 5 years of full-time study in technology at university (ylilopisto or korkeakoulu). There is no final examination and, to obtain the degree, students prepare a thesis which is assessed and approved by the university department board. Details indicated on the degree certificate are not governed by national regulations but determined by the university concerned. The degree gives access to the labour market, or to advanced study and research leading to the Tohtorin tutkinto (+). It confers on its holder the title of Diplomi-insinööri. Swedish term: Diplomingenjörsexamen.

**Diplom-Ingénieur/in**  
*Country*: Austria  
*Grammatical variants*: Diplom-Ingenieure, Diplom-Ingenieurinnen, Diplom-Ingenieur*  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Academic title conferred on students who have been awarded the Diplomprüfungszegnis at the end of technical tertiary education at universities or Fachhochschulen. Abbreviations: Dipl.-Ing. and DI. Titles obtained through study at a Fachhochschule are followed by the abbreviation FH.
Diplomingeniør
Country: Denmark
Grammatical variants: -ingeniøren, -ingeniører, -ingeniørerne
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the Bachelorgrad in engineering.

Diplomingenjör
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -en, -er, -erna
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Diplomiinsinööri.

Diplomingenjörsexamen
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -examina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Diplomiinsinöörin tutkinto.

Diplomirani/na (+)
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Diplomirane, diplomiran*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: First professional title awarded to students who have successfully completed 3 – or in exceptional cases – 4 years of a professionally oriented programme, passed the Diplomski izpit examination and obtained the Diploma at fakulteta or visoka strokovna šola. It gives access to the labour market or further tertiary education leading to Specialist/ka (+) or, much less commonly under certain circumstances (further examinations taken, etc.), to the Magister/trica znanosti degree. The title is always followed by the field of study in question (for example diplomirani/na ekonomist/ka). In technical, biotechnical and engineering fields of study, the title is diplomirani/na inženir/ka, followed by the name of the specific field concerned (for example, diplomirani/na inženir/ka metalurgije). Abbreviation: Dipl. (+). General term: Strokovni naslov.

Diplomováný/ná specialista/tka v oború
Country: Czech Republic
Grammatical variants: Diplomovaní specialisté v oboru, diplom* specialist* v oboru
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Qualification testifying to the completion of technical tertiary education at the vyšši odborná škola or konzervátory. It is awarded to students who have obtained the Diplom. Abbreviation: DiS.

Diplomprüfung
Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Diplomprüfung, Diplomprüfung* 
Level: ISCED 3, 4 and 5
Explanatory note: Final examination following tertiary education courses taken at universities and Fachhochschulen (minimum duration 4 years), or at academies for high-level medical/technical professions or for midwifery (non-university tertiary education, minimum duration 3 years). The examination is organised internally by the institution and takes place before a board. Its content is related to the individual course of study and consists mainly of a written dissertation or Diplomarbeit (thesis), as well as written and oral examinations. Successful students receive the Diplomprüfungszertifikat, and/or the diploma of vocational competence, the Diplom (+).

Diplomprüfung
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Diplomprüfungen, Diplomprüfung* 
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Final examination which is organised at the Fachhochschulen, universities and sometimes at Berufsakademien, and leads to the award of a career-qualifying Diplomgrad. The examination consists of a written dissertation.
as well as oral and/or written examinations in the specialised subjects concerned, or artistic and creative examinations in arts or music subjects. General term: Hochschulprüfung.

**Diplomprüfung für das Lehramt (+)**
*Country*: Austria  
*Grammatical variants*: Diplomprüfungen, Diplomprüfung*  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
*Explanatory note*: Compulsory final examination taken by students after a minimum of 3 years of teacher training at Pädagogische Akademien, Berufspädagogische Akademien, land- und forstwirtschaftliche berufspädagogische Akademien or Religionspädagogische Akademien. It is organised internally by an examining board and includes written and oral examinations in both the humanities and professional subjects/ didactics. Successful students are awarded the teaching qualification *Zeugnis über die Diplomprüfung für das Lehramt (+).* The term is always followed by the name of the specific school, for example Diplomprüfung für das Lehramt an Volkschulen.

**Diplomprüfungszeugnis**
*Country*: Austria  
*Grammatical variants*: Diplomprüfungszeugnisse, Diplomprüfungszeugnis*  
*Level*: ISCED 4 and 5  
*Explanatory note*:  
- Certificate awarded for passing the *Diplomprüfung* at the end of post-secondary (non-tertiary) education in the area of schools for nursing (Gesundheits- und Krankenpflegeschulen) along with the diploma of professional competence *Diplom (+).* The individual examinations are listed on the Diplomprüfungszeugnis.  
- Certificate awarded for passing the *Diplomprüfung* at the end of post-secondary (non-tertiary) education courses. It indicates the area of specialisation and entitles its 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 conferral of the academic title *Magister/trica* (+) or *Diplom-Ingenieur/in.*

**Diploms par pirmā līmeņa profesionālo augstāko izglītību**
*Country*: Latvia  
*Grammatical variants*: Diplomi par pirmā līmeņa profesionālo augstāko izglītību  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
*Explanatory note*: Diploma awarded to students who have successfully completed 2 years of occupationally-oriented studies (leading to a level IV professional qualification) at koledža or another tertiary education institution. The diploma is awarded to those who pass the *Valsts pārbaudījums.* It gives access to the labour market for work requiring a level IV professional qualification and to further tertiary education.

**Diploms par profesionālo vidējo izglītību**
*Country*: Latvia  
*Grammatical variants*: Diplomi par profesionālo vidējo izglītību, diplomu par profesionālo vidējo izglītību  
*Level*: ISCED 3  
*Explanatory note*: Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed 3-4 years of vocational (upper) secondary education (profesionālā vidējā izglītība) subsequent to basic education, and passed the *Valsts noslēguma pārbaudījumi* (including the *Kvalifikācijas eksāmens* or *Centralizēts profesionālās kvalifikācijas eksāmens*). The certificate testifies to possession of a Level 3 qualification. It is awarded by the institution concerned in accordance with government regulations and standards, and has a supplement indicating the subjects taken and final marks obtained. The certificate gives access to the labour market or continuation of studies in tertiary education.

**Diplomski izpit**
*Country*: Slovenia  
*Grammatical variants*: Diplomski izpiti, diplomski izpit*  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
*Explanatory note*: Final examination required to complete vocational tertiary programmes in višje strokovne šole, professionally oriented tertiary education at visoke strokovne šole, or academic or professionally oriented tertiary education in fakultete and akademije. Students have to demonstrate knowledge of their field before a board of examiners, present a dissertation, which may be a written assignment or other type of presentation or performance (diplomsko delo), and discuss topics arising from their dissertation with board members. In the case of second-cycle studies, they have to defend the magistrsko delo to obtain the academic title of *Magister/trica znanosti* or *Magister/trica umetnosti* or, in the case
of advanced study and research, the doctoral dissertation (doktorska disertacija) to obtain the academic title Doktor/ica znanosti. Students who pass this examination are awarded the Diploma or Diploma višje šole depending on the type of programme/institution concerned.

DiS.
Country: Czech Republic
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplomovaný specialista v oboru.

Dizertačná skúška
Country: Slovakia
Grammatical variants: Dizertačné skúšky, dizertačn* skúšk*
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Examination held at the end of advanced study and research for a doctorate. Students who pass it and satisfactorily defend a written dissertation (obhajoba dizertačnej práce) receive the title of Doktor (+) (Philosophiae doctor, doktor umenia/artis doctor in the field of arts). In the field of catholic theology, the title of Philosophiae doctor is supplemented by that of doktor teológie.

Dizertaţie
Country: Romania
Grammatical variants: Dizertaţia
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Examination organised by the educational institution concerned (universitate, academie or institut) for students who have completed advanced study and research lasting one to one-and-a-half or two years. The examination involves defending written work presented to a board of examiners (professors), and has to be taken by those wishing to obtain the Diplomă de studii aprofundate or Diplomă de Master.

DL
Country: Italy
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diploma di Laurea (+).

DLS
Country: Italy
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diploma di Laurea Specialistica (+).

DNTS
Country: France
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplôme national de technologie spécialisée.

Docteur en (+)
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 5 and 6
Explanatory note:
• Title conferred on those who have obtained the degree Doctorat en (+). It is always followed by the name of the field of study, for example docteur en sciences de l'éducation.
• The title is also conferred on those who have obtained the doctorat in medicine or veterinary medicine (docteur en médecine, docteur en médecine vétérinaire).

Doctor (+)
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Title conferred on holders of a Doctorate. The title includes reference to the area of specialisation in which the course of study was taken, e.g. Doctor of Philosophy (abbreviation: Ph.D.).

Doctor (+)
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 5 and 6
Explanatory note:
• Title conferred on students who successfully complete a programme of further specialised studies, e.g. in medicine (M.D.), law (LLD) and theology (SThD.). The title is followed by reference to the field of specialisation concerned.
• Title conferred on students who hold the Doctorate.

Doctor (+)
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Advanced research degree and title obtained by students who submit and defend a thesis at the end of a special course of doctoral studies lasting 3 years after the Candidatus (+), Fiskerkandidat, Hovedfakterkandidat, Høyere avelings eksamen, Magister artium, Master i (+), Master of (+), Sivilingeniør or Sivilarkitekt.
The degree indicates the subject of the thesis and its assessment. The qualification and title doctor philosophiae are more general and may be obtained in all fields without taking a special course. Students have to do advanced research for several years leading to a thesis. The term doctor is followed by reference to the field in which the degree was awarded, for example doctor scientiarum in mathematics and natural sciences. It gives access to post-doctoral appointments and to the labour market. Abbreviation: Dr. (+).

Doctor
Country: Romania
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Advanced academic title in different fields conferred on holders of the Diplom de doctor. Abbreviation: Dr.

Doctor
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Doctoren, doctors
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Academic title conferred on those who have obtained the Doctoraat degree. It is conferred only by universities and is written before the name of its holder. Abbreviation: Dr.

Doctor en (+)
Country: Spain
Grammatical variants: Doctora/es en
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have already obtained the Doctorado en (+) degree. It is always followed by the name of the field of specialisation concerned.

Doctor in de (+)
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have been awarded the Doctoraatsgetuigschrift certificate after publicly defending a dissertation based on original research covering a period of at least 2 years. The title is followed by reference to the field of study concerned, and gives access to the profession of university teacher.

Doctor of (+)
Country: United Kingdom
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Title conferred on the holder of a Doctorate. Registered medical practitioners with a first degree in medicine also use the courtesy title of doctor. Under the new frameworks for higher education qualifications, which are being phased in from September 2003, Doctorates involving a substantial taught element should normally include reference in the title to the discipline concerned, as in Doctor of Education (EdD). The title Doctor of Philosophy (PhD, DPhil) should be restricted to degrees (in any discipline) in which assessment is based solely on a final thesis or published work, or on performance accompanied by a written commentary. The title Doctor is the only title conferred by an academic qualification which is commonly used as a form of address in the UK.

Doctoraat
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Doctoraten
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Advanced research degree awarded by universities to graduates who have already obtained the title of Master (+), Doctorandus, Meester of Ingenieur. Those concerned have to carry out independent research on a given subject and complete a thesis on it under the supervision of a full professor. The thesis has to be satisfactorily defended in public and its publication approved by the professor concerned.

Design engineers conclude their doctorate with the satisfactory completion of a technological design project (see Promotie). Most candidates obtain their degree following their appointment for a four-year period to an official research training post, either as a university trainee research assistant (assistent in opleiding, or AIO) or a trainee researcher (onderzoeker in opleiding, or OIO) in a research school (onderzoekschool). However, graduates may also complete a doctorate on their own, subject to the conditions outlined above. The title of Doctor is conferred on holders of this degree.

Doctoraatsgetuigschrift
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to students who have already obtained a second-cycle university level qualification (such as Licentiaat in de (+), or Apotheker), and who have successfully completed an advanced research programme covering a number of courses, seminars and colloquia related to the chosen field of specialisation. In some universities, it is a requirement for authorisation to defend a dissertation in public prior to securing the title of Doctor in de (+). Doctoral studies are only open to holders of a final university degree or certain specific (academic) hogescholen degrees.

Doctorado en (+)
Country: Spain
Grammatical variants: Doctorados en
Doctorandus

**Level:** ISCED 6

**Explanatory note:** Advanced research degree awarded to students who already hold the title of Licenciado en (+), Ingeniero en/de (+) or Arquitecto and have defended a thesis at the end of advanced study and research. It confers on its holder the title of Doctor en (+) and gives access to the academic profession in the field concerned.

**Doctorandus**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Doctorandussen, doctorandi

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Title which may be used by university graduates who have obtained the Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen on completion of second-cycle university education. It is conferred on them together with the title of Master and is written before the name of the holder of the title. Abbreviation: Drs.

**Doctorat (+)**

**Country:** France

**Level:** ISCED 6

**Explanatory note:** Advanced research degree awarded to students who have successfully defended their thesis on completion of three or four years of third-cycle university studies open to holders of the Diplôme d'études approfondies or, in the new system, the Diplôme national de master (recherche). Holders of the degree may take the competitive examination to recruit maîtres de conférence, or work for the qualification Habilitation à diriger des recherches. The name of the degree is always followed by reference to the field of specialisation concerned. It confers on its holder the title (grade) of Docteur (+).

**Doctorat en (+)**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level:** ISCED 5 and 6

**Explanatory note:**
- Advanced research degree awarded to those who have already obtained the Licence en (+), Ingénieur (+) or Maîtrise en (+) and submitted and defended in public a research report (comprising an original dissertation) and one or several additional theses, on the completion of three to five years of studies. Each university is free to lay down further conditions for the award of the doctorate (in practice the Diplôme d'études approfondies is often required). The degree indicates the field of specialisation, the subject of research and of the additional theses, as well as the final marks obtained. It is always followed by reference to the field of study concerned. It gives access to a corresponding profession and/or to preparatory work for the examination Agrégation de l’enseignement supérieur.
- Degree awarded also on completion of second-cycle university studies in medicine (4 years) or veterinary medicine (3 years) to those who have already obtained the Candidature en (+) and passed the curricular examinations organised by the institution in each subject. The degree indicates the subjects taken and the final marks awarded and is always followed by reference to the field of study in which it was obtained. It gives access to third-cycle university studies or specialised non-university studies in Hautes Écoles and/or to the corresponding profession subject to formal registration with the Order of Medical Practitioners or the Order of Veterinary Surgeons.

The degree confers on its holders the title of Docteur en (+).

**Doctorate**

**Country:** Ireland

**Level:** ISCED 6

**Explanatory note:** Advanced research degree awarded 2 or 3 years after the Master's degree (honours) or, under exceptional circumstances, 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. The title conferred on its holder is Doctor (+). The degree gives access to employment and to the academic profession.

**Doctorate**

**Country:** Malta

**Level:** ISCED 6

**Explanatory note:** Doctoral degree obtained on successful completion of advanced study and research lasting at least 3 years. The degree is awarded by the University of Malta to students who are already holders of a Bachelor's degree (honours), Postgraduate certificate/diploma (+), and/or Master's degree, and who have prepared and presented in public a doctoral thesis which has been passed by a seven-member university committee. The committee assesses the original version of the thesis and judges whether it contributes significantly to knowledge in the field concerned. The degree confers on its holder the title Doctor. Holders are entitled to use the designatory letters Ph.D. (meaning Doctor of Philosophy) regardless of their field of study or research.
Examinations, Qualifications and Titles

Doctorate
Country: United Kingdom
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: An advanced research degree normally awarded to students who have successfully completed a thesis following 3 years of full-time (or part-time equivalent) individual original research. Assessment is based on the thesis or other published work, or on performance accompanied by a written commentary. The thesis is normally read by a panel of examiners who subsequently examine the student orally. Some Doctorates include a substantial taught element and, in such cases, institutions may also require students to complete related written assignments. Institutions determine the information included on certificates, but the subject area would normally be indicated. Doctorates are the highest level of qualification under the new frameworks and will be classified as ‘Doctoral level’ (D) or, in Scotland, ‘SHE level D’/’SCQF level 12’. The degree confers on its holder the title Doctor of (+).

Doktor
Country: Estonia
Grammatical variants: Doktori, doktorit
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Title conferred on those who have obtained the Doktorikraad degree.

Doktor
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -n, -er, -erna
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Tohtori (+).

Doktor (+)
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Doktoren, Doktor*
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Title conferred on graduates who have obtained the Doktorgrad. The title includes the Latin name of the field of study concerned, e.g. Doctor philosophiae. Abbreviation: Dr. (+).

Doktor (+)
Country: Iceland
Grammatical variants: Doktors
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Title conferred by a tertiary education institution (háskóli) on students who have obtained the Vysokoškolský diplom (+) in the field of medicine (doktor všeobecného lekárstva; abbreviation: MUDr.), veterinary medicine (doktor veterinárskeho lekárstva; abbreviation: MVDr.) and dentistry (doktor zubného lekárstva; abbreviation: MDDr.).

Doktor
Country: Poland
Grammatical variants: Doktorzy, doktor*
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Title conferred on holders of the Dyplom doktora degree awarded by the faculty council or academic council of the tertiary education institution concerned. Abbreviation: Dr.

Doktor (+)
Country: Slovakia
Grammatical variants: Doktori, doktor*
Level: ISCED 5 and 6
Explanatory note:
• Title conferred on students who have obtained the Vysokoškolský diplom (+) in the field of medicine (doktor všeobecného lekárstva; abbreviation: MUDr.), veterinary medicine (doktor veterinárskeho lekárstva; abbreviation: MVDr.) and dentistry (doktor zubného lekárstva; abbreviation: MDDr.).
The title is also conferred on students who have obtained the title of Magister (+) and passed the Rigorózna skúška examination. It may be obtained in the field of natural sciences (doktor prirodnych vied; abbreviation: RNDr.), pharmacy (doktor farmácie; abbreviation: PharmDr.), human sciences and arts (doktor filozofie; abbreviation: PhD.), law (doktor práva; abbreviation: JUDr.), education (doktor pedagogiky; abbreviation: PaedDr.) and theology, except catholic theology (doktor teológie; abbreviation: ThDr.).

Highest academic title (philosophiae doctor; abbreviation: PhD. or, in the field of arts, doktor umenia; abbreviation: ArtD) conferred on students who have passed the Dissertačná príprava and obtained the vysokoškolský diplom, on completion of advanced study and research, including the defence of a dissertation (obhajoba dizertačnej práce). In the field of catholic theology, students who have already obtained the Licenciát teológie and successfully accomplished the second part of advanced study and research ending with the dizertačná skúška examination and the vysokoškolský diplom receive both the philosophiae doctor (PhD) and doktor teológie (abbreviation: ThDr.).

The title is always followed by reference to the field of study in which it was obtained.

**Doktor (+)**

**Country:** Sweden

**Grammatical variants:** Doktor, doktorn, doktorer, doktorerña

**Level:** ISCED 6

**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on the holder of a Doktorsexamen (+), with a prefix referring to the faculty, filosofie doktor, or area of study indicated, e.g. doktor i medicinsk vetenskap.

**Doktor der Philosophie**

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Level:** ISCED 6

**Explanatory note:** Academic title conferred on those who have successfully completed doctoral studies and research at the Internationalen Akademie für Philosophie (IAP), which are open to those who have already obtained the title of Magister Artium. Students must submit and publicly defend a doctoral thesis and take an oral examination in philosophy. There is no doctoral diploma. Abbreviation: Dr.phil.

**Doktor habilitowany**

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Doktorzy habilitowani, doktor* habilitowan*

**Level:** ISCED 6

**Explanatory note:** Second title conferred on holders of the Dyplom doktora habilitowanego by the faculty council of the institution of tertiary education concerned, institutions of the Polish Academy of Sciences, or the scientific board of other institutions authorised and approved by the Central Commission for Academic Titles and Degrees. Abbreviation: Dr hab.

**Doktor/ica (+)**

**Country:** Slovenia

**Grammatical variants:** Doktorji/rice medicine, doktor* medicine

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** First professional title awarded to students who have successfully completed 6 years of an academically oriented programme in general medicine or dentistry, or 5 years in the case of veterinary medicine, passed the Diplomski izpit examination and obtained the Diploma at fakulteta. It gives access to the labour market or further tertiary education leading to the Magister/trica znanosti, Specialist/ka (+) or Doktor/ica znanosti degree. In general medicine, the title is doktor/ica medicine (abbreviation: Dr. med.); in dentistry (stomatology), doktor/ica dentalne medicine (abbreviation: Dr. dent. med.); and in veterinary medicine, doktor/ica veterinarske medicine (abbreviation: Dr. vet. med.). General term: Strokovni naslov. Note: Before 2003, the professional title of doktor/ica dentalne medicine was doktor/ica stomatologije (abbreviation: Dr. stom.).

**Doktor/ica znanosti**

**Country:** Slovenia

**Grammatical variants:** Doktorji/rice znanosti, doktor* znanosti

**Level:** ISCED 6

**Explanatory note:** Highest academic title conferred on students who have either obtained the academic title of Magister/trica znanosti or Magister/trica umetnosti and successfully completed 2 years of doctoral studies, or who have a first professional title (Akademski/ka (+), Diplomirani/na (+), Profesor/ica, Doktor/ica (+), Magister/trica farmacije, Univerzitetni/na diplomirani/na), and have successfully completed 4 years of doctoral studies. On completion of their studies, they have to pass the Diplomski izpit examination, involving the defence of the doctoral dissertation (doktorska disertacija), and obtain the Diploma. The title gives access to the labour market (as scientists or educational staff in higher education). General term: Znanstveni naslov. Abbreviation: Dr.

**Doktor/in (+)**

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Doktoren, Doktorinnen, Doktor*

**Level:** ISCED 6
**Explanatory note:** Academic title conferred on students who have completed 2 years of study at the third level of tertiary education, prepared a thesis and had it accepted and been awarded the *Rigoroszeugnis*. Depending on the regulations, successful students then have access to all academic/scientific posts. The title is always followed by the field of study. Abbreviation: Dr. (+).

**Doktor/ka (+)**
**Country:** Czech Republic
**Grammatical variants:** Doktoři, doktor*
**Level:** ISCED 5 and 6

**Explanatory note:**
- Title conferred on students of medicine or veterinary medicine who have obtained the diploma *Vysokoškolský diplom* and the certificate *Vysvědčení o státní rigorózní zkoušce*. Abbreviation: MUDr. in the field of medicine, and MVDr. in the field of veterinary medicine.
- Title conferred on holders of the *Magistr/a* degree who have obtained the diploma *vysokoškolský diplom* and the certificate *vysvědčení o státní rigorózní zkoušce*. The title may be obtained (without taking a special study programme) in the fields of law (abbreviation: JUDr.), human and social sciences and educational science (abbreviation: PhDr.), natural sciences (abbreviation: RNDr.), pharmacy (abbreviation: PharmDr.) and theology (abbreviation: ThDr.).
- Title conferred on holders of the *magistr/a* degree, who have obtained the diploma *vysokoškolský diplom* and the certificate *vysvědčení o státní doktorské zkoušce* at the end of advanced study and research. Abbreviations: Ph.D., and Th.D. in the field of theology.

**Doktora diploms (+)**
**Country:** Latvia
**Grammatical variants:** Doktora diplomi, doktora diplomiem, doktora diplomus
**Level:** ISCED 6

**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to students who have already been awarded the academic or professional degree of *Magíster* (+) or the diploma *Augstākās profesionālās kvalifikācijas diploms* (conferring certain professional titles, mostly in medicine and pharmacy), and successfully completed 3-4 years of full-time advanced university study and research for a doctoral thesis. Candidates are required to have published work in internationally established academic journals prior to defending their thesis. Universities and scientific research centres are authorised to award doctorates by the Latvian Council of Science.

The institution concerned forms a special council which approves the conditions, regulations and programmes governing these awards within a particular branch of learning. The Latvian Council of Science has also approved a classification of academic fields in which degrees at this advanced level may be obtained. The diploma confers on its holder the title of *Doktors (+).*

**Doktorátus**
**Country:** Hungary
**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Synonym for *Doktori cím* and *Doktori fokozat.*

**Doktorgrad**
**Country:** Denmark
**Grammatical variants:** -graden, -grader, -graderne
**Level:** ISCED 6

**Explanatory note:** Advanced research degree awarded to students who have successfully defended a thesis in public after a minimum of 5 to 8 years of individual original research. It is awarded by their university and identifies the field of specialisation concerned. It confers on its holders the title of *Doktor (+)* and may give access to posts as full professor in tertiary education in that field. In medicine, holders of this qualification have access to the top posts in hospitals.

**Doktori cím (+)**
**Country:** Hungary
**Grammatical variants:** Doktori címek, doktori cím*
**Level:** ISCED 5 and 6

**Explanatory note:**
- Title 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.
- Title awarded to students who have obtained the *Doktori fokozat* degree.

The title is always followed by reference to the field of study in which it was obtained. Abbreviation: Dr. (+). Synonym: *Doktorátus.*
**Doktori fokozat**  
**Country:** Hungary  
**Grammatical variants:** Doktori fokozatok, doktori fokozat*  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded at the end of advanced study and research to students who have passed the final Doktori szigorlat examination. The degree indicates the subjects of specialisation, gives access to employment and confers on its holder the title of Doktor cím.  
*Synonym:* Doktorátus.

**Doktori szigorlat**  
**Country:** Hungary  
**Grammatical variants:** Doktori szigorlatok, doktori szigorlat*  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Examination on completion of a doctoral programme involving advanced study and research, which is compulsory for those wishing to obtain the Doktori fokozat degree. 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.

**Doktorikraad**  
**Country:** Estonia  
**Grammatical variants:** Doktorikraad, doktorikraagiga  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Advanced research degree awarded to students who have already obtained the Magistrikraad degree (or its equivalent) and successfully completed three to four years of doctoral study (doktoriõpe) at universities. Doctoral study ends with the defence of a dissertation. This degree is always awarded with a diploma Diplom. It confers on its holder the title of Doktor. Pursuant to the procedure established by the board of the university concerned, a doctoral thesis may be defended and a doktorikraad awarded without doctoral studies having been completed.

**Doktors (+)**  
**Country:** Latvia  
**Grammatical variants:** Doktoram, doktore, doktorus  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Advanced research title conferred on holders of the Doktora diploms (+).

**Doktorspróf**  
**Country:** Iceland  
**Grammatical variants:** Doktorsprófi, doktorsprófs  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Examination following a 3- to 5-year advanced research programme to students who already hold the Meistaragráda degree. The doktorspróf also refers to students who have carried out independent research following the Meistaragráda or Kandidatsgráda. The examination is the responsibility of the relevant faculty and leads to the Doktorsgráda degree.

**Dott./Dott.ssa**  
**Country:** Italy  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Dottore/ssa in (+).

**Dott./Dott.ssa specialista**  
**Country:** Italy  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Dottore/ssa specialista in (+).

**Dottorato di Ricerca**  
**Country:** Italy  
**Grammatical variants:** Dottorati di Ricerca  
**Level:** ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Advanced research degree awarded by university institutions at the end of study and research lasting 3 years, to students enrolled before 2001/02 who have already obtained the Diploma di Laurea (+) or, since 2001/02, the Diploma di Laurea Specialistica (+). Candidates have to write and defend a thesis or a graphic project before a national examining board. The degree indicates the field, the subject of the thesis and the title. The title conferred is Dottore/ssa di Ricerca. Abbreviation: DR.

Dottore/ssa di Ricerca
Country: Italy
Grammatical variants: Dottori di Ricerca, dottoresse di ricerca
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who obtain the Dottorato di Ricerca advanced research degree.

Dottore/ssa in (+)
Country: Italy
Grammatical variants: Dottori, dottoresse
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on candidates who have obtained the Diploma di Laurea (+). It is always followed by reference to the field of study concerned. Standard name: Laureato. Abbreviation: Dott./Dott.ssa.

Dottore/ssa specialista in (+)
Country: Italy
Grammatical variants: Dottori specialisti, dottoresse specialiste
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on candidates who have obtained the Diploma di Laurea Specialistica (+). It is always followed by reference to the field of study concerned. Abbreviation: Dott./Dott.ssa Specialista.

Doutor
Country: Portugal
Grammatical variants: Doutores
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Academic title conferred on holders of the Doutoramento degree.

Doutoramento
Country: Portugal
Grammatical variants: Doutoramentos
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Advanced research degree awarded by universities (universidade) to students who have undergone the Prova de doutoramento and in some cases the Provas complementares. The research project is chosen by the student and supervised by a professor or researcher with a doctorate. The project may continue for up to 6 years, renewable in exceptional circumstances. Holders of a Licenciatura with a minimum mark of 16 and of a Mestrado may take this degree. In exceptional circumstances, and with due regard for their academic, scientific and professional curriculum, other students may also be candidates for this degree which confers on its holder the title of Doutor.

DPCU
Country: Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplôme de Premier Cycle Universitaire.

DPhil
Country: United Kingdom
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Doctor of Philosophy. See Doctor of (+).

DR
Country: Italy
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Dottorato di Ricerca.

Dr
Country: Poland
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Doktor.

Dr
Country: The Netherlands
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Doctor, written before the name of its holder.

Dr hab.
Country: Poland
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Doktor habilitowany.

Dr. (+)
Country: Austria
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of the title Doktor/in (+), always followed by the field of study in abbreviated form, e.g. Dr.phil.

Dr.
Country: Bulgaria
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Doktor.
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| Durjaven zrelosten izpit | Bulgaria | ISCED 3 | Final examination held in general upper secondary education including its ‘orientation’ sections and in technical schools (gymnazi, profilirana gymnazi, sredno obchto-
brazovatelnö utchilichte, professionalno utchilichte or professionalna gymnazia). It includes written examinations set by the Ministry of Education and Science, on Bulgarian language and literature and one general subject chosen by the candidate. The examination has to be taken by those who wish to obtain the Diploma za zavurcheno sredno obra-zovanie.

Durjaven zrelosten izpit za pridobivane na profesionalna kvalifikatzia
(Държавен зрелостен изпит за придобиване на професионална квалификация)
Country: Bulgaria
Grammatical variants: Durjavi zrelostni izpiti za pridobivane na profesionalna kvalifikatzia
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Official state examination held on completion of vocational secondary education, which has to be taken for pupils to obtain the Svidetelstvo za profesionalna kvalifikations certificate. It consists of both theoretical and practical examinations to test theoretical and practical knowledge of the trade or occupation concerned. These examinations are organised by vocational upper secondary schools in accordance with standard national requirements. The full name of the examination is durjaven zrelosten izpit za pridobivane na profesionalna kvalifikatzia - teoria na profesiata i praktika na profesiata.

DUT
Country: France, Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Diplome universitaire de technologie.

Dyplom doktora
Country: Poland
Grammatical variants: Dyplomy doktora, dyplom* doktora
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Advanced research degree awarded to students who have completed the doctoral programme and passed the Egzamin doktorski examination. The degree confers on its holders the title of Doktor and indicates their field of specialisation. It also entitles their holders to occupy posts in tertiary education or in research institutions and pursue further advanced research leading to the Dyplom doktora habilitowanego degree.
EdD
Country: United Kingdom
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Doctor of Education. See Doctor of (+).

Éducateur gradué
Country: Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the Diplôme d’éducateur gradué.

Egyetemi oklevél
Country: Hungary
Grammatical variants: Egyetemi oklevelek, egyetemi oklevél*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Diploma awarded at the end of university studies, lasting from 4 to 6 years, to students who have passed the final Záróvizsga examination. The diploma indicates the field of specialisation and the marks obtained in the examination. It gives access to employment and/or to doctoral programmes. It confers on its holder the title Okleveles (+) or, in the fields of medicine and veterinary medicine, Doktori cím.

Egzamin dojrzałości
Country: Poland
Grammatical variants: Egzaminy dojrzałości, egzamin* dojrzałość
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: National examination held at the end of general or specialised upper secondary education (which, following the 1999/2000 reform, now lasts three years instead of four), or technical and vocational upper secondary education (now lasting 4 rather than 4/5 years). In 2004/05, the examination will also be held on completion of 2 years of general or 3 years of technical further education. It is compulsory only for pupils wishing to obtain the Świadectwo dojrzałości certificate, which is required for access to tertiary education. Set by the regional education authorities, the examination includes dissertations on Polish language and literature, and one on an optional subject chosen by the pupil. Oral examinations (determined by each institution) cover Polish language and literature, one foreign language and one optional subject. The examination may also be taken in adult education. With effect from 2005, a new external examination of this type is being introduced in upper secondary education. Synonym: Matura.

Egzamin doktorski
Country: Poland
Grammatical variants: Egzaminy doktorskie, egzamin* doktorski*
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: National examination held at the end of doctoral studies lasting a minimum of 3 years, which has to be taken in order to obtain the Dyplom doktora degree, conferring on its holder the academic title of Doktor. It involves the defence of a thesis, and includes two oral examinations related 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* dyplom*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: National examination held on completion of short-term university studies (3 or 4 years), which has to be taken in order to obtain the Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych degree, conferring on its holder the title of Licencjat or Inżynier depending on the field of study. The examination is drawn up and assessed by the particular faculty concerned.

Egzamin magisterski
Country: Poland
Grammatical variants: Egzaminy magisterskie, egzamin* magisterski*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: National examination held at the end of university studies lasting 5 to 6 years, which has to be taken in order to obtain the Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych degree,
confering on its holder the title of Magister (+) or Lekarz (+), depending on the field and duration of the course. The examination involves the defence of a dissertation (praca magisterska) or, in the case of technical studies, of a project with practical applications. It also includes oral examinations which vary depending on the faculty and field of study concerned.

**Egzamin na zakończenie gimnazjum**

**Country:** Poland  
**Grammatical variants:** Egzamin na zakończenie gimnazjum, egzamin* na zakończ* gimnazjum  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** External compulsory standardised examination held at the end of 'new' lower secondary education lasting 3 years (gimnazjum), following the 1999/2000 reform. This examination tests abilities, skills and knowledge in the humanities and sciences. Its content and level are determined by a Regional Examination Commission, but the results obtained in it are readily comparable at national level. Successful pupils receive the Świadectwo ukończenia gimnazjum certificate. The examination may also be taken in adult education.

**Egzamin z nauki zawodu**

**Country:** Poland  
**Grammatical variants:** Egzamin z nauki zawodu, egzamin* z nauki zawodu  
**Level:** ISCED 3 and 4  
**Explanatory note:** Compulsory vocational examination held at the end of vocational upper secondary education (zasadnicza szkoła zawodowa) which, following the 1999/2000 reform, now lasts two or three years (instead of three years in all cases). The examination is also held at the end of 4-year vocational upper secondary education (liceum zawodowe which will cease to exist in 2004/05) and post-secondary education lasting 1 year (szkoła policealna). Its content and level are determined by each school. Those who pass it are entitled to the Świadectwo ukończenia zawodowego or post-secondary education Dyplom ukończenia szkoły policealnej. The examination may also be taken in adult education.

**Eindexamen**

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Eindexamen  
**Level:** ISCED 2 and 3  
**Explanatory note:** General term for the school-leaving examination which is held at the end of secondary education in vmbo, havo and vwo, and equivalent to the Staatexamen. It comprises a Schoolexamen (internal school examination) and a Centraal examen (national examination). See Eindexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs, Eindexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs and Eindexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs.

**Eindexamen havo, vmbo, vwo**

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Eindexamen havo, vmbo, vwo  
**Level:** ISCED 2 and 3  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Eindexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs, Eindexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs and Eindexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs. General term: Eindexamen. Synonyms: Havo-eindexamen, vmbo-eindexamen and vwo-eindexamen.
Eindexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Eindexamens hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: School-leaving examination held in the final (fifth) year of general upper secondary education (havo). It is divided into a Schoolexamen and a Centraal examen. The havo examination covers six subjects, with Dutch language and literature and English compulsory. Successful candidates are awarded the Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs. It can also be organised in adult education where individual subject certificates can be obtained and can lead to a complete Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs. Abbreviation: Eindexamen havo. General term: Eindexamen.

Eindexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Eindexamens voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: School-leaving examination held in the final (fourth) year of general lower secondary education (vmbo, or voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs). It is divided into a Schoolexamen and a Centraal examen. The vmbo examination covers at least six subjects, with Dutch and English compulsory. Successful candidates are awarded the Diploma voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs. In the case of vbo and mavo, new-style examinations were introduced in the 2002/03 school year as a result of an educational reform implemented in the 1999/2000 school year. Vmbo replaced both vbo and mavo in August 1999. Abbreviation: Eindexamen vmbo. General term: Eindexamen.

Eindexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Eindexamens voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: School-leaving examination in the final (sixth) year of pre-university education (vwo). It is divided into an internal Schoolexamen and a national Centraal examen. The vwo examination covers a minimum of seven subjects, of which Dutch language and literature and English and, in the case of gymnasium pupils, one classical language (Latin or Greek language and literature) are compulsory. Successful candidates are awarded the Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs. It can also be organised in adult education where individual subject certificates can be obtained and can lead to a complete Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs. Abbreviation: Eindexamen vwo. General term: Eindexamen.

Eindtoets Basisonderwijs
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Eindtoetsen Basisonderwijs
Level: ISCED 1
Explanatory note: Optional test commissioned by the Minister of Education and developed by the National Institute for Educational Measurement (Instituut voor Toetsontwikkeling) to measure individual pupil attainment levels in the last (eighth) year of primary education (basisonderwijs). The test consists of four parts (the last of which is optional), each containing 60 multiple-choice questions relating to language, arithmetic, data handling and ‘the world around us’ (wereldoriëntatie). The test measures the performance of individual pupils, and their school compared to other schools taking part in it. While it does not lead to any qualification, the results are used in the school report describing the attainment level and potential of all pupils leaving primary education. This report is made available for use by their chosen secondary school. Synonym: CITO-toets.

Eisagogikes exetáseis
(Εισαγωγικές εξετάσεις)
Country: Cyprus
Grammatical variants: Eisagogikon exetaseon
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Compulsory entrance examination for institutions of tertiary education, which is organised by the Ministry of Education and Culture at national level for candidates who have obtained their upper secondary school leaving certificate. The examinations include written examinations determined 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 public-sector schools of tertiary education (dimosies scholes tritovathmias ekpaedefsis), the University of Cyprus or universities in Greece.

Eksamens fra videregående opplæring
Country: Norway
Grammatical variants: Eksameneren, eksamenene fra videregående opplæring
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: School-leaving certificate awarded by the national authorities at the end
of upper secondary education lasting 3 years (videregående skole). It involves examinations in Norwegian language and literature and one or more principal subjects in the final year, and is a prerequisite for obtaining a Vitnemål certificate.

**Eksamensbevis som (+)**
*Country:* Denmark
*Grammatical variants:* -beviset, -beviser
*Level:* ISCED 5
*Explanatory note:* Synonym for Bevis for (+). It is always followed by the field of studies in which it was obtained.

**End of Key Stage Assessment**
*Country:* United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
*Level:* ISCED 1 and 2
*Explanatory note:* Title conferred by the ordem dos enfermeiros (public professional association of nurses) on those who have obtained a Licencatura in nursing. Professional activity as a enfermeiro depends on conferral of the title by the ordem, testifying to effective membership of the latter.

**Enfermeiro**
*Country:* Portugal
*Grammatical variants:* Enfermeiros, enfermeira, enfermeiras
*Level:* ISCED 5
*Explanatory note:* Title conferred by the ordem dos enfermeiros (public professional association of nurses) on those who have obtained a Licencatura in nursing. Professional activity as an enfermeiro depends on conferral of the title by the ordem, testifying to effective membership of the latter.

**Engenheiro**
*Country:* Portugal
*Grammatical variants:* Engenheiros, engenheira, engenheiras
*Level:* ISCED 5
*Explanatory note:* Title conferred by the ordem dos engenheiros (public professional association of engineers) on those who have obtained a Licencatura degree in engineering. Professional activity as an engenheiro is dependent on conferral of the title by the ordem, testifying to effective membership of the latter.

**Entry Level Certificate**
*Country:* United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
*Level:* ISCED 1
*Explanatory note:* Certificate intended originally for pupils aged 16 completing compulsory education who were thought to be unlikely to achieve grade G in the General Certificate of Secondary Education. However, the qualification may now also be obtained in adult education. It is offered by independent awarding bodies in a range of subjects and regulated by the qualifications and curriculum authorities. Its award is based on continu-ous school assessment and externally set tasks and tests. The certificate is an entry level qualification within the National Qualifications Framework and its three grades are aligned with levels 1-3 of the National Curriculum – the levels expected of typical 5-, 7-, and 9-year-olds. Students may progress to the General Certificate of Secondary Education. Former term: Certificate of Achievement.

**Érettségi vizsga**
*Country:* Hungary
*Grammatical variants:* Érettségi vizsgák, érettségi vizsga*
*Level:* ISCED 3
*Explanatory note:* Final general upper secondary school leaving examination taken by pupils who have already obtained the Gimnáziumi bizonyítvány certificate and completed different programmes (4, 6 or 8 years of education) in one of the three types of gimnázium. It is taken after 12 years of study (normally at the age of 18). The examination comprises a written part, set by the Ministry of Education, and an oral part devised by the school, both of which cover a combination of compulsory and optional specialised subjects. The compulsory subjects are Hungarian language and literature, mathematics, history and a foreign language and there is a freely chosen optional subject. Successful pupils receive the Gimnáziumi érettségi bizonyítvány.

**Erikoisammattitutkinto (+)**
*Country:* Finland
*Grammatical variants:* -tutkinnnot, -tutkinto*, -tutkinno*
*Level:* ISCED4 (A.Ed.)
*Explanatory note:* Specialist vocational qualification testifying to command of the most demanding work assignments in the field concerned. For further information, see Ammattitutkinto. Swedish term: Specialyrkesexamen.

**Erikoistumistutkinto**
*Country:* Finland
*Grammatical variants:* -tutkinnnot, -tutkinto*, -tutkinno*
*Level:* ISCED 5
*Explanatory note:* Degree awarded to students who have successfully completed 3 to 6 years of specialised further study in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine and who already hold the Lisensiatututkinto (+). There is a national field-specific written examination (valtakunnalinen erikoisalakohtainen kuulustelu), in which the theoretical knowledge of students and the appropriateness of action by them in clinical situations are assessed. There are no national regulations governing what is indicated on the degree
certificate, which is determined by the university concerned. The degree entitles graduates to enter the profession and use the title Erikoislääkäri (in medicine), Erikoishammaslääkäri (dentistry) and Erikoiseläinlääkäri (veterinary medicine). Swedish term: Specialiseringsexamen or Yrkesinriktad påbyggnadsexamen.

### Erster allgemein bildender Schulabschluss
- **Country:** Germany
- **Grammatical variants:** Erst* allgemein bildend* Schulabschluss*
- **Level:** ISCED 2
- **Explanatory note:** General education school-leaving certificate that may be obtained in all Länder at the end of the ninth school year. In most Länder, it is designated by the term Hauptschulabschluss but, in a few, also by the terms Berufsbildungsreife or Berufsreife. It is awarded to those who have already obtained the Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule. For further information, see Hauptschulabschluss.

### Erweiterter Berufsbildungsreife
- **Country:** Germany
- **Grammatical variants:** Erweitert* Berufsbildungsreife*
- **Level:** ISCED 2
- **Explanatory note:** General education school-leaving certificate that may be awarded in certain Länder at the end of the ninth school year. In most Länder, it is called the Hauptschulabschluss but, in a few, also by the terms Berufsbildungsreife or Berufsreife. It is awarded to those who have already obtained the Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule. For further information, see Hauptschulabschluss.

### Erweiterter Hauptschulabschluss
- **Country:** Germany
- **Grammatical variants:** Erweitert* Hauptschulabschluss*
- **Level:** ISCED 2
- **Explanatory note:** General education school-leaving certificate awarded by certain Länder to pupils who have successfully completed the tenth school year at the end of general lower secondary education (Hauptschule). There is no final examination. The certificate gives access to the Berufsfachschule (vocational upper secondary school) subject to certain admission requirements. Term used in some Länder: Erweiterte Berufsbildungsreife.

### Erweiterter Realschulabschluss
- **Country:** Germany
- **Grammatical variants:** Erweitert* Realschulabschluss*
- **Level:** ISCED 2
- **Explanatory note:** General education school-leaving certificate that may be awarded in certain Länder after the tenth school year. Pupils must have successfully completed that year and in some cases taken a final examination and achieved the requisite level of attainment. Besides the entitlements granted to holders of a Mittlerer Schulabschluss, the certificate gives access to the Gymnasiale Oberstufe (general upper secondary education) and Fachgymnasium (vocational upper secondary school). In some Länder, it is called the Erweiterter Sekundarabschluss I or Qualifizierter Realschulabschluss.

### Esame di diploma universitario
- **Country:** Italy
- **Grammatical variants:** Esami di diploma universitario
- **Level:** ISCED 5
- **Explanatory note:** Examination organised by university institutions (università, istituti universitari, politecnici) in accordance with national requirements, for students enrolled before the 2001/02 academic year who had completed 2-3 years of studies and already passed the examinations in all subjects Esami di profitto. It involved the defence of a final written assignment before an examining board appointed by the faculty council. Successful completion of this examination resulted in the award of the Diploma universitario.

### Esame di idoneità
- **Country:** Italy
- **Grammatical variants:** Esami di idoneità
- **Level:** ISCED 1, 2 and 3
- **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 subjects taught. Its successful completion enables candidates to enter the appropriate classes in primary, lower or upper secondary state education.

### Esame di laurea
- **Country:** Italy
- **Grammatical variants:** Esami di laurea
- **Level:** ISCED 5
- **Explanatory note:** Examination held at university institutions (università, istituti universitari, politecnici) and organised and assessed, since 2001/02, in accordance with faculty regulations. It is taken by students who have completed the study programme and already passed the examinations in all subjects Esami di profitto. It involves the defence of a final written assignment before an
Esame di laurea specialistica

**Country:** Italy  
**Grammatical variants:** Esami di laurea specialistica

**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Examination held by university institutions (università, istituti universitari, politecnici) and organised and assessed, since 2001/02, in accordance with faculty regulations. It is taken by students who have completed the study programme and already passed the examinations in all subjects. **Esami di profitto.** It involves the defence of a final written assignment before an examining board appointed by the faculty council. Successful students are awarded the **Diploma di laurea specialistica (+).**

Esame di licenza di maestro d’arte

**Country:** Italy  
**Grammatical variants:** Esami di licenza di maestro d’arte

**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Examination held by the school at the end of the first cycle of art studies in upper secondary education in an *Istituto d’Arte.* Only pupils who have obtained satisfactory marks during their 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:** ISCED 1  
**Explanatory note:** Examination held by the school at the end of primary education (scuola primaria). It includes two written tests and one oral test. It is taken before an examining board consisting 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:** ISCED 2  
**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 profitto

**Country:** Italy  
**Grammatical variants:** Esami di profitto

**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Examinations organised by university institutions (università, istituti universitari, politecnici), which cover the individual subjects of the course curriculum leading to the **Diploma Universitario (+), Diploma di Laurea (+) or Diploma di Specializzazione.** Candidates who complete these examinations successfully may sit the final examination for this period of study. **Esame di diploma universitario, Esame di laurea, Esame di specializzazione.** Since 2001/02, each examination has corresponded to a certain number of credits.

Esame di qualifica

**Country:** Italy  
**Grammatical variants:** Esami di qualifica

**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Examination held by the school at the end of the first cycle of vocational upper secondary education (in an istituto professionale). Pupils are allowed to sit the examination only if they have received satisfactory marks during their 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:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Examination held at university institutions (università, istituti universitari, politecnici) and organised and assessed, since 2001/02, in accordance with faculty regulations. It is taken by students who have completed study leading to the **Diploma di Specializzazione,** and have already passed the examinations in all subjects **Esami di profitto.** It involves the defence of a final written assignment before an examining board appointed by the faculty council. The title of **Specializzato in (+) is conferred on those who complete the examination successfully.**

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:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** National examination which, since 1998/99, has replaced the examination held at the end of upper secondary education (in a liceo or istituto). It is held before an examin-
ing board appointed by the ministry. Pupils are allowed to enter the examination only if they have received satisfactory marks during their final year. It includes three written tests: one in Italian, one in a subject related to the particular course of study concerned, and a cross-curricular test. There is also one oral test. This examination leads to the 🇵🇹 Diploma de superamento dell’esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore.

**Esame integrativo**  
**Country:** Italy  
**Grammatical variants:** Esami integrativi  
**Level:** ISCED 1, 2, 3 and 5  
**Explanatory note:** Examination held by the educational institution concerned for candidates who are either studying at any educational level in Italy or abroad and wish to enrol in the equivalent year in another type of institution of the same level in Italy, or who 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 devised by the educational institution concerned. Following successful completion of this examination, candidates receive a certificate with no specific title or indication of marks, which gives them access to tertiary education.

**Exam. oecon.**  
**Country:** Norway  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of 🇫🇷 Examinatus oeconomiae.

**Exame de equivalência à frequência**  
**Country:** Portugal  
**Grammatical variants:** Exames de equivalência à frequência  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Compulsory examination taken by pupils in terminal subjects in the 10th and 11th grades, and by pupils in the 12th grade, in subjects in which there is no compulsory nationwide final examination. The examination is also taken by external pupils and independent candidates on general or technological courses. It offers a second-chance final assessment to pupils who have failed the 🇵🇹 Exame final de âmbito nacional.

**Exame final de âmbito nacional**  
**Country:** Portugal  
**Grammatical variants:** Exames finais de âmbito nacional  
**Level:** ISCED 3  

**Explanatory note:** Compulsory nationwide final examination at the end of upper secondary education (general and technological 12th-grade courses) leading to the award of the 🇧🇪 Diploma de estudos secundários. It is taken in some subjects by regular internal pupils at schools officially authorised to organise examinations, by pupils whose attendance has for some reason been interrupted, external pupils at private schools with no pedagogical autonomy, and independent candidates on general or technological courses. Those who fail these exams may have a second chance if they sit the 🇩🇰 Exame de equivalência à frequência.

**Examen cantonal**  
**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 1  
**Explanatory note:** Optional examination held at the end of primary education. This examination may be taken by all pupils enrolled in the sixth year of écoles primaires administered or grant aided by the French Community, as well as by any child aged 11 on 31 December of the year of the examination, who is officially resident or attends school in the canton in which it is held. It may also be taken by adults on an annual basis. It consists of written papers in the main subjects. Satisfactory performance in this examination leads to the award of the 🇧🇪 Certificat d’Etudes de Base.

**Examen d’admission à l’enseignement secondaire général**  
**Country:** Luxembourg  
**Level:** ISCED 1  
**Explanatory note:** Selection examination held at the end of primary education lasting 6 years. It is intended solely for pupils who wish to enter general secondary education but whose marks in the official selection procedure suggest they are more suited to technical secondary education. Parents have to lodge an appeal against this decision for a pupil to sit the examination which covers German, French and arithmetic. Pupils who pass may be admitted into general secondary education.

**Examen d’Aptitude à accéder à l’Enseignement Supérieur**  
**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 4  
**Explanatory note:** Optional examination organised by the French Community Examining Board at the end of the third cycle corresponding to the end of vocational upper secondary education. Satisfactory performance in this examination enables those concerned to obtain the 🇧🇪 Diplôme d’Aptitude à accéder à l’Enseignement Supérieur. The examination is intended mainly for those who have successfully completed a seventh
year of vocational secondary education entitling them to the Certificate d’Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur, as well as for foreign students.

**Examen de absolvre**

**Country:** Romania  
**Grammatical variants:** Examenul de absolvre  
**Level:** ISCED 3, 4 and 5  
**Explanatory note:** Examination held on completion of courses at different levels of vocational education in şcoala profesională or şcoala de ucenici, şcoala postliceală, colegiu universitar corresponding to upper secondary, post-secondary and tertiary education respectively. The tests are devised by each institution on the basis of criteria drawn up by the Ministry of Education and Research and approved by the national education authorities. The number of tests and their content differ according to the type, level and area of specialisation of the educational institution. The examination is compulsory for obtaining the certificate Certificate d’absolvre in şcoli postliceale (schools of post-secondary education), or the qualification Diplomă de absolvre in şcoli profesionale or şcoli de ucenici (upper secondary vocational schools) or in colegii universitare (institutions of short-term university education).

**Examen de bacalaureat**  
**Country:** Romania  
**Grammatical variants:** Examenul de bacalaureat  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Final national examination organised after 4 or 5 years of general, vocational or technological upper secondary education at liceu. It is compulsory for obtaining the qualification Diplomă de bacalaureat. The tests (written and oral) are devised by the Ministry of Education and Research and differ depending on the school’s area of specialisation, or the branch of study. 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), one specialist subject, mathematics, one foreign language and a choice of one subject from another area of the curriculum not otherwise selected. In schools of humanistic, theological, artistic or sports education, pupils are allowed to choose history or geography of Romania instead of mathematics. Those whose performance in the examination is exceptional may also be awarded the Diplomă de merit.

**Examen de capacităte**  
**Country:** Romania  
**Grammatical variants:** Examenul de capacităte  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Final national examination held at the end of 4 years of general lower secondary education (şcoala generală). The examination is compulsory for whose wishing to obtain the certificate Certificate de capacităte and includes written and practical tests (for pupils in artistic and sports schools) devised by the Ministry of Education and Research. The tests cover Romanian language and literature, mathematics, and the history or geography of Romania. Pupils from linguistic minorities must sit an extra examination covering their own language and literature.

**Examen de diplomă**  
**Country:** Romania  
**Grammatical variants:** Examenul de diplomă  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Examination organised by the institution concerned at the end of university studies (universitate) lasting 5 or 6 years in engineering or architecture. The examination, which is conducted by a special examining board, is compulsory for obtaining the Diplomă de inginer diplomat or Diplomă de arhitect diplomat. It consists of the defence of a written dissertation or project and tests for general and specialist subjects. The Ministry of Education and Research and the university senate of each institution draw up and approve the detailed rules and criteria of this examination, which includes a compulsory foreign language test.

**Examen de fin d’apprentissage**  
**Country:** Luxembourg  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Examination taken on the completion of vocational studies at the end of the final year of education (year 12, referred to as an essentially practical year). It is organised by the school and includes a theoretical and practical part. Pupils who pass both parts are awarded the Certificate d’aptitude technique et professionnelle, while those who pass the practical part only are awarded the Diplomă de Capacité Manuelle.

**Examen de fin d’études du technicien**  
**Country:** Luxembourg  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** National examination held at the end of secondary level studies for trainee technicians. Its content is determined by the Ministry of Education and those who pass are awarded the Diplôme de technicien.

**Examen de fin d’études secondaires**  
**Country:** Luxembourg  
**Level:** ISCED 3
Explanatory note: National examination organised at the end of general secondary education by the Ministry of Education. The examination covers the subjects taken in the final year of each pupil’s section of studies, including German as the language of instruction, mathematics, sciences and a foreign language. Those who pass are awarded the Diplôme de fin d’études secondaires.

**Examen de fin d’études secondaires techniques**

Country: Luxembourg  
Level: ISCED 3  
Explanatory note: National examination organised at the end of technical secondary education by the Ministry of Education. The examination covers the subjects studied in the final year of each pupil’s section of studies and those who pass are awarded the Diplôme de fin d’études secondaires techniques.

**Examen de licenţă**  
Country: Romania  
Grammatical variants: Examenul de licenţă  
Level: ISCED 5  
Explanatory note: Examination organised by the institution concerned (universitate, academie or institut) at the end of university studies lasting 4 years. The examination, which is conducted by a special examining board, is compulsory for obtaining the qualification Diplomă de licenţă. It consists of the defence of a written dissertation before the board, and tests in general and specialist subjects. The Ministry of Education and Research and the university senate of each institution draw up and approve the detailed rules and criteria of this examination, which includes a compulsory foreign language test.

**Examen mbo**  
Country: The Netherlands  
Grammatical variants: Examens mbo  
Level: ISCED 2, 3 and 4  

**Examen middelbaar beroepsonderwijs**  
Country: The Netherlands  
Grammatical variants: Examens middelbaar beroepsonderwijs  
Level: ISCED 2, 3 and 4  
Explanatory note: Leaving examination to testify completion of a vocational training programme lasting between six months and four years, depending on the level of the programme concerned. The examination leads to a Diploma middelbaar beroepsonderwijs and is passed when every Certificaat mbo for the programme has been obtained. Abbreviation: Examen mbo.

**Examen spécial d’admission aux études universitaires de 1er cycle en sciences appliquées**  
Country: Belgium (French Community)  
Level: ISCED 5  
Explanatory note: Examination which is held at the beginning of the academic year by the authorities at each university institution and gives access to first-cycle university tertiary education in applied sciences, in accordance with a curriculum drawn up by the government of the French Community. It consists of examinations in the following subjects: analysis, algebra, trigonometry and digital calculus and analytic geometry. The examination is compulsory and students must have the certificate showing that they have passed it to embark on courses in applied sciences. Those who have not reached the level required in mathematics for the examination may work up to it by taking a year of preparatory courses in certain secondary schools.

**Examinatus oeconomiae**  
Country: Norway  
Grammatical variants: Examinata oeconomiae  
Level: ISCED 5  
Explanatory note: Degree and title obtained by students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of first-cycle university studies lasting three-and-a-half years in the field of economics. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners. The degree indicates the student’s results in the examinations and the average marks obtained in the main subjects. It gives access to the labour market or to further tertiary education leading to the Candidatus (+) degree in the same field. Abbreviation: Exam. oecon.

**Extranei-examen**  
Country: The Netherlands  
Grammatical variants: Extranei-examen  
Level: ISCED 2, 3, 4 and 5  
Explanatory note: Final school-leaving examination for candidates who are not registered as pupils at a school for general secondary education or as students at a university level institution or university, but who take the Eindexamen held at the school under the same conditions and at the same time as those in full-time education.
**Facharbeiterbrief**  
*Country:* Germany  
*Grammatical variants:* Facharbeiterbriefe, Facharbeiterbrief*  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
*Explanatory note:* Certificate of vocational competence awarded in the *duales System* (dual system of vocational training) to students who pass the *Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung* for a recognised occupation requiring formal training. The certificate is always awarded together with an *Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule*. It gives access to the occupation and is a prerequisite for admission to a *Fachschule* (technical school providing advanced vocational training) once candidates have gained the required occupational experience, and for qualification as a master craftsman (*Meisterbrief*).

**Fachausweis**  
*Country:* Liechtenstein  
*Grammatical variants:* Fachausweise, Fachausweis*  
*Level:* ISCED 5  
*Explanatory note:* Certificate awarded to students who have passed the *Prüfung zum Abschluss eines Hochschullehrgangs*. It indicates the field of study and occupational title, and improves access to the labour market or enables its holder to pursue further studies leading to the *Nachdiplom*.

**Fachgebundene Hochschulreife**  
*Country:* Germany  
*Grammatical variants:* Fachgebunden* Hochschulreife*  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
*Explanatory note:* Qualification which entitles its holder to study particular subjects at a tertiary education institution, and is obtained by taking various courses focusing on vocational upper secondary education. Certified in the *Zeugnis der Fachgebundenen Hochschulreife*, the qualification may also be obtained in *Zweite Bildungsweg* (‘second-chance’ education) and other adult or continuing education institutions.

**Fachhochschulreife**  
*Country:* Germany  
*Grammatical variants:* Fachhochschulreife*  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
*Explanatory note:* Qualification certified in the *Zeugnis der Fachhochschulreife*.

**Fachoberschulreife**  
*Country:* Germany  
*Level:* ISCED 2 and 3  
*Explanatory note:* School-leaving qualification which is normally considered equivalent to a *Mittlerer Schulabschluss*, and awarded in general lower secondary education at the end of the tenth school year and in *Berufsaufbauschulen* (vocational extension schools) in upper secondary education. It is a prerequisite for admission to a *Fachoberschule* (technical secondary school). Generic term used in certain Länder: *Sekundarabschluss I*.

**Fagbrev**  
*Country:* Norway  
*Grammatical variants:* Fagbrevet, fagbrevene  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
*Explanatory note:* Certificate of vocational qualification in a craft trade, which is awarded to apprentices who have passed the *Fagprøve* examination at the end of a vocational training course lasting at least 3 years. The certificate indicates the results of the examination and the trade to which it gives access.

**Fagkarakterbevis**  
*Country:* Norway  
*Grammatical variants:* Fagkarakterbeviset, fagkarakterbevisene  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
*Explanatory note:* A subject grade certificate which testifies to completion of one or more subjects included in a course.

**Fagprøve**  
*Country:* Norway  
*Grammatical variants:* Fagprøven, fagprøver, fagprøvene  
*Level:* ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Compulsory vocational examination held at the end of apprenticeship in a firm or upper secondary school (videregående skole) for those who have taken courses lasting 2 years in the school with an additional 1 year of ‘on-the-job’ training. The examination may also be taken by external candidates. Schools and/or firms develop its content on the basis of the training programme in a particular sector, in accordance with Ministry of Education vocational training directives. The examination, which leads to a • Fagbrev certificate, includes three parts, namely planning, implementation, and documentation relevant to the performance of a practical task. External candidates have to pass theoretical examinations relating to the trade concerned.

Farmaceut
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -en, -er, -erna
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Swedish term for • Farmaseutti.

Farmaceutexamen
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -examina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Swedish term for • Farmaseutin tutkinto.

Farmaseutin tutkinto
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -tutkinton, -tutkinto*, -tutkinno*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: First degree awarded to students who have successfully completed 3 years of full-time studies in pharmacy at university (yliopisto), which prepare them for work dispensing medicine in all pharmaceutical sectors, as well as providing a foundation for further education. There is no final examination but students have to satisfactorily complete a six-month period of practical training in a pharmacy. The degree confers on its holder the title of • Farmaseutti.

FD
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of • Foundation degree.

Felnőttek általános iskolai bizonyítvány
Country: Hungary
Grammatical variants: Felnőttek általános iskolai bizonyítványai, felnőttek általános iskolai bizonyítványa*
Level: ISCED 1 and 2 (Ad.E.)
Explanatory note: Certificate of completion of 8 years of adult education at an általános iskola, which is awarded on the basis of class marks, without a final examination. The certificate indicates the subjects and final year marks, and is required to gain access to upper secondary education or to employment.

Felsőfokú szakképesítést igazoló bizonyítvány
Country: Hungary
Grammatical variants: Felsőfokú szakképesítést igazoló bizonyítványok, felsőfokú szakképesítést igazoló bizonyítványa*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Vocational qualification diploma awarded to students who have passed the • Szakmai vizsga examination, which testifies to possession of a vocational qualification (felsőfokú szakképesítés) included in the National List of Qualifications. The diploma indicates the subjects studied and results obtained. It gives access to the appropriate trade or occupation and entitles its holders to continue their studies in non-university tertiary education colleges (főiskola) or in university tertiary education (egyetem).

Felvételi vizsga
Country: Hungary
Grammatical variants: Felvételi vizsgák, felvételi vizsga*
Level: ISCED 2, 3 and 5
Explanatory note: Entrance examination set and organised by institutions of lower secondary education, general and vocational upper secondary education, and tertiary education, in order to select pupils/students according to their knowledge and ability. In the case of lower secondary education, it includes written examinations in the mother tongue, mathematics (and occasionally in history and literature) and in the specialist subjects chosen by the pupil, as well as an oral examination in the latter. The content of the examination is determined by the institution concerned, and each tertiary education institution also sets out its academic entrance requirements in detail.
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Fiskeri kandidat
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree and title obtained by students at the end of a 5-year university course in fishery sciences. Students must pass written and oral final examinations set by their institution and present a final dissertation. They are assessed by two examiners, one of whom is external. The degree indicates the student’s results in the examinations, the subject of the final dissertation and its assessment. It gives access to employment and/or to advanced study and research leading to the Doctor (+) or Ph.d. degree.

Foai matricolă
Country: Romania
Grammatical variants: Foai matricolă
Level: ISCED 2, 3, 4 and 5
Explanatory note: Student matriculation record, indicating the level of education, the subjects and the marks obtained in all years of study at lower secondary, upper secondary, post-secondary and university levels (in școala generală, liceu, școala profesională, școala de ucenici, școala postliceală, universitate, academie or institut). The record certifies the completion of studies and a copy of it is issued, without examination. At the end of lower secondary education it gives access to vocational upper secondary education lasting between 1 and 3 years (școala profesională or școala de ucenici).

Főiskolai oklevél
Country: Hungary
Grammatical variants: Főiskolai oklevelek, főiskolai oklevél*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree awarded at the end of 3 to 4 years of non-university tertiary education in a college (főiskola) or at a university (egyetem), to students who have passed the Záróvizsga final examination. The degree indicates the field of study, the area of specialisation and the final mark. It gives access to employment and entitles students to take a further course at a főiskola or to continue their studies in university level programmes.

Folkeskolens afgangsprøve
Country: Denmark
Grammatical variants: Folkeskolens udvidede afgangsprøve
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Non-compulsory advanced leaving examination taken 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. The marks obtained in this examination are entered into the Afgangsbevis fra Folkeskolen certificate. It is required for admission to the gymnasium, HHX and HTX in upper secondary education.

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Foundation degree (+)
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: A tertiary education qualification awarded on successful completion of a short course (normally 2 years full time, or part-time equivalent) usually in vocational subjects. Introduced in 2001, the Foundation degree is awarded by universities and other tertiary institutions and some further education institutions, and aims to ‘widen and increase participation in higher education by delivering knowledge and skills needed for employment through the provision of work-based and flexible modes of learning’. Individual institutions determine assessment procedures which may include written exams and continuous assessment. They also decide what information (such as grades) is included on the corresponding certificate, although the subject area would normally be indicated. The qualification will be incorporated into the new framework for higher education qualifications at ‘Intermediate level’ (I). These qualifications are recognised for progression within tertiary education (for example to a Bachelors degree) and by employers, and in some cases may lead to professional accreditation. The name of the qualification is normally followed by reference to the field of study concerned. Abbreviation: FD.
Foundation level 1 certificate in (+)

**Country:** Malta  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to students who successfully complete a 1-year course at the Institute of Tourism Studies in order to gain a vocational qualification in hospitality services. Course work is continuously assessed through a combination of practical and assignment-based activities appropriate to the subject concerned. Course modules include assessment by final examination at the end of each semester. Depending on their final grades, students completing this course may either enter the industry at trainee level, or apply for the course leading to an Intermediate level 2 certificate in (+).

Free-standing Mathematics Qualification

**Country:** United Kingdom (ENG)  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** A qualification in mathematics for young people and adults aged 16 or over and available at three levels: Foundation, which includes mathematics up to approximately grade D standard of General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) mathematics; Intermediate, which includes mathematics up to grade A* standard of GCSE mathematics; and Advanced, which includes mathematics equivalent to that found in General Certificate of Education AS/A level courses. It is intended that the qualification should be studied in tandem with others. It requires 60 hours of teacher-directed study and is assessed through equally weighted elements of ‘portfolio evidence’ and external examination, and offered by several awarding bodies. Abbreviation: FSMQ.

Foundation stage profile

**Country:** United Kingdom (ENG)  
**Level:** ISCED 0 and 1  
**Explanatory note:** An assessment scheme for children aged 3 to 5 in the foundation stage of the National Curriculum. It replaced Baseline assessment and became statutory in England under the 2002 Education Act. Teachers and other qualified staff make informal observations of each child’s development in relation to the 6 areas of learning in the foundation stage curriculum. The Profile has 13 scales which each have 9 points and schools may choose their own recording systems. The Profile forms the basis of reports to parents and the information is passed on to the child’s next teacher. On completion of the foundation stage, pupils progress to key stage 1 of the National Curriculum.

Fristående examen

**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** -examina  
**Explanatory note:** Swedish term for Näyttötutkinto.

FSMQ

**Country:** United Kingdom (ENG)  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Free-standing Mathematics Qualification.
Gala pārbaudījums  
*Country*: Latvia  
*Grammatical variants*: Gala pārbaudījumi  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
*Explanatory note*: Final examination at the end of academic study programmes, which is organised by the institution concerned. It involves preparing and defending the Bachelor's or Master's thesis and, depending on the institution, may be combined with marks obtained in intermediate examinations and/or in assessed course work, and/or practical work depending on the subject. Successful performance in the examination leads to the "Bakalaura diploms (+)" or "Maģistra diploms (+)."

**GAS (+)**  
*Country*: Belgium (Flemish Community)  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
*Explanatory note*: Qualification and title obtained by students who satisfactorily complete one year of additional further tertiary education supplementing a second-cycle university programme. The examinations are written and/or oral as decided by the teacher, and cover all subjects studied. The certificate awarded indicates the area of study and gives access to the corresponding profession or occupation. Abbreviation: GAS (+).

**GCE A level**  
*Country*: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)  
*Level*: ISCED 3  
*Explanatory note*: Abbreviation of "General Certificate of Education Advanced level."

**GCE AS Examination**  
*Country*: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)  
*Level*: ISCED 3  
*Explanatory note*: Abbreviation of "General Certificate of Education Advanced Supplementary Examination."

**GCE AS level**  
*Country*: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)  
*Level*: ISCED 3  
*Explanatory note*: Abbreviation of "General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary level."

**GCSE**  
*Country*: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)  
*Level*: ISCED 3  
*Explanatory note*: Abbreviation of "General Certificate of Secondary Education."

**Gediplomeerde in de aanvullende studies van (+)**  
*Country*: Belgium (Flemish Community)  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
*Explanatory note*: Qualification and title obtained by students who satisfactorily complete one year of additional further tertiary education supplementing a second-cycle university programme. The examinations are written and/or oral as decided by the teacher, and cover all subjects studied. The certificate awarded indicates the area of study and gives access to the corresponding profession or occupation. Abbreviation: GAS (+).
Gegradueerd in de (+)
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Qualification and title in a specific field, which are obtained by students at hogescholen who have successfully completed a single-cycle Bachelor’s level 3-year course of non-university tertiary education offered in fields such as accountancy and nursing, etc. The certificate awarded gives access to the corresponding profession or occupation, or to further tertiary level studies. Some qualifications may also be obtained in adult education, or with the approval of the Examining Board of the Flemish Community. For information on examinations and the details indicated on the certificate, see Apotheke. Synonym: Graduaat.

General Certificate of Education Advanced level
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Single-subject qualification which is normally awarded to students aged 18 or over on completion of general upper secondary education, and may also be awarded in adult education. It is divided into two parts. The General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary level (GCE AS level) covers the less demanding material in an A level course, and is normally taken at the end of the first year of study. It is made up of three units and is a qualification in its own right. The full General Certificate of Education Advanced level (or A2) requires a further three units of study in the second year. A few AS courses do not lead to a full A level. Most pupils study 4 or 5 subjects at AS level and continue with 3 subjects at A2, choosing from a wide range of general and some vocational subjects. These qualifications are certified by independent awarding bodies, all of which offer syllabuses for a range of subjects. They are regulated by the qualifications and curriculum authorities. Most units are assessed by means of an examination but some by coursework. In most A levels, coursework accounts for 20-30% of the marks. The one or more certificates indicate the names of the individual subjects and grades obtained. Passes are graded on a descending scale from A to E, while grade U (unclassified) is a fail. The A2 qualification is an advanced level (3) qualification within the National Qualifications Framework and gives access to tertiary education, depending on the institution and programme concerned and the number and grades of passes obtained. It also gives access to employment and certain forms of training. See also Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education. Abbreviation: A level, GCE A level.

General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary level
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Qualification introduced in September 2000 to replace the General Certificate of Education Advanced Supplementary Examination. It covers the first year of a full General Certificate of Education Advanced level course of study, and is therefore set at a lower standard. Abbreviation: GCE AS level, AS level.

General Certificate of Education Advanced Supplementary Examination
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: A single-subject qualification which has now been replaced by the General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary level. It covered 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 for assessment, grading and coursework. It was also available in adult education. Abbreviation: GCE AS examination.

General Certificate of Secondary Education
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: A single-subject qualification which is awarded on completion of the first two years of upper secondary education (the last two years of compulsory education) to pupils aged 15-16 who meet the required standard. It may also be awarded in adult education, and sometimes to more able younger pupils. The General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) is the main method of pupil assessment at this age, under the National Curriculum assessment arrangements. It is certified by independent awarding bodies and regulated by the national qualifications and curriculum authorities. Syllabuses are available in a very wide range of National Curriculum and other subjects, while some subjects are available as short courses designed to last half the time of a full GCSE. Most pupils take GCSEs in English, mathematics, science and several other subjects. Since September 2002, GCSEs have been available in vocational subjects, replacing the Part One General National Vocational Qualification. Syllabuses may be linear, with assessment at the end of the course, or modular, with assessment at the end of each module as well as at the end of the course. Assessment varies but always includes externally set and marked components which are taken under supervised and timed conditions and may be written and/or oral and/or practical, depending on the subject. Coursework may also
contribute to the final grade. The one or more certificates indicate the names of the individual subjects passed and the grades obtained 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 (2) qualifications within the National Qualifications Framework. Grades D to G are regarded as lower grade passes, and as foundation level (1) qualifications within the National Qualifications Framework. Grade U (unclassified) is a fail. This qualification gives access to employment, certain forms of training, and many programmes of post-compulsory upper secondary education. Abbreviation: GCSE.

General National Vocational Qualification

Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Qualification, now being phased out, which was originally for young people and adults over compulsory school age and available at three levels: foundation, intermediate and advanced. At advanced level, GNVQs have been superseded by the Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education. Foundation and intermediate level GNVQs will be available until at least 2006, while suitable qualifications to replace them are developed. Certificated by independent awarding bodies working within a framework regulated by the national qualifications and curriculum authorities, these qualifications are available in 14 broad vocational areas (e.g. business and retail distribution services). 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 but moderated by the awarding body to ensure consistency of standards, and students must also sit some externally assessed tests. Completed GNVQs are graded as ‘pass’, ‘merit’ and ‘distinction’. Abbreviation: GNVQ.

General Scottish Vocational Qualification

Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Level: ISCED 3 and 4

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 tertiary education. Awarded by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), it constitutes an alternative to the more academic Higher qualification. Evaluation is by assessment, including practical components. The certificate indicates the subjects studied and passed. Abbreviation: GSVQ.

Gesellenbrief

Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Gesellenbriefe, Gesellenbrief
Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Journeyman’s certificate awarded at the end of vocational training in the duales System (dual system of vocational training) to trainees who pass the Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung in a craft before the authority (chamber) responsible for vocational qualification. The certificate is always awarded together with the Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule. It qualifies its holder for an occupation and is a prerequisite for further vocational education in a Fachschule (technical school providing advanced vocational training) and further qualification as a master craftsman (Meisterbrief).

Getuigschrift (+)

Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 2 and 3

Explanatory note: This certificate takes several forms, depending on the type of education received:

- A certificate testifying to completion of the first stage of secondary education: it is known as the getuigschrift eerste graad secundair onderwijs and is awarded at the end of the first 2 years of secondary education. It entitles pupils to enter the first year of the second stage of secondary education leading to the getuigschrift tweede graad secundair onderwijs.
- A certificate testifying to completion of the second stage of secondary education: it is known as the getuigschrift tweede graad secundair onderwijs and is awarded at the end of the second two-year stage of secondary education, to pupils who have already obtained the getuigschrift eerste graad secundair onderwijs. The getuigschrift tweede graad secundair onderwijs, which may replace the Studiegetuigschrift, enables pupils to enter the first year of the third stage of secondary education leading to the Diploma secundair onderwijs.

These certificates indicate the type of education concerned, and are awarded with the so-called oriënteringsattest (see Oriënteringsattest A and Oriënteringsattest B) and taken into account when deciding whether pupils will be admitted to the next level of education. Pupils who do not pass the examinations held on completion of a school year (secondary education) receive an Oriënteringsattest C.
- The getuigschrift, which is awarded to pupils at the end of the fifth year of social and vocational training (in training form 3 of special secondary
education. These pupils are offered social and vocational training with a view to securing their integration into a normal environment and work situation, and have to acquire all skills specified in a training course chosen from a set of possible options. These skills are listed on the certificate which gives access to the corresponding profession or occupation, and entitles its holders to qualify for block release vocational training leading to a Getuigschrift van alternerende beroepsopleiding. In some cases, pupils may also obtain the certificate by successfully completing the block release training in form 3 of special secondary education.

- The getuigschrift van leertijd (apprenticeship certificate), which is awarded at the end of the second stage of vocational secondary education including a simultaneous apprenticeship.

The written, oral or practical examinations are set by the individual school and cover all subjects studied. The name of the certificate is followed by reference to the course concerned.

Getuigschrift basisonderwijs
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 1
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have satisfactorily achieved curricular objectives at the end of primary education lasting 6 years. Assessment for the certificate, which is carried out by the teachers collectively, includes written examinations set by the school. The certificate may also be awarded to pupils who pass the first year of general secondary education (A-stream) or the second year of vocational secondary education (B-stream). The certificate gives access to the first year of the first stage of secondary education, and may in certain cases be obtained by pupils in special primary education.

Getuigschrift DKO
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Getuigschrift van het deeltijds kunstonderwijs (+).

Getuigschrift over de basiskennis van het bedrijfsbeheer
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate which is awarded to those who pass the examinations held on completion of the course known as Basiskennis van het bedrijfsbeheer (basic knowledge of business management), and which enables them to start their own business. The written or oral examinations are set by the individual school and cover all subjects studied. After the completion of compulsory education, this certificate may also be obtained in adult education, or with the approval of the Examining Board of the Flemish Community.

Getuigschrift van alternerende beroepsopleiding
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 3 (SEN)
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have already obtained the Getuigschrift (+) for a course in training form 3 of special secondary education, and have satisfactorily completed block release vocational training also in form 3. The block release training takes one year and consists of part-time vocational training at school and part-time acquisition of professional experience through ‘on-the-job’ training in a company or business. The written, oral or practical examinations are set by the individual school and cover all subjects studied. The certificate gives access to the corresponding profession or occupation. Pupils who do not hold the Getuigschrift (for a course in training form 3 of special secondary education) may obtain the Getuigschrift van alternerende beroepsopleiding by passing the examinations for the block release vocational training.

Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Getuigschriften van de afsluitende examens
Level: ISCED 4 and 5
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by universities and professional tertiary education institutions (hbo, or hogescholen) to students who pass the Afsluitend examen at the end of non-university tertiary education (with 240 credits corresponding in general to four years of study), first-cycle university education (180 credits), or second-cycle university education (in which 60 credits are generally equivalent to 1 year, 120 credits correspond to 2 years of study in technical subjects, agriculture, science and dentistry, and 180 credits to 3 years of study in medicine, pharmacy and veterinary medicine). The certificate lists the name of the course, the subjects in which the student is examined, and – where appropriate – the professional qualification obtained. It confers on hbo graduates the title of Baccalaureus (+), Bachelor (+) or Ingenieur (abbreviated as ing.) and gives access to the labour market or further professional tertiary education. Graduates from the first cycle of university education are authorised in law to use the academic title of Bachelor (+) and embark on the second cycle of university education, in which the certificate leads to the title of Master. In addition to the title of Master, graduates are allowed to use the Dutch
titles ★ Meester (law degree, abbreviated as mr.), ★ Ingenieur (in agriculture or engineering, abbreviated as ir.) and and/or ★ Doctorandus (in all other disciplines, abbreviated as drs.). Holders of these titles may enter the labour market, or embark on further tertiary education or advanced study and research.

Getuigschrift van het deeltijds kunstonderwijs (+)
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: Certificate of part-time artistic education awarded to pupils, young people and adults who have already obtained the ★ Eind attest van het deeltijds kunstonderwijs, and have satisfactorily completed the final year of the intermediate or higher level. The certificate may be awarded in the four disciplines of visual arts, music, verbal expression and drama, and dance. Each discipline has its own structure with its own levels and options. Depending on the discipline concerned, pupils may start at the age of 6 or 8. The examinations are organised by the individual institution, and holders of the higher level certificate may begin the specialisation stage leading to a ★ Kwalificatiegetuigschrift van het deeltijds kunstonderwijs. The name of the certificate is followed by reference to the level and name of the option concerned. Abbreviation: Getuigschrift DKO.

Getuigschrift van het propedeutisch examen
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Getuigschriften van de propedeutische examens
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to students on successful completion of the ★ Propedeutisch examen. It allows them to continue their studies in university or professional tertiary education.

Getuigschrift van pedagogische bekwaamheid
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 5 (A.Ed)
Explanatory note: Teaching qualification obtained by adult learners who pass the examinations of the groep 3-course, thus securing entry to the teaching profession in stage 1 and/or stage 2 and/or stage 3 of secondary education. For information on examinations and the details indicated on the certificate, see ★ Apotheker. Abbreviation: GPB.

Getuigschrift van verworven vaardigheden
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 2 and 3 (SEN)
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who pass part of a specific course of training in special secondary education. The written, oral or practical examinations are set by the individual school and cover all subjects studied. The certificate indicates the skills acquired, which form a self-contained whole giving ready access to the corresponding occupation in the labour market.

GGS (+)
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ★ Gediplo meerde in de gespecialiseerde studies van (+), which is followed by reference to the field of study concerned.

Gimnáziumi bizonyítvány
Country: Hungary
Grammatical variants: Gimnáziumi bizonyítványok, gimnáziumi bizonyítvány*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate of completion of general upper secondary education (gimnázium), awarded on the basis of class marks, without a final examination. The certificate indicates the subjects taken and results obtained during the studies, and enables pupils to take the ★ Érettségi vizsga examination or to gain access to the labour market.

Gimnáziumi érettségi bizonyítvány
Country: Hungary
Grammatical variants: Gimnáziumi érettségi bizonyítványok, gimnáziumi érettségi bizonyítvány*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate of completion of general upper secondary education, awarded by schools to pupils who pass the ★ Érettségi vizsga examination. It indicates the subjects taken and the results obtained, and is necessary for entry to tertiary education.

GNVQ
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ★ General National Vocational Qualification.

GPB
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ★ Getuigschrift van pedagogische bekwaamheid.

Graduaat
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Synonym for ★ Gegradueerde in de (+).
Graduado en Educación Secundaria

**Country:** Spain  
**Grammatical variants:** Graduados en Educación Secundaria  
**Level:** ISCED 2

**Explanatory note:** Certificate and title obtained by pupils whose continuous assessment in every subject taken has been satisfactory during their four years of general lower secondary education (Educación Secundaria Obligatoria, or ESO) as defined by the 1990 Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo (LOGSE, or Organic Law on the General Organisation of the Education System). Pupils are assessed by all their teachers (maestros/as and/or licenciados) in a group coordinated by the teacher responsible for the class and with advice from the guidance services (Departamento de orientación). The results of this assessment may be taken into account when guiding them in their choice of further education or a career. The certificate gives access to the general and vocational branches of upper secondary education (Bachillerato and Formación profesional específica de grado medio, respectively). With the implementation of the 2002 Ley Orgánica de Calidad de la Educación (LOCE, or Organic Act on the Quality of Education), this certificate and title will be replaced by the title of **Graduado en Educación Secundaria Obligatoria**.

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Graduado en Educación Secundaria Obligatoria

**Country:** Spain  
**Grammatical variants:** Graduados en Educación Secundaria Obligatoria  
**Level:** ISCED 2

**Explanatory note:** Certificate and title which will replace the title of **Graduado en Educación Secundaria** with the implementation of the 2002 Ley Orgánica de Calidad de la Educación (LOCE, or Organic Act on the Quality of Education). The certificate is to be awarded to pupils after they have passed in all subjects, or following the successful completion of a vocational initiation programme (Programas de Iniciación Profesional). Under certain circumstances specified by the government, it will be awarded on an exceptional basis to pupils who have not passed in all subjects and will mention the average grade obtained. The title will give access to Bachillerato, intermediate level vocational training and/or to employment.

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Graduado Escolar

**Country:** Spain  
**Grammatical variants:** Graduados Escolares  
**Level:** ISCED 2

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**Explanatory note:** Certificate and title replaced by the **Graduado en Educación Secundaria** certificate in the 2001/02 school year, which in turn will be replaced by the degree/title **Graduado en Educación Secundaria Obligatoria**, with the implementation of the 2002 Ley Orgánica de Calidad de la Educación (LOCE, or Organic Act on the Quality of Education). Under the education system in existence prior to the reform of the 1990 Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo (LOGSE, or Organic Law on the General Organisation of the Education System), the certificate was awarded at the end of 8 years of compulsory education (Educación General Básica, or EGB) to pupils who passed in all subjects. It gave access to general upper secondary education (BUP, or Bachillerato Unificado y Polivalente) or vocational lower secondary education (FP I, or Formación Profesional de primer grado).

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Graduat en (+)

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded by the Hautes Écoles or Écoles supérieures des Arts on completion of three years of short non-university tertiary education to those who have passed the curricular examinations organised by the institution in each subject, and submitted a final written assignment (mémoire). Some graduates may also be obtained in education for promotion sociale (adult education). The diploma indicates the field of study, the subjects taken, the subject of the mémoire and the final marks obtained. It confers on its holders the title of **Gradué/e en (+)**. The diploma gives access to the labour market, to specialised studies leading to the Diplôme de spécialisation and, under certain circumstances, to long second-cycle studies in tertiary education, second-cycle university studies, or long non-university tertiary studies. The term **graduat en** is always followed by reference to the field of study concerned.

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Graduate Certificate/Diploma (+)

**Country:** United Kingdom  
**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Tertiary education qualifications normally in a specialised or vocational subject and based largely on undergraduate material. They are usually taken by students who are already holders of a Bachelors degree in another discipline. Courses leading to these qualifications, often known as ‘conversion’ courses, are offered by universities and other tertiary education institutions. **Graduate Certificates** should normally take the equivalent of at least one-third and **Diplomas** at least two-thirds of an academic year. Assessment arrangements are determined at institu-
tional level but may include written examinations, continuous assessment, extended essays or theses, or a combination of all these. Under the new frameworks for higher education qualifications, which are being phased in from September 2003, the courses should have learning outcomes that match relevant parts of the qualification descriptor at ‘Honours level’ (H) or, in Scotland, ‘SHE level 3’ and H/SCQF levels 9 and 10’ (see Bachelors degree). These qualifications are recognised for progression within tertiary education (for example to a Masters degree) and by employers, and in some cases may lead to professional accreditation. The name of the qualification is normally followed by reference to the field of study concerned.

Graduate Diploma
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Qualification awarded following a second-cycle course of tertiary education usually in a specialised or vocational subject, mainly in universities and institutes of technology. Courses normally take one year’s full-time or two year’s part-time study depending on the institution.

Gradué/e en (+)
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred by the Hautes Écoles or Écoles supérieures des Arts to students who have obtained the Graduat en (+). Unlike Candidat/e en (+), Licencié/e en (+), Maitre en (+), etc., gradué/e may function as an adjective and be included in a title in the following form: ‘name of the profession + gradué/e’, as in infirmier/ère gradué/e, bibliothécaire documentaliste gradué/e, etc.

Grundexamen
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -examina
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Lukion päättötodistus.

GSVQ
Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Grammatical variants: 
Level: ISCED 3 and 4
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of General Scottish Vocational Qualification.

Gümnaasiumi lõpueksamid
Country: Estonia
Grammatical variants: Gümnaasiumi lõpueksamite, gümnaasiumi lõpueksameid
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Examination held at the end of 3 years of general upper secondary education at gümnaasium. It consists of five examinations, three of them organised externally Riigieksemid and two, internally Koolieksemid. Pupils who successfully pass two parts of this examination receive the Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus certificate.

Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus
Country: Estonia
Grammatical variants: Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistuse
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed the national curriculum for upper secondary education and passed five final examinations Gümnaasiumi lõpueksamid. It is issued by the school and includes the subjects taken, the final marks and marks of internal final examinations. It is valid only when held in conjunction with a national examination certificate Riigieksemitsitnustus, and gives access to all types of tertiary education (ülikool, rakenduskõrgkool).

Gymnasiets avgångsbetyg
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -betyget, -betygen
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Lukion päättötodistus.

Gyógypedagógiai általános iskolai bizonyítvány
Country: Hungary
Grammatical variants: Gyógypedagógiai általános iskolai bizonyítványok, gyógypedagógiai általános iskolai bizonyítvány
Level: ISCED 1 and 2 (SEN)
Explanatory note: Certificate of completion of 8 years of education for pupils with special educational needs, awarded on the basis of class marks, without a final examination. The certificate indicates the subjects taken and final year marks, and is required to gain access to mainstream upper secondary education or the labour market.
H.Dip.Ed.
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Higher diploma in education.

Habilitation à diriger des recherches
Country: France
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Diploma testifying to the ability to undertake original academic research at a high level and supervise young researchers. It is awarded to candidates who hold a Doctorat (+) and who have already published research of their own. The diploma indicates the field of specialisation and gives access to appointment as a university teacher, subject to successful performance in a competitive selection procedure.

Hauptschulabschluss
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Hauptschulabschluss*
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: The term used in most Länder for the Erster allgemein bildender Schulabschluss, which is generally awarded after the ninth school year by Hauptschulen, as well as by other types of lower secondary school, if at least adequate marks are obtained in all subjects. This first leaving certificate normally provides for admission to vocational training in the duales System (dual system of vocational training) and, under certain circumstances, to the Berufsgymnasium (a year of basic vocational training) or a Berufsfachschule (a type of vocational school). It is also a prerequisite for admission to Zweite Bildungsweg (‘second-chance’ education) and other adult education institutions and, on completion of initial vocational training, to certain Fachschulen (technical schools providing advanced vocational training). Generic term used in certain Länder. Synonyms used in certain Länder: Berufsbildungsreife, Berufszulassung.

Havo-certificaat
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Havo-certificaten
Level: ISCED 3 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Synonym for certificaat havo. See Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs.

Havo-diploma
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Havo-diploma’s
Level: ISCED 3 and 4
Explanatory note: Synonym for diploma havo. See Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs.

Havo-eindexamen
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Havo-eindexamens
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Synonym for eindexamen havo. See Eindexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs.

HETAC Diploma
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Teaching qualification awarded by the Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC) to holders of a Bachelor’s degree or a National Diploma (+) in art or design who successfully complete a 1-year full-time course.

HF
Country: Denmark
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Højere Forberedelseseksamen.

HHX
Country: Denmark
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Højere Handelssekamen.

Higher
Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Level: ISCED 3 and 4
Higher diploma in education

Explanatory note: A 1-year national qualification which is usually awarded to pupils at the end of the penultimate (fifth) year of secondary education but can also be obtained in adult education. The qualification is available in a range of academic and vocational subjects and there is no compulsory number or common core of subjects that all students are required to study. However, in practice, a maximum of 5 Highers in different subjects is studied in one year. 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 from A to C. Units can be taken separately. The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) awards the qualification, carries out external assessments and moderates internal assessments. Assessments are usually written, though depending on the subject studied, oral and practical assessments may also be undertaken. These qualifications are at Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) level 6 and used for entry to tertiary education, and also studied to assist entry into employment.

Higher diploma in education

Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Qualification for secondary school teaching, which is awarded by universities to students who already hold a first degree such as a Bachelor's degree (3 or 4 years of study) and pass the required examinations and practical placements. Abbreviation: H.Dip.Ed.

Higher National Certificate (+)

Country: United Kingdom
Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: A tertiary education qualification awarded on successful completion of a short course (normally 2 years full time) by the Edexcel Foundation in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) in Scotland. Courses are unit-based and provided in universities, other tertiary education institutions and, in some cases, further education institutions. This qualification requires more units of study than a Higher National Certificate. Assessment of students is determined 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. Successful students receive a Higher National Diploma which indicates the area of study, e.g. business administration. The Diploma is accompanied by a Certificate of Achievement which specifies each unit of study taken and whether a 'pass', 'merit' or 'distinction' was gained. It will be incorporated into the framework for higher education qualifications, which is being phased in from September 2003, at 'Intermediate level' (I) or, in Scotland at 'SHE level 2'/SCQF level 8'. The Higher National Diploma is recognised for progression within tertiary education (for example to a Bachelor's degree) and by employers, and in some cases may lead to professional accreditation. The name of the qualification is normally followed by reference to the field of study concerned. Abbreviation: HND.

HNC

Country: United Kingdom
Level: ISCED 5


HND

Country: United Kingdom
Level: ISCED 5

Hochschulprüfung
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Hochschulprüfungen, Hochschulprüfung*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: General term for a kirchliche Abschlussprüfung (ecclesiastical examination), Diplomprüfung, and Magisterprüfung, examinations leading to the award of the Bachelor. Unlike the Staatsprüfung, the Hochschulprüfung (academic examination) is usually administered by staff members of the tertiary education institution concerned, which is solely responsible for this task.

Högskoleexamen
Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Högskoleexamina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: General degree awarded after 2 years of full-time study in any faculty at a university or university college (universitet or högskola). The degree certificate indicates the major field of study, the subjects passed and marks obtained, and gives access to employment. There is no corresponding title.

Högskoleingenjörsexamen
Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Högskoleingenjörsexamina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Professional degree in engineering, awarded after a full-time study programme lasting 2 or 3 years, which normally includes a degree project, at a university or university college (universitet or högskola). The degree certificate indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained. Both the 2-year and 3-year degree give access to employment, while holders of the latter are also eligible for doctoral studies leading to the Doktorsexamen (+).

Høgskolekandidat
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree and title obtained by students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of courses lasting 2 to 3 years in a høgskole. This qualification may be obtained in various fields of study and is often multidisciplinary. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners. The degree indicates the student’s results in the examinations and the average marks obtained in the main subjects. It gives access to employment or to further tertiary education. It is normally possible for students with this degree who later wish to study for the Candidatus magisterii to deduct the number of years they have already completed, from the 4 or three-and-a-half years required for the latter (subject to the agreement of the tertiary education institution and faculty at which it is offered).

Højere Forberedelseseksamen
Country: Denmark
Grammatical variants: Højere forberedelseseksamener
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Examination taken on completion of general upper secondary education lasting 2 years (HF-kursus). It is organised by the Ministry of Education and 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. Pupils have to pass this examination to obtain the Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen. Abbreviation: HF.

Højere Handelseksamen
Country: Denmark
Grammatical variants: Højere handelseksamener
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Examination taken on completion of general upper secondary education lasting 3 years (handelskole). It is organised by the Ministry of Education and includes written and oral examinations (the written ones set at national level). During their three years, pupils must pass 10 oral or written examinations, 3 of which are in the second year. A written examination in Danish (level A) is compulsory, while there is a draw to decide whether pupils take oral or written examinations in the following compulsory subjects: English, business economics, international economics, contemporary history, commercial law and sales. Subjects taken at level A have to be completed with a written examination. In addition to the examinations, a written assignment has to be completed during the third year. Examinations are taken in the presence of external examiners. Pupils have to pass this examination to obtain the Bevis for Højere Handelseksamen. Abbreviation: HHX.

Højere Teknisk Eksamen
Country: Denmark
Grammatical variants: Højere tekniske eksamener
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Examination taken on completion of general upper secondary education lasting 3 years (teknisk skole). During their three years, pupils must pass 10 oral or written examinations. A written examination in Danish (level A)
is compulsory, while there is a draw to decide whether pupils take an oral or written examination, or both, in mathematics (the other compulsory subject, at level B). The eight other examinations depend on the pupil’s choice of optional subjects and the draw to determine oral or written examinations, or both. Subjects taken at level A have to be finished with a written examination. Examinations are taken in the presence of external examiners. Pupils have to pass this examination to obtain the *Bevis for Højere Teknisk Eksamen*. Abbreviation: HTX.

**Hovedfagskandidat**  
**Country:** Norway  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree and title obtained by students who pass written and oral final examinations and present a final dissertation at the end of a 2-year course following the *Candidatus magisterii* degree. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, one of whom is external. The degree certificate indicates the student’s results in the examinations, the subject of the final dissertation and its assessment. It gives access to employment and/or to advanced study and research leading to the *Doctor (+)* or *Ph.d. degree.*

**Høyere revisoreksamen**  
**Country:** Norway  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to students with a *vitnemål revisorutdanning* (see *Vitnemål (+))* who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of a one-and-a-half-year university course in auditing. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, one of whom is external. The diploma indicates the student’s results in the examinations and the average marks obtained in the main subjects concerned. It gives access to employment.

**HTX**  
**Country:** Denmark  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of *Højere Teknisk Eksamen.*
Idrettskandidat
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree and title obtained by students with a Candidatus magisterii who pass a final examination at the end of a 2-year university course in physical education. The examination consists of written and practical tests relating to the area of specialisation, which are set by the institution concerned. Students are assessed by two examiners, one of whom is external. The degree diploma indicates their results in the examinations and the average marks obtained in the main subjects. It gives access to employment and/or to advanced study and research leading to the Doctor (+) or Ph.d. degree.

Ing.
Country: Czech Republic
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Inženýr/ka.

Ing.
Country: Slovakia
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Inžinier (+).

Ing.
Country: The Netherlands
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Ingenieur obtained in professional tertiary education (hbo). It is written before the name of the holder of the title.

Ing.arch.
Country: Czech Republic
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Inženýr/ka in the field of architecture.

Ing.arch.
Country: Slovakia
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of inžinier architekt in the field of architecture, see Inžinier (+).

Ingeniería en/de (+)
Country: Spain
Grammatical variants: Ingenierías en/de
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree awarded to students who have passed the examinations required under the programme and a final examination (a 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. It can also be obtained at the end of the second cycle of university studies lasting 3 years (after the Diplomado en (+), Maestro (+) or Ingeniero Técnico en/de (+)). The examinations are organised by each institution and cover every subject taken. The degree certificate indicates the field of specialisation and confers on its holder the title of Ingeniero en/de (+) which gives access to the engineering profession and/or to a Doctorado en (+). The title is always followed by the name of the field of specialisation. This degree corresponds to a Licenciatura en (+).

Ingeniería Técnica en/de (+)
Country: Spain
Grammatical variants: Ingenierías Técnicas en/de
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree awarded to students who have passed the examinations required under the programme and a final examination (a 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 (professor) and cover every subject taken. The degree certificate indicates the field of specialisation. It confers on its holder the title of Ingeniero Técnico en/de (+) and gives access to the profession and/or to second-cycle university studies leading to the title of Ingeniero en/de (+) or Diplomado en (+). The title is always followed by the name of the field of specialisation. This degree corresponds to a Diplomatura en (+).

Ingeniero en/de (+)
Country: Spain
Grammatical variants: Ingeniera/os en/de
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the Ingeniero Técnico en/de (+) degree. It is always followed by the name of the field of specialisation.

**Ingeniero Técnico en/de (+)**
Country: Spain
Grammatical variants: Ingeniera/os Técnica/os en/de
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the Ingeniero Técnica en/de (+) degree. It is always followed by the name of the field of specialisation and corresponds to the Diplomado en (+).

Ingenieur
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Qualification and title obtained by students who have successfully completed a 2-year first cycle of university education leading to the Kandidaat in de (+), and then either a 3-year second cycle of university studies in architecture, commerce or applied biological sciences, or a tertiary level 4-year 2-cycle course in industrial engineering at a hogeschool. Depending on the field of study, the qualification and its title are Burgelijk ingenieur (Civil engineer), Burgelijk ingenieur-architect (Civil engineer-architect), Bio-ingénieur (Agricultural or Bio-engineer), Handelsingenieur (Commercial engineer), or Industrieel ingenieur (Engineer in industrial science and technology). The qualification gives access to the corresponding profession and to further tertiary level studies. When obtained at hogescholen, it entitles its holder to study for the degree qualifying them to work as teachers in upper secondary education (geaggregeerde voor het secundair onderwijs-groep 2) and/or for the Gediplomeerde in de voortgezet studies van (+). When obtained at a university, it entitles its holder to study for the degree qualifying them to work as teachers in upper secondary education (geaggregeerde voor het secundair onderwijs-groep 2), or for a Gediplomeerde in de aanvullende studies van (+) and/or a Gediplomeerde in de gespecialiseerde studies van (+). It also gives access to the third cycle of university studies for those wishing to obtain the degree of Doctor in de (+). For information on examinations and the details indicated on the certificate, see Apotheker.

Ingenieur
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Ingenieurs
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note:

• Title conferred on students who obtain the Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen on completion of second-cycle university education in agriculture or engineering. It is written before the name of its holder and obtained together with the title of Master (+). Abbreviation: Ir.

• Degree and title obtained by students who have been awarded the getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen at the end of the first cycle of professional tertiary education (hbo) in technical fields (engineering or agriculture). The title is written before the name of its holder. Abbreviation: Ing.

**Ingenieur/in**
Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Ingenieure, Ingenieurinnen, Ingenieur*
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Title conferred by the Ministry of Economic Affairs on holders of the Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis (obtained on completion of a 5-year upper secondary technical and vocational school) who apply for it after 3 years of relevant professional experience.

**Ingénieur (+)**
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Qualification and title awarded by universities on the completion of three years of second-cycle university studies, or by the Hautes Écoles following two or three years of second-cycle long non-university studies in engineering. They are obtained by students who already hold the diploma Candidature en (+) and who have passed the curricular examinations organised by the institution in each subject, and submitted a final written assignment. Certain qualifications and grades of industrial engineer may also be obtained in education for promotion sociale (adult education). The qualification indicates the field of study, the subjects taken, the subject of the written assignment and the final marks obtained. It gives access to the engineering profession, more specialised tertiary studies or studies leading to the Doctorat en (+). The title of ingénieur always includes reference to the particular branch of engineering concerned, as in ingénieur civil, ingénieur agronome, bioingénieur, ingénieur de gestion (awarded by the universities), and ingénieur industriel, ingénieur commercial (awarded by the Hautes Écoles).

**Ingénieur**
Country: France
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title and qualification obtained by students who have passed the required examinations in the programme of studies (lasting 5 or 3 years subsequent to 2 years in classes préparatoires) at a university or non-university tertiary education institution accredited by a national committee. The examinations are prepared by the institution concerned and vary from one field of specialisation to the next. The qualification gives access to the labour market.

Ingénieur industriel
Country: Luxembourg
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the Diplôme d’Ingénieur industriel.

Ingénieur-maitre
Country: France
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the Maîtrise in an institut universitaire professionnelisé (IUP).

Inginier diplomat
Country: Romania
Grammatical variants: Ingeneri diplomați
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the Diplomă de inginer diplomat.

Intermediate 1
Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Level: ISCED 2, 3 and 4
Explanatory note: A 1-year national qualification which is usually awarded to pupils in the penultimate (fifth) year of upper secondary education but can also be taken in either of the final two years of lower secondary education. It is also possible to study for it in adult education. The qualification is available in a range of academic and vocational subjects and there is no compulsory number or common core of subjects that all students are required to study. Intermediate 1 is at Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) level 4 broadly equivalent to 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 from A to C. Units can be taken separately. The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) awards the qualification, carries out external assessments and moderates internal assessments. Assessments are usually written, though depending on the subject studied, oral and practical assessments may also be undertaken. The qualification is suitable for entry to training and employment, and students can also progress to courses leading to Intermediate 2.

Intermediate 2
Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Level: ISCED 2, 3 and 4
Explanatory note: A 1-year national qualification which is usually awarded to pupils in the penultimate (fifth) year of upper secondary education but which can also be taken in either of the final two years of lower secondary education, and obtained in adult education. Intermediate 2 is at Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) level 5 broadly equivalent to Standard Grade (Credit level). These qualifications are suitable for entry to training and employment and students can also progress to courses leading to the Higher qualification. For further information, see Intermediate 1.

Intermediate level 2 certificate in (+)
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to students who possess a Foundation level 1 certificate in (+) at merit or distinction grade and/or who have obtained a City and Guilds qualification – awarded by the City and Guilds Council of London to Maltese students sitting the required examinations – which is relevant to their selected option. Students are continuously assessed through a combination of practical and assignment-based activities appropriate to the subject concerned. Course modules include assessment by final examination at the end of each semester. Depending on their final grades, students completing this course may either enter the industry at supervisory level, or apply for the course leading to an Advanced diploma level 3 (+), after undertaking a 12-month international internship.

Inż.
Country: Poland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Inżynier.

Inż. (+)
Country: Slovenia
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Inženir/ka (+).

Inženir/ka (+)
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Inženirji/rke, inženir*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Professional title formerly awarded to students who successfully completed
2-3 year programmes at the former višja šola, or the first cycle of former tertiary programmes at a visoka šola or fakulteta, passed the Diplomski izpit examination and obtained the Diploma. Students enrolled for this type of programme for the last time in 1995, but were graduating up to the year 2002. The title gives access to the labour market or further tertiary education (in the third year of professionally oriented tertiary programmes and, under certain circumstances, in the second year of academically oriented tertiary programmes). The title is always followed (or preceded) by reference to the field of study (for example, inženir/ka strojništva). Abbreviation: Inž. (+). Note: This type of programme has been reintroduced in the form of more practically oriented tertiary vocational programmes at vocational colleges (višje strokovne šole); some of these institutions now confer the title inženir/ka (+) on students as the title of a vocational qualification, see Naziv poklicne/strokovne izobrazbe.

Inženýr/ka
Country: Czech Republic
Grammatical variants: Inženýři, inženýr*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the Vysokoškolský diplom and the certificate Vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce in the field of technology, economics, agriculture, forestry or military science. Abbreviations: Ing., and Ing.arch. in the field of architecture.

Inžinier (+)
Country: Slovakia
Grammatical variants: Inžinier, inžinier*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the Vysokoškolský diplom in the fields of technology, agriculture, economics and architecture. It is always followed by reference to the field of study in which it was obtained. Abbreviations: Ing., and Ing.arch. in the field of architecture.

Inżynier
Country: Poland
Grammatical variants: Inżynierowie, inżynier*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: First professional title conferred on students who have obtained the Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych qualification at the end of technical, economic or agricultural studies in tertiary education. Holders of the title may continue their education to obtain the title of Magister (inżynier). Abbreviation: Inż.

Ir.
Country: The Netherlands
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Ingenieur obtained in university education (wo). It is written before the name of the holder of the title.
JUDr.
**Country:** Czech Republic
**Level:** ISCED 5
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of † Doktor/ka (+) in the field of law.

JUDr.
**Country:** Slovakia
**Level:** ISCED 5
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of † Doktor (+) in the field of law.

**Junior Certificate**
**Country:** Ireland
**Level:** ISCED 2
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded by the State Examinations Commission to pupils who complete the † Junior Certificate examination. The certificate indicates the subjects passed, whether at higher or ordinary level, and the grades obtained in the examinations. Grades range from A to F and NG (no grade). The Junior Certificate is required for entry to apprenticeships and for some unskilled areas of work.

**Junior lyceum examination**
**Country:** Malta
**Level:** ISCED 1
**Explanatory note:** National examination held at the end of primary school which, for successful pupils, gives access to the state junior lyceums. The examination is centrally organised by the Educational Assessment Unit (EAU) within the Education Division. No certificate is awarded.

**Juris kandidatexamen**
**Country:** Sweden
**Grammatical variants:** Juris kandidatexamina
**Level:** ISCED 5
**Explanatory note:** Professional degree in law, awarded after a four-and-a-half-year full-time study programme, normally including a degree project, at a university or university college (universitet or högskola). The degree certificate indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained. It gives access to employment and its holders are also eligible for doctoral studies leading to the † Doktorsexamen (+). The corresponding title is juris kandidat (jur. kand.).
Kandidaat in de (+)
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Intermediate qualification and title obtained by students who successfully complete a 2- or 3-year first cycle of university or non-university tertiary education in a specific field at a university or hogeschool. It gives them access to the second cycle of university or non-university education leading to the diploma of Apotheker, Arts, Ingenieur, Licenciaat in de (+), Meester (+), etc. Some qualifications may also be obtained with the approval of the Examining Board of the Flemish Community. For information on examinations and the details indicated on the certificate, see Apotheker.

Kandidaatin tutkinto (+)
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -tutkinnot, -tutkinto*, -tutkinno*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note:
- First degree awarded to students who have successfully completed 3 years of full-time study at university (yliopisto or korkeakoulu). It can be taken in all fields, except technology, architecture, medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine. Degrees are normally taken in a specific subject but, in some fields, multidisciplinary degree programmes are on offer. There is no final examination and details indicated on the degree certificate are not governed by national regulations but determined by the university concerned. The degree gives access to second degree programmes or to the labour market.
- In law, degree awarded to students who have successfully completed 5 years of studies at yliopisto (or 2 years following the Oikeusno-taarin tutkinto). There is no final examination and details indicated on the degree certificate are not governed by national regulations but determined by the university concerned. The degree gives access to the labour market, or to advanced study and research leading to the Tohtorin tutkinto (+).

It confers on its holder the title of Kandidaatti (+). The name of the degree is always preceded by the field of study, for example psykologian kandidaatin tutkinto. Swedish term: Kandidatexamen.

Kandidaatti (+)
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: Kandidaatit, kandidaati*, kandidaatti*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on holders of the Kandidaatin tutkinto (+) degree, normally preceded by the name of the field of study, for example psykologian kandidaatti. Swedish term: Kandidat.

Kandidat
Country: Denmark
Grammatical variants: Kandidaten, kandidater, kandidaterne
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Synonym for Candidatus (+).

Kandidat
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -en, -er, -erna
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Kandidaatti (+).

Kandidat (+)
Country: Iceland
Grammatical variants: Kandidats, kandidatar
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the Kandidatsgráda degree. It is followed by the name of the specialisation. The Latin term is Candidatus, used in the abbreviated form: Cand. (+)

Kandidat (+)
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree and title obtained by students with a Candidatus magisterii, or its equivalent, who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of a 1-year university course in
Kandidat

Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Kandidaten, kandidater, kandidaterna
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained a Kandidatexamen, normally with a prefix referring either to the faculty or area of study in which the degree was obtained, for example filosofi kandidat, and frequently used in its abbreviated form, e.g. fil.kand.

Kandidat i musikk
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree and title obtained by students who pass written, oral and practical final examinations at the end of a 4-year university undergraduate course in music. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners. The degree certificate indicates the student’s results in the examinations, the marks in the subjects taken and the average marks obtained in the main subjects. It gives access to further studies in the same field leading to the Diplomeksamen.

Kandidatexamen
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -examina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Kandidaat tutkinto (+).

Kandidatexamen (+)
Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Kandidatexamina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: General degree awarded after 3 years of full-time study at a university or university college faculty. Half the programme comprises studies in one major subject in which a thesis is written. The degree certificate indicates the major fields of study, the subjects passed and marks obtained. It confers the title of Kandidat on its holders who are also eligible for doctoral studies leading to the Doktorsexamen (+). The name of the degree refers either to the faculty, for example filosofi kandidatexamen, or the area of study in which it is obtained, e.g. ekonomie kandidatexamen.

Kandidatgrad
Country: Denmark
Grammatical variants: -graden, -grader, -graderne
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Second degree awarded to students who have successfully completed six- and-a-half years of academic studies in medicine, five- and-a-half years in veterinary medicine, 5 years in engineering or 2 years following the Bachelorgrad. There is not just one final examination at the end, as examinations are taken in all important course subjects after the teaching of each individual subject. The degree is awarded by the university concerned and indicates the marks obtained in the examinations, the mark obtained in the written dissertation, the title and the field of specialisation. It confers on its holders the title Candidatus (+), and gives access to advanced study and research leading to the Doktorsexamen or the Ph.d.-grad., as well as to the labour market.

Kandidatsgráda
Country: Iceland
Grammatical variants: Kandidatsgrádu
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Professional qualification awarded by a tertiary education institution (háskóli) to students who have successfully completed a 4- to 6-year course leading to a number of professions including medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, law, theology etc. and who have passed the final Kandidatspróf examination. The qualification indicates the courses and results obtained in the examination, as well as the field of specialisation. It gives access to the relevant profession, further university education leading to the Meis- taragráda or advanced study and research leading to the Doktorsexamen. It confers on its holders the title of Kandidat (+) often used in the Latin abbreviated form Cand. (+).

Kandidatspróf
Country: Iceland
Grammatical variants: Kandidatsprófi, kandidatsprófs
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Examination held at the end of the final year of 4- to 6-year courses of study for various professions including medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, law, theology, etc. Its content and the level of requirements depend on individual faculties. It includes a written and oral examination
and, in most cases, a final thesis. The examination is the responsibility of the relevant faculty, and is compulsory for obtaining the qualification *Kandidatsgráda*.

**Kantonalprüfung**

**Country**: Belgium (German-speaking Community)  
**Grammatical variants**: Kantonalprüfung, Kantonalprüfung*  
**Level**: ISCED 1  
**Explanatory note**: Optional examination formerly held on completion of 6 years of primary education (*Primarschule*) under the supervision of the inspector for primary education in various Belgian cantons (administrative districts). This examination has not been organised in the German-speaking Community since the 1999/2000 school year. It was for adults, as well as pupils, who had not taken the normal course of education. It included written and oral tests in German, a first foreign language and mathematics, and the results could be taken into account in awarding the *Abschlusszeugnis der Grundschule*. Under the Decree of 13 July 2000, it has been replaced by the *Abschlussprüfung der Grundschulbildung* provided by an examination board external to the school, which may itself award the *Abschlusszeugnis der Grundschule*.

**Kaufmannsgehilfenbrief**

**Country**: Germany  
**Grammatical variants**: Kaufmannsgehilfenbriefe, Kaufmannsgehilfenbrief*  
**Level**: ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note**: Commercial assistant’s certificate awarded at the end of vocational training in the *duales System* (dual system of vocational training) to trainees who pass the *Ausbildungabschlussprüfung* in the commercial sector before the authority (chamber) responsible for vocational training. The certificate is always awarded together with the *Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule*. It qualifies its holder for an occupation and is a prerequisite for further vocational training in a *Fachschule* (technical school providing advanced vocational training).

**Key Skills Qualification**

**Country**: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)  
**Level**: ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note**: Qualification comprising separate units in communication, application of number and information technology. Key skills are those commonly needed for success in a wide range of activities in education and training, work and life in general. The *Key Skills Qualification* is intended for study in tandem with other qualifications, so the internal assessment for it is based on evidence that may include work produced for other courses (such as *General Certificate of Education Advanced levels*, *General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary levels* and *Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education*) or work-based activities. Units are assessed both internally and externally. The qualification is open to students aged 16 or over (including adults) in schools and *further education* institutions, or on work-based training programmes. Units are available at levels 1-4. Where students have not already achieved A*-C grades in *General Certificate of Secondary Education* English, mathematics or information and communication technology, their programmes generally lead to the formal acquisition of relevant key skills qualifications at level 2. Where students are starting on advanced level programmes with the aim of pursuing a professional or higher qualification at the age of 19 or over, institutions generally support them in gaining at least one relevant *key skills qualification* at level 3.

**Kirchliche Abschlussprüfung**

**Country**: Germany  
**Grammatical variants**: Kirchliche Abschlussprüfungen, Kirchliche Abschlussprüfung*  
**Level**: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Ecclesiastical examination organised on completion of academic studies in Catholic or Protestant theology after 4 years at *Theologische Hochschulen*. The examination is a prerequisite for admission to the clergy. The examination board consists of Church representatives and university lecturers. Students who pass the examination and obtain their certification may embark on advanced study and research leading to the *Doktorgrad*. Other examinations concluding this type of studies are the *Staatsexamen*, the *Diplomprüfung*, the *Magisterprüfung*, and the examinations leading to the title of *Bachelor* (+), as well as the *Lizentiatenprüfung* in the case of studies in Catholic theology. General term: *Hochschulprüfung*.

**Kolokwium habilitacyjne**

**Country**: Poland  
**Grammatical variants**: Kolokwia habilitacyjne, kolokwii* habilitacyjnej*  
**Level**: ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note**: Oral examination which leads to the qualification *Dyplom doktora habilitowanego*, conferring on its holder the second advanced research title of *Doktor habilitowany*. The examination is for students who have already obtained the *Dyplom doktora* degree. It involves the defence of a thesis, approved in advance by two experts in the field concerned, and presented after several years of research. The result of this...
examination is decided by a secret ballot of members of the examining board and approved by the Central Commission for Academic Titles and Degrees.

**Kommunalkandidat**

**Country:** Norway  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree and title obtained by students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of a 3-year course in local government administration. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners. The degree indicates the student’s results in the examinations and the average marks obtained in the main subjects. It gives access to employment or further tertiary education. It is normally possible for students with this degree who later wish to study for the *Candidatus magisterii* to deduct the number of years they have already completed, from the 4 years required for the latter (subject to the agreement of the tertiary education institution and faculty at which it is offered).

**Konservatorgrad**

**Country:** Denmark  
**Grammatical variants:** -graden, -grader, -graderne  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded by the Kunstakademiet to students who have successfully completed 5 years of academic studies in the field of conservation (of works of art, historical artefacts, etc.). The final examination consists of the defence of a project before an external examining board. The degree indicates only the student’s area of specialisation and confers on its holder the title *Konservator*. It gives access to advanced study and research leading to the *Doktorgrad* or *Ph.d.-grad*, or to employment as a conservator.

**Konstnärlig högskoleexamen**

**Country:** Sweden  
**Grammatical variants:** Konstnärliga högskole-examina  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Professional degree awarded after a university programme of full-time study in fine arts lasting at least 2 years, and in most cases 4 to 5 years. The degree certificate indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained. The degree gives access to employment.

**Konzertexamen**

**Country:** Germany  
**Grammatical variants:** Konzertexamen, Konzertexamina, Konzertexamen*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Final examination in a Musikhochschule (college of music) or in a specialised musical subject in *postgradualen Studiengängen* (further study, supplementary and follow-up courses). Admission requirements for the courses are usually the *künstlerische Abschlussprüfung* or the artistic *Diplom (+)* with outstanding results and successful performance in an entrance or aptitude examination. Students who achieve the required standard in the *Konzertexamen* may embark on careers as professional musicians. Synonyms used in some tertiary education institutions: *Konzertreifeprüfung* or *Künstlerische Reifeprüfung*.

**Konzertreifeprüfung**

**Country:** Germany  
**Grammatical variants:** Konzertreifeprüfungen, Konzertreifeprüfung*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Synonym for *Konzertexamen*.

**Koolieksamid**

**Country:** Estonia  
**Grammatical variants:** Koolieksamite, koolieksameid  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Internal final examination held at the end of 3 years of general upper secondary education at *gümnaasium*, which is part of the *Gümnaasiumi lõpuksami*. It consists of two examinations set and evaluated by the school. Every subject taught during at least 105 lessons in 3 years of upper secondary education may be chosen for the internal final examination. These examinations are oral, written, or both combined. Pupils who pass them, as well as the externally organised part *Riigieksamid*, may receive the *Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus* certificate.

**Kunstfagkandidat**

**Country:** Norway  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree and title obtained by students who pass final examinations at the end of a one-and-a-half-year course in the arts after being awarded the *Vitnemål (+)* in the arts.
Examinations, Qualifications and Titles

Kunstflaglig utdanning
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of a 4-year course in music and the arts. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners. The diploma indicates the student's results in the subjects taken and the average marks obtained in the main subjects. It gives access to employment.

Künstlerische Abschlussprüfung
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Künstlerische Abschlussprüfungen, Künstlerische Abschlussprüfung*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Final arts examination concluding a course of study in a Kunst-/Musikhochschule (college of art and music), leading to a certificate without an academic degree. The certificate gives access to further studies, supplementary and follow-up courses (postgraduale Studiengänge).

Künstlerische Reifeprüfung
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Künstlerische Reifeprüfungen, Künstlerisch* Reifeprüfung*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Synonym for Konzertexamen.

Kvalificerad yrkesexamen
Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Kvalificerade yrkesexamina
Level: ISCED 4 and 5
Explanatory note: A certificate in advanced vocational education, awarded after 40-120 weeks of study, one third of which are devoted to the application of theoretical knowledge at the workplace. The certificate may be obtained in many fields, including engineering, trade and tourism, agriculture, information technology and health care, and at different types of institution such as universitet, högskola, upper secondary schools, municipal schools for adult education, or private companies. The certificate indicates the field of specialisation and gives access to employment.

Kvalifikācijas eksāmens
Country: Latvia
Grammatical variants: Kvalifikācijas eksāmeni, kvalifikācijas eksānmu
Level: ISCED 2, 3 and 4
Explanatory note: Examination for a vocational qualification, which is part of the Valsts noslēguma pārbaudījums held at the end of a vocational education programme (the profesionālā pamatizglītiba, arodizglītiba, profesionālā or vidējā izglītiba). The examination consists of two parts, involving a test of theoretical knowledge and an examination of practical skills, respectively. The Ministry of Education and Science is responsible for developing assessment criteria for both parts. Those who pass only this examination receive the Atestāts par arodizglītību and Profesionālās kvalifikācijas apliecia. Those who pass all the valsts noslēguma pārbaudījums examinations receive the Diploms par profesionālo vidējo izglītību.

Kvalifikacijos pažymėjimas
Country: Lithuania
Grammatical variants: Kvalifikacijos pažymėjimai, kvalifikacijos pažymėjim*
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Vocational qualifying certificate awarded to pupils who successfully complete option 1 of vocational lower secondary education (profesinė mokykla). It is based on final examinations organised by schools. The certificate indicates the course subjects and the marks obtained, and gives access to an occupation.

Kwalificatiegetuigschrift DBSO
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Kwalificatiegetuigschrift van het deeltijds beroepsonderwijs.

Kwalificatiegetuigschrift DKO
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Kwalificatiegetuigschrift van het deeltijds kunstonderwijs (+).

Kwalificatiegetuigschrift van het deeltijds beroepsonderwijs
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils in part-time vocational secondary education who have completed at least two years of stage 2 of full-time or part-time education, and also completed the vocational training and passed the practical examination. The written, oral or practical examinations are set by the individual institution and cover all subjects studied. The certificate gives access to the corresponding profession or occupation. Abbreviation: Kwalificatiegetuigschrift DBSO.

Kwalificatiegetuigschrift van het deeltijds kunstonderwijs (+)
Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Certificate of part-time artistic education awarded to pupils, young people and
adults who have already obtained the Eindattest van het deeltijds kunstonderwijs or the Getuigschrift van het deeltijds kunstonderwijs (+), and satisfactorily completed the final year of the specialisation stage. Certificates may be awarded in the four disciplines of visual arts, music, verbal expression and drama, and dance, after those concerned have passed the examinations organised by their institution. Each discipline has its own structure with its own levels and options. The name of the certificate is followed by reference to the option concerned. Abbreviation: Kwalificatiegetuigschrift DKO.
Läkarexamen
Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Läkarexamina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Professional degree in medicine, awarded after a five-and-a-half-year full-time study programme, normally including a degree project, at a university or university college (universitet or högskola). The degree certificate indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained. It gives access to employment and its holders are also eligible for doctoral studies leading to the Doktorsexamen (+).

Lantmästarexamen
Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Lantmästarexamina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Professional degree in agriculture and rural management, which is awarded after a 2-year full-time study programme, including a degree project, at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. The degree certificate indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained and gives access to employment.

Lärarexamen
Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Lärarexamina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Professional degree in the field of education obtained at a university or university college (universitet or högskola) after three-and-a-half to five-and-a-half years of full-time study (corresponding to 140 and 220 credits, respectively), depending on the level and area of education concerned. The teacher training programme consists of three areas: a general area, common to all students (at least 60 credits); an area covering the one or more subjects the prospective teacher intends to teach (at least 40 credits); and an area with a field of specialisation, complementing previously acquired knowledge (at least 20 credits). A degree project corresponding to 10 credits also has to be undertaken, as does work practice at a school (at least 10 credits). Those wishing to teach vocationally oriented subjects at upper secondary level have to obtain 120 credits and, instead of studying in a specialised field, must have acquired extensive professional experience, combined with 60 credits in relevant, vocationally oriented higher education courses. The degree certificate indicates the field of specialisation and the level of education for which students have been trained to teach, as well as the subjects passed and marks obtained. The degree gives access to employment and its holders are also eligible for doctoral studies leading to the Doktorsexamen (+).

Laurea
Country: Italy
Grammatical variants: Lauree
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Standard name of the Diploma di Laurea (+).

Laurea specialistica
Country: Italy
Grammatical variants: Lauree specialistiche
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Standard name of the Diploma di Laurea specialistica (+).

Laureato
Country: Italy
Grammatical variants: Laureata, laureati, laureate
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Standard name of the Dottore/ssa in (+).

Leaving Certificate
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by the State Examinations Commission upon completion of the Leaving Certificate examination. It is a record of the grades awarded to the person concerned whether at higher or ordinary level. The results for individual subject examinations are graded as follows: A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, C3, D1, D2, D3, E, F and NG (no grade). The Link Modules of the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) are assessed as follows: distinc-
tion, merit, pass and unsuccessful. The certificate awarded at the end of the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) shows the number of credits earned in each of the modules taken along with the overall award, which may be distinction, merit or pass. The Leaving Certificate is the basis upon which places in tertiary and further education are allocated. It is also widely used as a means of selection by employers and training providers.

**Leaving Certificate examination**

**Country:** Ireland  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** A state examination taken at the age of 17 or 18 after two years of upper secondary education (or three years in the case of students who complete the optional Transition Year). It is taken upon completion of Leaving Certificate programmes of which there are three types: 1) the Leaving Certificate (LC) programme (commonly referred to as the established Leaving Certificate) which involves the study of at least five subjects which must include Irish (although typically students take seven subjects); 2) the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) which is similar to the LC but has a strong vocational dimension and includes units of study called Link Modules, in addition to the requirements of the LC; and 3) the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) programme which is a distinct self-contained programme consisting of modular courses covering vocational preparation, general education and vocational education.

- Achievement in the established Leaving Certificate programme (LC) is assessed through written examinations at the end of the programme. Students take these examinations at one of two levels, higher or ordinary. There are practical examinations and project work in certain subjects, such as art, construction studies and engineering. There are oral examinations in Irish and continental languages. The practical and oral tests take place during the final year of the programme.

- Within the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP), the Link Modules are examined on the basis of coursework and written papers.

- At the end of the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) programme and in addition to the continuous assessment throughout the course, a final examination is taken in the following areas: English and communication, two vocational areas of specialisation, mathematical applications, language and social education. The final examination accounts for 68 credits out of the total of 200.

Upon completion of Leaving Certificate programmes and examinations, students receive the Leaving Certificate.

**Lehrabschlussprüfung**

**Country:** Austria  
**Grammatical variants:** Lehrabschlussprüfungen, Lehrabschlussprüfung*  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Examination leading to the Prüfungszeugnis taken by apprentices at the end of their vocational training under the Duales System. The examination is organised by the apprenticeship training centres in the various Länder 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.

**Lehrbrief**

**Country:** Liechtenstein  
**Grammatical variants:** Lehrbriefe, Lehrbrief*  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Compulsory final examination which is organised in Switzerland by the regional authorities in schools of vocational upper secondary education (lasting 3 or 4 years) and leads to the award of the Lehrbrief. The examination includes theoretical and practical tests covering the trade or occupation concerned, as well as written and oral general knowledge tests.

**Lekarz (+)**

**Country:** Poland  
**Grammatical variants:** Lekarze, lekarz*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Professional title conferred on students who have obtained the Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych qualification in medicine, dentistry (lekarz stomatolog) or veterinary medicine (lekarz weterynarii). The title includes reference to the field of specialisation in which it was obtained.
Letno spričevalo
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Letna spričevala, letn* spričeval*
Level: ISCED 1, 2 and 3
Explanatory note: General term for a certificate awarded to pupils who have finished a grade in institutions for compulsory (primary and lower secondary) education and upper secondary education. It is awarded by the school concerned, indicates all subjects and the marks obtained for them, and gives access to the next grade.

Lic. (+)
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Licentiat (+) followed by reference to the field of study in abbreviated form, for example lic.philol. in arts subjects and lic.juris. in law.

Lic. theol.
Country: Germany
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Lizentiatengrad.

Licence
Country: France
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree awarded to students who have passed the final examinations held on completion of one year of second-cycle university studies open to those who have already obtained the Diplôme d’études universitaires générales. The final (written and oral) examinations are prepared by the institution concerned and relate to each of the subjects studied. The degree indicates the main subject and gives access to studies leading to the Maîtrise or to the labour market or, in the new system, to the Diplôme de master. It confers on its holder the title (grade) of Licencié/e en (+).

Licence en (+)
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Qualification awarded on the completion of two or three years of university or non-university second-cycle studies (following the Candidature en (+)) to students who have passed the curricular examinations organised by the institution in each subject, and submitted a final written assignment. The qualification indicates the subjects taken and the final marks obtained. It confers on its holder the title of Licencié/e en followed by reference to the field of study concerned. It gives access to the corresponding profession, studies leading to the Doc-torat en (+) or to further or specialised university studies, as well as specialised studies in Hautes Écoles.

Licence professionnelle
Country: France
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: National degree established in 1999, which took effect in 2000/01 and is awarded to students who have passed the examinations held on completion of one year of second-cycle university studies (180 European credits) open to holders of a Brevet de technicien supérieur, Diplôme universitaire de technologie, Diplôme d’études universitaires générales or Diplôme d’études universitaires scientifiques et techniques. The degree is awarded by universities acting alone or jointly with other public-sector organisations for tertiary education, and gives access to the labour market or studies leading to the Diplôme de master (in a compatible field). It confers on its holder the title (grade) of Licencié/e en (+).

Licenciado
Country: Portugal
Grammatical variants: Licenciados
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the Licenciatura degree.

Licenciado en (+)
Country: Spain
Grammatical variants: Licenciada/os en
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the Licenciatura en (+) degree. It is always followed by the name of the field of specialisation.

Licenciat teologie
Country: Czech Republic
Grammatical variants: Licenciáti teologie, licenciát* teologie
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Degree and title obtained by students who have accomplished the first part (2 years) of advanced study and research in the field of Catholic theology, and satisfactorily defended a written dissertation (obhajoba licenciátskej práce).
in the field of catholic theology. It gives access to the second part of studies leading to the title of 

Doktor (philosophiae doctor) and doktor teológie.

Abbreviation: ThLic.

**Licenciatura**

**Country:** Portugal

**Grammatical variants:** Licenciaturas

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded by university and polytechnic education institutions (universidade, academia or instituto politécnico) to students who have passed all curricular units at the end of a specific course (usually lasting 4 to 6 years and, in some cases, following a Bacharelato). The degree testifies to a sound scientific, academic or cultural education and provides in-depth knowledge geared to specialisation in a given field or entry to a profession. It always indicates the subject area, the mark obtained and the qualification in appropriate cases and confers on its holders the title of Licenciado. They may embark on further studies leading to the Mestrado or Doutoramento if they obtain at least 14 (bom) or 16 (muito bom), respectively, on a 0-20 scale. A licenciatura in architecture, engineering and nursing leads to the titles of Arquitecto, Engenheiro, Enfermeiro, respectively, which are conferred on those concerned by the ordem (corresponding public professional association).

**Licenciatura en (+)**

**Country:** Spain

**Grammatical variants:** Licenciaturas en

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded to students who have passed the examinations required under the programme at the end of long university studies lasting 4 or 5 years (6 years in medicine) or at the end of second-cycle university studies (after the Diploma en (+), Maestro (+) or Ingeniero Técnico en/de (+), or Titulado Superior en (+)) generally in a Facultad. The examinations are written and/or oral and cover every subject taken. The degree confers on its holder the title of Licenciado en (+) and the degree certificate indicates the field of specialisation. This qualification gives access to different professions and/or to a Doctorado en (+).

**Licencié/e en (+)**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on those who hold the qualification Licence en (+). It is always followed by reference to the field of study in which it has been obtained.

**Licenciatura**

**Country:** France

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Title (grade) conferred on students who have obtained the Licence or Licence professionnelle. It is always followed by reference to the field of specialisation concerned.

**Licencjat**

**Country:** Poland

**Grammatical variants:** Licencjac, licencjat*

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** First professional title conferred on students who have obtained the Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych qualification at the end of first-cycle university education in the area of human or natural sciences, economics, physical education, tourism or certain paramedical fields.

**Licentiaat in de (+)**

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Qualification and title awarded to students who successfully complete a 4-5 year two-cycle study programme in a specific field (Master’s level) at a university or hogeschool. The final examination covers all subjects studied and (except in the case of law) includes the submission of a final dissertation on the main subject of specialisation. The certificate awarded indicates the field of study, as in the case of licentiaat in de scheikunde (Master in chemistry). The qualification gives access to the corresponding profession and/or to further specialised studies, such as those leading to the geaggregeerde voor het secundair onderwijs-groep 2 (qualified teacher’s degree), Gediplomeerde in de aanvullende studies van (+) and/or Gediplomeerde in de gespecialiseerde studies van (+). Some qualifications may also be obtained with the approval of the Examining Board of the Flemish Community.

**Licentiat**

**Country:** Finland

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

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Swedish term for Lisensiaatti (+).

**Licenţiat**

**Country:** Romania

**Grammatical variants:** Licenţiaţi

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the Diploma de licenţă.
The degree certificate indicates the field of studies, including the writing of a dissertation. It confers on its holder the title of Licentiate and title of the dissertation. It confers on its holder the title of Licentiat (+) and frequently used in its abbreviated form, e.g. fil.lic.

Licentiate
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title obtainable in sacred theology, a specialist degree in pastoral theology awarded after 2 years of full-time study subsequent to the 5-year Bachelor’s degree.

Licentiatexamen
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -examina
Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Swedish term for Lisensiaatin tutkinto (+).

Licentiatexamen (+)
Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Licentiatexamina
Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Degree obtained in any university faculty after 2 years of full-time doctoral studies, including the writing of a dissertation. The degree certificate indicates the field of specialisation and title of the dissertation. It confers the title of Licentiat (+) on its holders who may continue doctoral studies and obtain a Doktors-examen (+) after a further 2 years. The name of the degree refers either to the faculty or area of study in which it is obtained, for example filosofi licentiat-examen (licenciat in philosophy).

Licentiatus (+)
Country: Norway
Grammatical variants: Licentiata
Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Degree and title obtained only very rarely by students who pass final written and oral examinations at the end of studies lasting one-and-a-half years in between the Candidatus (+) and Doctor (+) in the fields of law or odontology. Abbreviation: Lic. (+).

Liecība
Country: Latvia
Grammatical variants: Liecības, liecību
Level: ISCED 2 and 3

Licensiaatin tutkinto (+)
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -tutkinto, -tutkinto*, -tutkinno*
Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note:
- In fields other than medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine, an optional advanced pre-doctoral degree awarded to students who have already obtained the Maisterin tutkinto (+) and successfully completed about 2 years of full-time study (4 years in psychology). To obtain the degree, students prepare a thesis which is publicly disputed and assessed by two or more impartial examiners appointed by the university or faculty concerned. The details indicated on the degree certificate are not governed by national regulations but determined by the university concerned. The degree gives access to advanced study and research leading to the Tohtorin tutkinto (+). The prefix in its name refers to the field of study, for example teologian lisensiaatin tutkinto.
- In the fields of medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine, a degree awarded to students who have successfully completed 5 to 6 years of full-time study at university (yliopisto). To obtain the degree, students prepare a thesis which is assessed in accordance with the regulations of the faculty. The details indicated on the degree certificate are not governed by national regulations but determined by the university concerned. The degree gives access to the labour market, to specialised study leading to the Erikoistumistutkinto or to advanced study and research leading to the Tohtorin tutkinto (+). It confers on its holder the title of Lisensiaatti (+). Swedish term: Licentiatexamen.
Lisensiaatti (+)
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: Lisensiaatit, lisensiaati*, lisensiaatti*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on holders of the Lisensiaatin tutkinto (+), normally preceded by the name of the field of study, for example teologian lisensiaatti. Swedish term: Licentiat.

Lizentiatenprüfung
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Lizentiatenprüfungen, Lizentiatenprüfung*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Final examination usually in Catholic theology. The degree is similar to the Diplomgrad or equivalent first qualification in the same field. It confers on its holder the title of Lizentiat.

Lizentiatengrad
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Lizentiatengrade, Lizentiatengrad*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Further academic degree awarded to students who have passed the Lizentiatenprüfung examination on successful completion of graduate studies, usually in Catholic theology. The degree is similar to the Diplomgrad or equivalent first qualification in the same field. It confers on its holder the title of Lizentiat.

Löpueskam
Country: Estonia
Grammatical variants: Lõpueskami, lõpueskamit
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Final examination taken on completion of three to four-and-a-half years of vocational tertiary education (dipломõppe, kutsekõrgharidusõpe, rakenduskõrgharidusõpe). For students who defend a final paper this examination is not compulsory. It is organised by each institution, which also determines its content. Successful students receive a Diplom.

Löputunnistus keskhariduse baasil kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta
Country: Estonia
Grammatical variants: Löputunnistuse, löputunnistused
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Certificate issued to students who have completed at least one year of post-secondary vocational education at a kutseõppe- sutus. For further information, see Löputunnistus põhihariduse baasil kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta.

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examinations Board qualifications
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Business-related qualifications designed and awarded by the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examinations Board (LCCIEB) covering areas such as finance, administration, marketing, information technology and languages (e.g. business English and foreign languages). The qualifications are intended for young people who have completed compulsory education and for adults, and are offered in further education institutions and by training providers. Many of them are also available overseas. Qualifications used in the UK are accredited by the relevant qualifications and curriculum authority. They are designated levels 1-4 and graded ‘pass’, ‘credit’ or ‘distinction’. The levels relate closely to the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). Group Certificates generally consist of 3 subjects at the same level which must be completed in a single series or over a 3-month period. Group Diplomas combine subjects across different levels and candidates must complete them in one to two years depending on the award. Assessment methods vary depending on the qualification but may include externally marked written examinations. These qualifications give access to further vocational study, for example at the next level in the NQF. They are also recognised by many employers and may in some cases lead to professional accreditation. Certain universities accept Group Certificates at Level 3 for entry to Bachelors degree courses.

Löputunnistus põhihariduse baasil kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta
Country: Estonia
Grammatical variants: Löputunnistuse, löputunnistused
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed 3 years of voca-
ational upper secondary education at a kutseõppeasutus. Graduation requirements depend on the curriculum and are set by schools, which also award this certificate. Depending on the curriculum, pupils have to take all necessary tests, pass all required assessments and practical training, and defend their final paper. They also receive an academic transcript (hinneteleht) which is validated through possession of the certificate. Together, the two documents give access to the labour market and all types of tertiary education (ülikool, rakenduskõrgkool), provided that the national final examinations Riigieksamid have been passed and the Riigieksamitunnistus certificate obtained.

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**Lukion päättötodistus**

**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** -todistukset, -todistuks*  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Leaving certificate awarded to pupils who have completed the syllabus of general upper secondary school normally lasting three years (lukio), and whose continuous assessment, without any final examination, is satisfactory. The certificate, which may also be awarded in adult education, 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: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Master (+), written after the name of the holder of the title. The abbreviation may be followed by letters indicating the field of study.

M. Phil.
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Master of (+) in the field of philosophy.

M. Sc.
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Master of (+) in the field of science.

M.A.
Country: Germany
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note:
• Abbreviation of Magister Artium relating to a graduate course of study in the traditional graduation system (article 18 of the Framework Act for Higher Education), mainly in the arts and humanities. See Magister (+).
• Abbreviation of Master of Arts in the arts and humanities, relating to a second-cycle course of study in the new graduation system (article 19 of the Framework Act for Higher Education). See Master (+).

M.Sc.
Country: Germany
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note:
• Abbreviation of Magister Scientiarum in relation to graduate courses of study in the traditional graduation system (article 18 of the Framework Act for Higher Education). See Magister (+).

• Abbreviation of Master of Science in relation to the new second-cycle Master courses of study (article 19 of the Framework Act for Higher Education). See Master (+).

MA
Country: Iceland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Master of arts/ Magister artium in liberal arts. See Master of (+).

MA
Country: Liechtenstein
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Magister Artium.

MA
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Master of Arts. See Master (+).

MA
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Master of (+) in the field of arts.

MA
Country: United Kingdom
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Master of Arts. See Masters degree.

Maestro (+)
Country: Spain
Grammatical variants: Maestra/os
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree and title obtained by students who have passed the examinations required under the programme at the end of first-cycle university studies (3 years) in an Escuela Universitaria or Facultad. These examinations are written and/or oral and cover every subject taken. The certificate awarded indicates the field of specialisation and gives access to the teaching profession in pre-primary and primary education.
and the first two years of general lower secondary education (Educación Secundaria Obligatoria, or ESO) as well as to some second-cycle university studies. This degree corresponds to the Diploma di maestro d’arte.

**Maestro d’arte**  
**Country:** Italy  
**Grammatical variants:** Maestri d’arte  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on pupils who have obtained the Diploma di maestro d’arte.

**Mag. (+)**  
**Country:** Austria  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Magister/tra (+), followed by the abbreviated designation of the field of study, e.g. Mag. phil. Titles awarded by Fachhochschulen are followed by the abbreviation FH.

**Mag.**  
**Country:** Slovenia  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Magister/trica znanosti and Magister/trica umetnosti.

**Mag. Art**  
**Country:** Norway  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Magister artium.

**Mag. farm.**  
**Country:** Slovenia  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Magister/tra farmacije.

**Magister**  
**Country:** Estonia  
**Grammatical variants:** Magistri, magistrit  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the Magistrikraad degree.

**Magister**  
**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** Magistern, magistrar, magistrarna  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Swedish term for Maisteri (+).

**Magister (+)**  
**Country:** Germany  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the Magistergrad degree. It is mostly awarded in the form of Magister Artium (abbreviation: M.A.) or Magister Scientiarum (M.Sc.) for courses with a more theoretical emphasis, and Magister (+) for courses that are more application oriented, e.g. Magister der Ingenieurwissenschaften (in Engineering).

**Magister (+)**  
**Country:** Poland  
**Grammatical variants:** Magistrowie, magist*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Second professional title conferred on students who have obtained the Diplom ukończenia studiów wyższych degree. It follows successful completion of 5 years of long university studies or two years of further study in the case of Licencjat title holders. This title is referred to as magister edukacji in educational sciences; magister inżynier in the faculties of technology, economics and agriculture; magister sztuki in art academies; and magister inżynier architekt in the field of architecture. Abbreviations: Mgr or, in the technological field, Mgr inż.

**Magister**  
**Country:** Romania  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Synonym for Master.

**Magister (+)**  
**Country:** Sweden  
**Grammatical variants:** Magistern, magistrar, magistrarna  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on the holder of a Magisterexamen, normally with a prefix referring either to the faculty or area of study in which the degree is obtained, for example filosofie magister, and frequently used in abbreviated form, e.g. fil.mag.

**Magister (+)**  
**Country:** Slovakia  
**Grammatical variants:** Magistri, magist*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the Vysokoškolský diplom (+) in the fields of human sciences and arts. Students who have obtained this title may take the Rigorózna skúška examination. Abbreviations: Mgr and Mgr.art.

**Magister Artium**  
**Country:** Liechtenstein  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred by the Internationale Akademie für Philosophie (IAP) on students who pass the Magisterprüfung in philosophy. It
Abbreviation: Mag. farm. General term:

Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Magistri/trice znanosti, magist* znanosti
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Academic title awarded to students who have obtained a first professional title (Akademiška/kafa, Profesor/ica or Univerzitetni/na diplomirani/na), successfully completed 2 years of second-cycle artistic studies, passed the Diplomski izpit examination and obtained the Diploma at Akademija. It gives access to the labour market or advanced study and research leading to the Doktor/ica znanosti degree. Abbreviation: Mag. General term: Znanstveni naslov.

Magister/trica umetnosti
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Magistri/trice umetnosti, magist* umetnosti
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Academic title awarded to students who hold a Master’s degree in Fine Art, passed the Magister/trica umetnosti degree. It gives access to the labour market or advanced study and research leading to the Doktor/ica umetnosti degree. Abbreviation: Mag. Art.

Magister Juris
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who hold a Master’s degree in Law.

Magister/tra (+)
Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Magistri, Magistrae, Magist* 
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Academic title awarded to holders of the Diplomprüfungszegnis or Magisterprüfungszegnis, which 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. (+).

Magister/tra farmacije
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Magistri/e farmacije, magist* farmacije
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: First professional title awarded to students who have successfully completed 4 years of an academically oriented programme in pharmacy, passed the Diplomski izpit examination and obtained the Diploma at the Fakulteta za farmacijo (Faculty of Pharmacy). The title gives access to the labour market or further tertiary education leading to the Magister/trica znanosti, Specialist/ka (+) or Doktor/ica znanosti degree. Abbreviation: Mag. farm. General term: Strokovni naslov.

Magisterexamen
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -examina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Maisterin tutkinto (+).
Magisterexamen

**Country:** Liechtenstein  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Synonym for *Magisterprüfung*.

**Magisterexamen med ämnesbredd**  
**Country:** Sweden  
**Grammatical variants:** Magisterexamina med ämnesbredd  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** General degree awarded after 1 year of studies with a special subject emphasis, to students at a university or university college (*universitetet or högskola*) who already hold a degree worth at least 120 credits (equivalent to 3 years of full-time studies), or the equivalent foreign qualification. For this degree, students have to complete a dissertation worth at least 10 credits. The degree certificate indicates the major field of study, the subjects passed and marks obtained. It confers the title of *Magister* (+) on its holders who are also eligible for doctoral studies leading to the *Doktorsexamen* (+). The name of the degree refers either to the faculty, e.g. *filosofie magisterexamen*, or area of study in which it is obtained.

**Magisterexamen med ämnesdjup**  
**Country:** Sweden  
**Grammatical variants:** Magisterexamina med ämnesdjup  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** General degree awarded either after 1 year to students who already hold the *Kandidatexamen* (+) corresponding to at least 120 credits, or after 4 years of full-time study in any faculty at a university or university college (*universitet or högskola*) corresponding to 160 credits, 80 of which are obtained in the major field of study, including one thesis of 20 credits or two theses of 10 credits each. The degree certificate indicates this major field, the subjects passed and marks obtained. It confers the title of *Magister* (+) on its holders who are also eligible for doctoral studies leading to the *Doktorsexamen* (+). The name of the degree refers either to the faculty or area of study in which it is obtained, e.g. *filosofie magisterexamen*.

**Magisterprüfung**  
**Country:** Austria  
**Grammatical variants:** Magisterprüfungen, Magisterprüfung*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Final examination at universities and *Fachhochschulen* held at the end of second-cycle university studies (one or two years following the *Bakkalaureatsprüfung*). The examination is organised internally by the institution and takes place before a board. Its content is related to the individual course of study and includes a written dissertation and written and oral exam-inations. Successful students receive the *Magisterprüfungszeugnis*.

**Magisterprüfung**  
**Country:** Germany  
**Grammatical variants:** Magisterprüfungen, Magisterprüfung*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Examination held on completion of a *Magister* course of study as defined in article 18 of the *Hochschulrahmengesetz* (HRG). The examina-
tion consists of a written dissertation, as well as written and oral tests in the specialised subjects concerned.

• Following the amendment to the 1988 Framework Act for Higher Education, a Magisterprüfung is also held at the end of second-cycle Master/Magister courses in the new graduation system as defined in article 19 of the HRG.

Successful students are awarded the Magistergrad which, subject to a certain level of academic performance, provides them with an opportunity to embark on the Promotion process. General term: Hochschulprüfung.

Magisterprüfung
Country: Liechtenstein
Grammatical variants: Magisterprüfungen, Magisterprüfung*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Final examination taken at the Internationale Akademie für Philosophie (IAP) on completion of a 2-year second-cycle course of study (Hauptstudium) in philosophy. The course is open to students who have already obtained the title of Baccalaureat. The examination, whose requirements and content are fixed by the IAP, includes both written and oral examinations in philosophy and the preparation of a dissertation. Graduates receive a record of their results which has no specific name. There is no final certificate, but successful candidates obtain the title of Magister Artium and are entitled to proceed to further studies in philosophy. Synonym: Magisterexamen.

Magisterprüfungszeugnis
Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Magisterprüfungszeugnisse, Magisterprüfungszeugnis*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Second degree testifying to success in the Magisterprüfung 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 advanced study and research for the Doktor/in (+). The degree confers on its holder the academic title Magister/tri (+).

Mağıstra diplomas (+)
Country: Latvia
Grammatical variants: Mağıstra diplomam, mağıstra diplomu
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to students who have already obtained the academic or professional degree of Bakalauars (+) and successfully completed the second cycle of academic studies (2 years) at universitāte or another tertiary education institution. While both academic and professional bakalauars (+) entitle their holders to undertake either type of Master’s course, there may be additional requirements. The diploma is generally awarded on the basis of the student’s results in the Gala pārbaudījumi. It gives access to the labour market or to advanced study and research for the Doktora diploms (+). It confers on its holder the academic degree Magistrs (+).

Magistras
Country: Lithuania
Grammatical variants: Magistrs,
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Synonym for Magistro laipsnis (+).

Magistrieksam
Country: Estonia
Grammatical variants: Magistrieksami,
magistrieksamit
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Final examination taken at the end of the one to two years of second level tertiary education (Master’s study, or magistriõpe) at universities and organised by the institution concerned. In the fields of medicine, veterinary medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, architecture, and civil engineering, as well as in class teacher training, studies are based on integrated Bachelor’s and Master’s curricula (integreeritud bakalaureuse- ja magistriõpe), and last six years in the case of medical and veterinary training and five years in other fields. For students who defend a final thesis this examination is not compulsory. Those who pass it are awarded the Magistrikaad degree.

Magistrikraad
Country: Estonia
Grammatical variants: Magistrikraad,
magistrikraadiga
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree awarded to students who have successfully completed 5 to 6 years of an integrated Bachelor’s/Master’s study programme (integreeritud bakalaureuse- ja magistriõpe), or who have already received the Baka- laureusekraad and successfully completed one to
two years of second level tertiary education (Master’s study, or magistrīope) at universities. Students have to successfully defend the Master’s thesis or pass the Magistrieksam examination. This degree is always awarded with a Diplom. It gives access to doctoral studies (doktorīlope) leading to the Doktorikraad degree, in accordance with the conditions and pursuant to the procedure established by the board of the university concerned. Training in medicine and dentistry is followed by a period of practical full-time training lasting three to five years. The magistrīope degree confers on its holder the title of Magister.

**Magistro diplomas**

**Country:** Lithuania  
**Grammatical variants:** Magistro diplom*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded on satisfactory completion of second level consecutive university programmes (following the Bakalauro diplomas or integrated consecutive programmes at universitetas and akademija, after students have passed examinations and successfully defended a thesis. The diploma confers on them the title of Magistro laipsnis (+) either alone or combined with Profesinė kvalifikacija. It gives access to employment and to doctoral studies leading to the Daktaro mokslo laipsnio diplomas.

**Magistro laipsnis (+)**  
**Country:** Lithuania  
**Grammatical variants:** Magistro laipsn*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Second academic title conferred on students who have obtained the diploma Magistro diplomas. It is followed by reference to the field of study concerned. Synonym: Magistras.

**Maģists (+)**  
**Country:** Latvia  
**Grammatical variants:** Maģistri, maģistriem, maģistrus  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Academic or professional degree obtained by holders of the Maģistra diploms (+) or Augstākās profesionālās izglītības diploms (or Augstākās profesionālās kvalifikācijas diploms), respectively.

**Magistur** (Магистър)  
**Country:** Bulgaria  
**Grammatical variants:** Magisti  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie at the end of the second or long cycle of university studies.

**Maisteri (+)**  
**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** Maisterit, maisteri*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on holders of the Maisterin tutkinto (+), normally with a prefix referring to the field of study, for example psykologian maisteri. Swedish term: Magister.

**Maisterin tutkinto (+)**  
**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** -tutkinto, -tutkinto*, -tutkinno*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded to students who have successfully completed 5 years of full-time study, or 2 years following the Kandidaatin tutkinto (+) at university (yliopisto and korkeakoulu). In the Theatre Academy (teatterikorkeakoulu), some of these degrees can be completed in 4 years. The qualification exists in almost all fields, except medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine, in which only a higher degree Lisensiaatin tutkinto (+) can be taken. To obtain the Maisterin tutkinto, students prepare a thesis which is assessed by two or more impartial examiners appointed by the university or appropriate faculty. In art academies, the thesis may also be an artistic product, performance or study assignment. The details indicated on the degree certificate are not governed by national regulations but determined by the university concerned. The degree gives access to the labour market, or to advanced study and research leading to the Tohtorin tutkinto (+). It confers on its holder the title of Maisteri (+). The prefix in the name of the degree refers to the field of study, for example psykologian maisterin tutkinto. Swedish term: Magisterexamen.

**Maitre en (+)**  
**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on those who hold the degree Maitrise en (+). It is always followed by reference to the field of study in which it has been obtained.

**Maitrise (+)**  
**Country:** France  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded to students who have submitted a final dissertation (mémoire) and passed the examinations held on completion of one year of second-cycle university studies open to holders of a Licence. The examinations are prepared by the institution concerned and relate to the subjects studied. The degree indicates the main field of study and, where it is awarded by
the *instituts universitaires professionnelisés* (IUPs), confers on its holder the title of *Ingénieur-maître*. The name of the degree is always followed by reference to the field of study. This qualification is required for access to third-cycle university studies (for the *Diplôme d'études approfondies* or *Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées*). In the new system, it becomes an intermediate qualification that universities may award on completion of the first year of studies (M1) for the *Diplôme de master*.

**Maitrise**

**Country:** Luxembourg  
**Level:** ISCED 4  
**Explanatory note:** Synonym for *Brevet de Maitrise*.

**Maitrise en (+)**

**Country:** Belgium (French Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded on the completion of three years of second-cycle university studies (following the *Candidature en (+)*) to students who have passed the curricular examinations organised by the institution in each subject, and submitted a final written assignment (*mémoire*). The degree, which is awarded in the field of science and economics, indicates the field of study, the subjects taken, the subject of the *mémoire* and the final marks obtained. It confers on its holder the title of *Maîtrise en (+)*. The degree gives access to the corresponding profession and studies leading to the *Doctorat en (+)* or to further or specialised university studies, as well as to studies for the *Diplôme de spécialisation* and the *Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées* in the *Hautes Écoles*. The term *maîtrise* is always followed by reference to the field of study concerned.

**Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology Certificate in Foundation Studies (+)**

**Country:** Malta  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** First level certificate awarded to students on satisfactory completion of one-year courses in vocational upper secondary education at the *Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology*. Students are assessed continuously and may have to sit a final examination depending on the area of study. Besides the field of specialisation, the certificate indicates that they have obtained the required basis for further vocational studies. Successful students may take further vocational education courses in a specific area or trade, which lead to a *Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology Certificate/Diploma*. Abbreviation: MCAST Certificate in Foundation Studies.

**Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology Certificate/Diploma (+)**

**Country:** Malta  
**Level:** ISCED 3 and 4  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate/diploma awarded on completion of studies in a range of vocational subjects such as business, electronics, art and design, and building and construction services at the *Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology*. These qualifications are awarded either to students who take a two-year course in full-time education, or to those who for three or four years acquire their basic knowledge at the College and are on day release to attend a place of work as part of an *Apprenticeship Scheme*. The certificate/diploma specifies the vocational area or trade in which it is awarded. Apprentices are also awarded a *Journeyman’s Certificate* by the Employment and Training Corporation. The certificate gives access to employment and higher levels of specialisation. Abbreviation: MCAST Certificate/Diploma.

**Maritim kandidat**

**Country:** Norway  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree and title obtained by students with a *Høgskolekandidat* or its (3-year) equivalent in maritime studies, who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of maritime studies lasting two-and-a-half years at university. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, one of whom is external. The degree indicates the student’s results in the examinations and the average marks obtained in the main subjects. It gives access to employment and/or to advanced study and research leading to the *Doctor (+)* or *Ph.d. degree*.

**Master (+)**

(Mάστερ)  
**Country:** Cyprus  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Second-cycle degree following the *Ptychio (+)*, which is obtained at universities (*panepistimia*) on satisfactory completion of academic studies lasting a minimum of 1 year and 6 months. It is awarded by these institutions to students who have passed the written and oral examinations in the subjects studied and presented a final project to a board of examiners. This degree is also awarded by private tertiary education schools (*idiotikes scholes tritovathmias ekaepeidesis*) after completion of studies lasting 1-2 years. It indicates the field of specialisation and the level of studies, and gives access to employment and to doctoral studies (leading to the *Didaktoriko diploma (+)*) in the field concerned.
**Master (+)**

**Country:** Germany  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Second academic degree and title awarded since 1998 to students who successfully complete a Master’s course of study as defined in article 19 of the Hochschulrahmen gesetz (HRG, or Framework Act for Higher Education) after first obtaining the Bachelor (+) degree. The title obtained is Master of Arts (abbreviation: M.A.), mainly in the arts and humanities. In the case of Master courses that are more application oriented, the degree awarded includes reference to the field of study, in the form Master of (+), e.g. Master of Engineering, Master of Science (abbreviation: M.Sc.). Traditionally, the degree is called Magister (+).

**Master (+)**

**Country:** Malta  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who hold a Master’s degree. The title includes reference to the subject area concerned, e.g. Master of Arts, Master of Science. Abbreviation: MA, MSc.

**Master**

**Country:** Romania  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the Diplomà de Master. Synonym: Magister.

**Master (+)**

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Masters  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen at the end of second-cycle university education (wo) or professional tertiary education (hbo). The title may be followed by reference to the field of studies concerned and is written after the name of its holder. Abbreviation: M. (+).

**Master di II livello**

**Country:** Italy  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded by tertiary education institutions (università, istituti universitari, politecnici) to students who pass the final examination at the end of studies lasting 1 year (corresponding to 60 credits) after the Diploma di Laurea Specialistica (+) or, prior to 2001/02, following the Diploma di Laurea (+). It gives access to employment.

**Master i (+)**

**Country:** Norway  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Second academic degree and title which, with effect from 2003, may be obtained by students with a Bachelor i (+) or equivalent qualification who successfully pass examinations and submit a final dissertation on completion of a second cycle of studies lasting 2 years. In a few subject areas such as law, ontology, and pharmaceutics, the degree and title may also be obtained on successful completion of a five-year integrated study programme. Yet other students may obtain them after successfully completing examinations and a dissertation at the end of certain one-and-a-half-year vocational study programmes although, in such cases, at least two years of relevant work experience are required subsequent to the bachelor’s degree at the point of entry to the programme. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, one of whom is external. The degree gives access to the labour market or to advanced study and research leading to the Doctor (+) or Ph.d. degree.

**Master of (+)**

**Country:** Iceland  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred by a tertiary education institution (háskóli) on students who at the end of the second-cycle university studies obtain the Meistaragráða degree. In the field of liberal arts, social sciences and theology, the title is Master of arts (abbreviation: MA) followed by reference to the field of specialisation in which it was obtained. Variants of this title are Master of Science (abbreviation: MS) in the field of economics, management, administration, medicine and engineering, Master of Education (abbreviation: Med) and Master Paedagogiae (abbreviation: MPAed) in the field of educational sciences, Master of Business administration (abbreviation: MBA) in business administration, Master of Public Administration (abbreviation: MPA) in public administration and Master of Social Works (abbreviation: MSW) in social works.
Master of (+)
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who hold a Master’s degree. The title denotes the broad subject area of the study undertaken, e.g. Master of Arts.

Master of (+)
Country: Liechtenstein
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Second university degree and title obtained by students who have passed the Master-Prüfung. The degree is awarded together with the Master-Urkunde, and gives access to the labour market or to advanced study and research leading to a PhD, which cannot be obtained in Liechtenstein but in a partner university abroad. Depending on the field of study, the title is Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration, or Master of Science (synonym: Diplom-Architekt).

Master of (+)
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree and title obtained by students who pass written and oral final examinations on completion of 1 to 2 years of study after the Bachelor (+) or equivalent qualification (often obtained abroad). The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, one of whom is external. The degree indicates the student's results in the examinations and the average marks obtained in the main subjects. It gives access to employment and/or advanced study and research leading to the Doctor (+) or Ph.d. degree. It may be awarded in the field of arts (abbreviation: MA), business administration (abbreviation: MBA), international business (abbreviation: MIB), philosophy (abbreviation: M.Phil.), science (abbreviation: M.Sc.), technology management, law and management.

Master's degree
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Second-cycle degree awarded by the universities, certain Institutes of Technology and the Higher Education and Training Awards Council on the basis of 1 to 3 years of course work and examination, research or a combination of both following a Bachelor's degree (generally with honours). Students usually have to complete a dissertation and/or pass a written examination. Additional practical or oral examinations may be held in some cases. The degree gives access to employment in the field of specialisation, as well as to advanced study and research leading to the Doctorate. Successful candidates obtain the title Master of (+).

Master’s degree
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree testifying to satisfactory completion of second-cycle university studies lasting at least a year. It is awarded by the University of Malta to students who are already holders of the Bachelor’s degree (Honours), or who have undertaken a ‘qualifying’ year in order to be eligible for enrolment and have passed the written and oral examinations in all subjects studied and presented the final assignment to a board of examiners. The degree indicates the field of specialisation and the level of studies. It gives access to employment in that field, as well as to advanced study and research leading to the Doctorate. Successful candidates are awarded the title of Master (+) and Magister Juris.

Master-Diplom
Country: Liechtenstein
Grammatical variants: Master-Diplome, Master-Diplom*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Synonym for Master-Urkunde.

Master-Prüfung
Country: Liechtenstein
Grammatical variants: Master-Prüfungen, Master-Prüfung*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Final national-level examination organised at the end of second-cycle university studies which may last from 3 to 9 semesters at the Fachhochschule and are open to those who have already obtained the Bachelor of (+). For further information on content, see Master-Prüfung. Students have to pass this examination in order to obtain the Master of (+) degree and the Master-Urkunde diploma.

Masters degree
Country: United Kingdom
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Usually a second degree awarded to graduates who successfully complete 1 year of full-time or 2 years of part-time specialised study, taking taught courses, doing individual research or combining both. Degrees are designated Master of Arts (MA), Laws (LLM), Science (MSc), Master of Business Administration (MBA), etc. according to the field of study. A taught Masters degree is awarded on the basis of either written examinations or continuous assess-
ment and requires a dissertation or short thesis, while a research Masters degree requires research and the presentation of a thesis. The thesis is usually read by a panel of examiners who may subsequently examine the student orally. Masters degrees may be graded, depending on the institution concerned. The form of degree certificates also depends on the awarding institution but the area of specialisation is generally indicated. 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 Masters degree has been awarded for other types of programme such as the fourth year (or, in Scotland, the fifth year) of a programme covering advanced work for a first degree (for example MEng) and for ‘conversion’ courses subsequent to a first degree. However, institutions are now encouraged to achieve greater consistency under the new frameworks for higher education qualifications, which are being phased in from September 2003. ‘Conversion’ courses which involve largely first degree level content should, in future, use the Graduate Certificate/Diploma. The term Master should, in future, be used only for qualifications that meet in full the expectations of the qualification descriptors and credit definitions at level ‘M’ of the frameworks (in Scotland, ‘SHE level M’/SCQF level 11’). Nevertheless, if for historical reasons an institution wishes to retain ‘SHE level M’/ ‘MSc, MPhil, MBA, MEng.

Matriculation certificate examination
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: National level examination organised by the Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate (MATSEC) Board of the University of Malta. The examination is taken at the end of a two-year upper secondary course in a junior college, higher secondary school, Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology and the non-state sixth forms. It includes written examinations determined on the basis of the subjects students intend to study and have taken from a set of four groups of subjects. Those who pass the examination are awarded the Matriculation certificate, which is a requirement for admission to University courses.

Matura
Country: Liechtenstein
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Synonym for Maturprüfung.

Matura
Country: Poland
Grammatical variants: Matury, matur *
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Synonym for Egzamin dojrzałości.

Matura
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Mature, matur *
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: External compulsory final examination organised by the National Matura Commission at the end of the final year of general upper secondary education lasting 4 years (gimnazija). This examination can also be taken by pupils who have completed the maturitetni tečaj, a one-year educational programme intended primarily for those who complete their course at a 4-year technical secondary school (srednja strokovna šola) and want to sit the matura examination and enroll for academic tertiary education. It consists of written and oral examinations in five subjects, three of which are compulsory, namely Slovenian (or Italian or Hungarian in the case of national communities), mathematics and a foreign language; the other two subjects are elective. In addition to a written test, some subjects involve compulsory practical or project work, or an oral examination. Successful pupils receive the Maturitetno spričevalo certificate. Note: Until 2001, it was also possible to take the Matura on completion of 4-year technical upper secondary school.
Maturaprüfung

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:** Maturprüfungen, Maturprüfung*

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Final examination organised at national level in schools of general upper secondary education after 8 years in the type B Gymnasium and 5 years in the type E Gymnasium. The examination has to be passed by students if they are to obtain the certificate \( Maturazeugnis \). In the B stream, it includes written and oral examinations in German, Latin, French, and mathematics, a paper in English, and an oral test in a subject chosen from physics, chemistry, biology, geography, history and English. In the E stream, the examination is similar to that in the B stream, but the Latin examination is replaced by written and oral examinations in economics. Its content is determined by the school. In accordance with revised legislation of August 2001, a new version of the Maturaprüfung will be held for the first time in 2005, alongside the examination in its present form, and from 2006 onwards will replace the latter entirely. The new final examination will take place at the end of the 7th grade (year) of secondary education and include 5 papers (in German, mathematics, English, French and one other subject dependent on the type of studies selected), and 4 oral examinations (in one subject from each of 3 groups and one subject dependent on the type of studies selected). Synonym: Matura.

Maturazeugnis

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:** Maturzeugnisse, Maturzeugnis*

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Leaving certificate of general upper secondary education, which is issued by the Gymnasium to pupils who pass the Maturprüfung. It indicates the area of specialisation, the subjects passed, the examination results and, from 2005 onwards, will also specify the topics of the 2 term papers, the special subjects selected and the results obtained in sports. This certificate is recognised by Switzerland, Austria and certain German Länder, and gives access to tertiary education in these countries, without any need to take an entrance examination.

Maturitnô spričevalo

**Country:** Slovenia

**Grammatical variants:** Maturitnê spričevala, maturitetn* spričeval*

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Leaving certificate awarded by schools to pupils who have successfully com-

pleted general upper secondary education at gymnazijs or the one-year maturitetni tečaj and passed the Matura examination. Students with outstanding results in this examination receive the maturitetno spričevalo s pohvalo certificate. It indicates the subjects passed and examination results. It gives access (with exemption from entrance examinations) to all types of tertiary education.

Maturitná skúška

**Country:** Slovakia

**Grammatical variants:** Maturitné* skúšky, maturitn* skúšk*

**Level:** ISCED 3 and 4

**Explanatory note:** Final examination organised by institutions of general, specialised and vocational upper secondary education lasting 4 years. Pupils who pass it receive the school leaving certificate Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške. The content of the examination is set by the examining board and approved by the school head. In schools of general education (gimnazium), the examination includes a written and oral part covering Slovak language and literature, and 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 strednô odborné učilište), it includes written and oral examinations in Slovak language and literature and the subjects of specialisation, plus an oral examination in an optional subject. Examinations in the subjects of specialisation may also include a practical part. In addition, the Maturitná skúška is held following 2 years of supplementary courses for pupils who have passed the Záverečná skúška and obtained the Výučný list certificate.

Maturitní zkouška

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:** Maturitní zkoušky, maturitní* zkouš*

**Level:** ISCED 3 and 4

**Explanatory note:** Compulsory final examination held at the end of the final year of four-year general, technical and vocational upper secondary education at gymnázium, střední odborná škola and střední odborné učiliště. 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 general upper secondary school, they include written and oral examinations in Czech language and literature and one foreign language, as well as in two optional subjects, depending on the pupil’s area of specialisation.
In technical or vocational upper secondary schools, they include 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.

For holders of the Výuční list or Vysvědčení o závěrečné zkoušce certificates, it is possible to sit the examination after completing 2 years of extension courses (nástavbové studium) at post-secondary level. The content and organisation of these courses are similar to those in vocational or technical upper secondary schools.

In upper secondary art schools (střední umělecká škola), the history of arts and culture supplements the compulsory examination in Czech language and literature and the foreign language, as well as the special subject. This examination is evaluated by a committee whose chairman and members are appointed by the regional education authorities and head of the school, respectively.

**MB**

**Country:** United Kingdom  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Bachelor of Medicine. See Bachelor (Bcat) degree.

**MBA**

**Country:** Iceland, Norway  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Master of Business Administration. See Master of (+).

**Explanatory note:** Synonym for Examen mbo. See Examen middelbaar beroepsonderwijs.

**MCAST Certificate in Foundation Studies (+)**

**Country:** Malta  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology Certificate in Foundation Studies.

**MCAST Certificate/Diploma (+)**

**Country:** Malta  
**Level:** ISCED 3 and 4  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology Certificate/Diploma.

**MDDr.**

**Country:** Slovakia  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of doktor zubného lekářstva. See Doktor (+).

**MEd**

**Country:** Iceland  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Master of Education. See Master of (+).

**Meester (+)**

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Qualification and title obtained by students who successfully complete a 3-year second cycle of non-university tertiary education in fine arts at a hogeschool, after first obtaining a Kandidaat in de (+). The qualification gives access to the corresponding profession. For information on examinations and the details indicated on the certificate, see Apotheker.

**Meester**

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Meesters  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the Certificaat middelbaar beroepsonderwijs. See Certificaat middelbaar beroepsonderwijs.

**Mbo-certificaat**

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Mbo-certificaten  
**Level:** ISCED 2, 3 and 4  
**Explanatory note:** Synonym for certificaat mbo. See Certificaat middelbaar beroepsonderwijs.

**Mbo-diploma**

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Mbo-diploma’s  
**Level:** ISCED 2, 3 and 4  
**Explanatory note:** Synonym for diploma mbo. See Diploma middelbaar beroepsonderwijs.

**Mbo-examen**

**Country:** The Netherlands  
**Grammatical variants:** Mbo-exams  
**Level:** ISCED 2, 3 and 4  
**Explanatory note:** Synonym for Meester in de rechten.
Meistarabréf (+)
Country: Iceland
Grammatical variants: Meistarabréfi, meistarabréfs
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Master craftsman’s certificate awarded to trainees who have successfully completed the Meistaranám í íðn examination. The certificate indicates the field of specialisation and its holders may exercise supervisory responsibilities and recruit apprentices in that field. The certificate, whose name includes reference to the field, confers on its holders the title Meistari (master craftsman).

Meistaragráða
Country: Iceland
Grammatical variants: Meistaragrádu
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Second degree awarded to students who have passed the Meistarapróf examination at the end of second-cycle university studies. It gives access to the labour market and to advanced research programmes leading to the Doktorsgráða. It confers on its holder the title Master of (+).

Meistaranám í íðn
Country: Iceland
Grammatical variants: Meistaranáms í íðn
Level: ISCED 4
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. The course is offered by industrial vocational schools (lóskólinn), some comprehensive schools (fjólbraitaskólinn, verkmenntaskólinn) and a few educational centres (fræðslumiðstöðin). The tests and assessment depend on each educational institution which is responsible for the examination. Satisfactory assessment leads to the Meistarabréf (+) certificate.

Meistarapróf
Country: Iceland
Grammatical variants: Meistaraprófi, meistaraprófs
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Examination held by a tertiary education institution (háskólinn or kennaraháskólinn) at the end of second-cycle studies lasting 1 to 2 years following the BA-gráða, BS-gráða, Bed-gráða or Kandidatsgráða. Its content and the level of requirements depend on each institution. The examination, which is the responsibility of the relevant faculty includes written and oral tests relating to the different subjects in the programme studied, as well as a final thesis. Successful students receive the Meistaragráða degree.

Meistari
Country: Iceland
Grammatical variants: Meistarar
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Title awarded to craftsmen who have obtained the Meistarabréf (+) certificate.

Meisterbrief
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Meisterbriefe, Meisterbrief*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Certificate which is generally awarded by the chamber of crafts and testifies that its holders have passed the Meisterprüfung (master craftsman’s examination) before the Meisterprüfung examining board. The certificate confirms that they are entitled to run their own business and train apprentices in accordance with the regulations. Students prepare for the master craftsman’s examination at evening courses provided by the chambers, while working during the day, or by attending Fachschulen (technical schools offering advanced vocational training) on a full- or part-time basis. Admission requirements for the examination are the Gesellenbrief (journeyman’s certificate) or a document testifying that its holder has passed the Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung and acquired several years of work experience.

Meisterklassenexamen
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Meisterklassenexamina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Examination held at the end of further tertiary education in a Meisterklasse (master class) in music at a Musikhochschule (college of music). In order to gain admission to these classes, candidates should normally have performed outstandingly well in a graduate course in the same field as the one for which they are applying, and passed an entrance or aptitude test. Those who reach the required standard in the Meisterklassenexamen may embark on careers as professional musicians.

Meisterprüfung
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Meisterprüfungen, Meisterprüfung*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Master craftsman’s examination held before the Meisterprüfung examining board. Students prepare for the examination at evening courses provided by the chambers, while working during the day, or by attending Fachschulen (technical schools offering advanced vocational training) on a full- or part-time basis. Admission requirements for the examination are the Gesellenbrief (journeyman’s certificate) or a document testifying that its holder has passed the Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung and acquired several years of work experience.
vocational training) on a full- or part-time basis. Admission requirements for the examination are the Gesellenbrief (journeyman’s certificate), or a document testifying that its holder has passed the Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung and acquired several years of work experience. Successful students receive the Meisterbrief certificate.

**Meisterschüler**

**Country:** Germany  
**Grammatical variants:** Meisterschüler, Meisterschüler*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred by a Kunsthochschule (college of art) on particularly talented students who successfully complete a Meisterschülerstudium (master class course) ending with a presentation of their artistic achievements. Above average performance in a graduate course is a requirement for admission to a Meisterschülerstudium. Students with this title may embark on professional careers as artists.

**MEng**

**Country:** United Kingdom  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Grammatical variants:** Masters degree.

**Menininkas**

**Country:** Lithuania  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Synonym for Meno licenciatus.

**Meno licenciatas**

**Country:** Lithuania  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the diploma Meno licenciat* diplomas. Synonym: Menininkas.

**Meno licenciat* diplomas**

**Country:** Lithuania  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded on satisfactory completion of 2 years of third level university studies in art (meno aspirantūra) at akademija, after students have passed their final examination and successfully defended a project in a particular artistic field. The diploma confers on its holder the academic title of Meno licenciatus in the field concerned.

**Mestrado**

**Country:** Portugal  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Grammatical variants:** Mestrados  

**Explanatory note:** Degree awarded by universities (universidade) to students who have passed a specialisation course lasting a maximum of 4 semesters and who have therefore obtained the Diploma de conclusão da parte curricular do Mestrado, and who have also prepared and publicly defended 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 and the supervisor of work on the dissertation. The board may also include two other academic staff members from the university awarding the degree. Students with aLicenciatura and a minimum mark of 14/ bom (or, in exceptional cases, a lower mark combined with satisfactory curricular evaluation) may take this degree. It confers on its holder the title of Mestre. The degree is awarded together with the Carta Magistral and both give access to further study leading to the Doutoramento.

**Mestre**

**Country:** Portugal  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Grammatical variants:** Mestres  

**Explanatory note:** Academic title conferred on holders of the Mestrado degree and the Carta Magistral.

**Metaptychiako diploma**

(Mεταπτυχιακό δίπλωμα)  
**Country:** Cyprus  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Grammatical variants:** Metaptychiako diplomata, metaptychiak* diplom*  

**Explanatory note:** Second-cycle degree awarded after completion of academic studies at public schools of tertiary education (dimosies anoteres scholes) lasting a minimum of 1 year, to students who have passed the written and oral examinations in all subjects studied and presented a final project to a board of examiners. The qualification indicates the field of specialisation and level of studies and gives access to employment.

**Metaptychiako diploma eidikefsis (+)**

(Μεταπτυχιακό δίπλωμα ειδίκευσης)  
**Country:** Greece  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Grammatical variants:** Metaptychiako diplomata, metaptychiak* diplom*  

**Explanatory note:** Degree of completion of second-cycle university 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 field of specialisation. It is awarded...
by institutions of tertiary education (panepistimio, polytechnio) to students who already hold the Ptychio (+), and who have passed the written and oral examinations in all subjects studied and presented a final assignment to a board of examiners. The diploma indicates the field of specialisation and the level of studies, and gives access to employment and doctoral studies (Didaktoriko diploma (+)) in the field concerned. The name of the degree is always accompanied by the name of that field.

MgA.
Country: Czech Republic
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Magistra in the field of arts.

Mgr
Country: Poland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Magister (+).

Mgr inż.
Country: Poland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Magister (+) in the technological field.

Mgr.
Country: Czech Republic
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Magistra.

Modulbevis
Country: Norway
Grammatical variants: Modulbeviset, modulbevisene
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: A module certificate testifying to completion of a module which is part of a subject. The certificate can be issued for a whole module or, in special cases, for part of one.

Mojster/trica (+)
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Mojstri/ce, mojst*
Level: ISCED 4 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Title conferred by the Slovenia Chamber of Crafts on persons who have obtained the Spirävalo o mojstreskem izpitu certificate. It indicates the field of specialisation before or after the word mojster/trica (e.g. mojster avtomehanik, frizerska mojstrica). General term: Naziv poklicne/strokovne izobrazbe.

Mittlerer Abschluss
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Mittler* Abschluss*
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Term used in certain Länder for Mittlerer Schulabschluss.

Mittlerer Bildungsabschluss
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Mittler* Bildungsabschluss*
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Term used in certain Länder for Mittlerer Schulabschluss.

Mittlerer Schulabschluss
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Mittler* Schulabschluss*
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: General education school leaving certificate awarded by a Realschule or, under certain circumstances, by other types of lower secondary school on completion of the tenth school year. It is awarded on the basis of attainment during that year or, in some Länder, following a final examination (oral and written tests). The certificate gives access, under certain circumstances, to other types of secondary school providing education beyond the tenth school year, or to the Gymnasiale Oberstufe (general upper secondary education). It may also be awarded in vocational lower secondary education, as well as Zweite Bildungsweg (‘second-chance’ education) and other adult education institutions. In most Länder the term used for this certificate is Realschulabschluss. Other terms used in certain Länder are: Fachoberschulreife, Mittlerer Abschluss, Mittlerer Bildungsabschluss, Qualifizierter Sekundarabschluss I, or Wirtschaftsschulabschluss.
Explanatory note: Master craftsman’s examination open to those who have satisfactorily completed 3-year vocational upper secondary education (poklicna šola), or 4-year technical upper secondary education (srednja strokovna šola) with at least 3 years of work experience. Those who pass this examination obtain a qualification at the level of technical upper secondary education and the licence to perform a craft activity as an individual private entrepreneur. Examination materials are prepared by experts at the Slovenia Chamber of Crafts (Obrtna zbornica Slovenije) and are based on examination syllabuses, while the examination is conducted by Chamber of Crafts examination commissions. Successful students obtain the Spričevalo o mojstrskem izpitu certificate. For the content of this examination and the opportunities it provides, see Delovodski izpit.

MPA
Country: Iceland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Master of Public Administration. See Master of (+).

MPaed
Country: Iceland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Master of pedagogy/magister paedagogiae in the field of educational sciences. See Master of (+).

MPhil
Country: United Kingdom
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Master of Philosophy. See Masters degree. The abbreviated title MPhil should normally be reserved for qualifications following extended Masters courses that typically involve a substantial amount of research.

Mr.
Country: The Netherlands
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Meester, written before the name of the holder of the title.

MS
Country: Iceland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of master of science.magister scientiarum in the field of the exact sciences. See Master of (+).

MSc
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Master of Science. See Masters degree.

MSW
Country: Iceland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Master of Social Works. See Master of (+).

MUDr.
Country: Czech Republic
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of doktor všeobecného lekárstva. See Doktor (+).

MVDr.
Country: Czech Republic
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of doktor veterinářského lekárstva. See Doktor (+).
Nachdiplom
**Country:** Liechtenstein
**Grammatical variants:** Nachdiplome, Nachdiplom*
**Level:** ISCED 5
**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to students who have passed the Nachdiplomprüfung at the end of 1 to 4 semesters of studies at the Fachhochschule. It indicates the field of study and the academic degree and title of Diplomierter (+) NDS, and improves access to the labour market.

Nachdiplomprüfung
**Country:** Liechtenstein
**Grammatical variants:** Nachdiplomprüfungen, Nachdiplomprüfung*
**Level:** ISCED 5
**Explanatory note:** National-level examination organised at the end of 1 to 4 semesters of university studies at the Fachhochschule (Nachdiplom-Studiengang) while the candidates concerned are practising a profession. The examination relates to the acquisition of fresh expertise or the consolidation of existing expertise, and consists of the presentation and defence of a short dissertation. Successful students receive the Nachdiplom.

Nacionalna poklicna kvalifikacija
**Country:** Slovenia
**Grammatical variants:** Nacionalne poklicne kvalifikacije, nacionaln* poklicn* kvalifikacij*
**Level:** ISCED 3 and 5 (A.Ed.)
**Explanatory note:** National vocational or professional qualification introduced in 2000, which is needed for a particular occupation or areas of it at a certain level. This new arrangement is not meant to replace formal vocational and professional education but to bring together formal and informal vocational/professional education. Assessment procedures are conducted by accredited institutions, and based on assessment syllabuses and materials and externally prepared tasks. The system is run in a partnership of different organisations and institutions responsible for various facets of qualifications, such as the Ministry of Labour, the Family and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, the Slovenia Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Slovenia Chamber of Crafts, and other different providers. Qualifications can be obtained as full qualifications or individual modules leading to a full qualification. Successful candidates obtain the Certifikat o nacionalni poklicni kvalifikaciji.

Nacionalni preizkus znanja po 1. obdobju
**Country:** Slovenia
**Grammatical variants:** Nacionalni preizkusi znanja po 1. obdobju, nacionaln* preizkus*
**Level:** ISCED 1
**Explanatory note:** Optional national external assessment of knowledge at the end of the first cycle of compulsory education (the third grade of osnovna šola), which is organised by a special National Commission in order to assess the minimum standards of knowledge achieved by pupils. They are assessed in two subjects, namely the mother tongue (Slovenian, or Italian or Hungarian in the case of national communities) and mathematics. Experts in commissions for each of the two subjects prepare tests in the form of standard assessment tasks, and also draw up guidelines for oral assessment. Assessment has two components, written and oral, and is technically supported by the National Examinations Centre. Oral examination is carried out by the pupils’ teachers, who also mark the assessment in accordance with marking schemes prepared by the same group of experts. The certificate Obvestilo o rezultatih preverjanja znanja is issued to pupils who pass the assessment. Results of the written part are expressed in marks, while all results serve as feedback to pupils, their parents, teachers and the school, without however influencing school marks. Assessment is carried out in accordance with standard procedures for external examinations.

Nacionalni preizkus znanja po 2. obdobju
**Country:** Slovenia
**Grammatical variants:** Nacionalni preizkusi znanja po 2. obdobju, nacionaln* preizkus*
**Level:** ISCED 1
**Explanatory note:** Optional national external assessment of knowledge at the end of the second
cycle of compulsory education (the sixth grade of osnovna šola), which is organised by a special National Commission in order to assess minimum standards of knowledge achieved by pupils. They are assessed in three subjects, namely the mother tongue (Slovenian, or Italian or Hungarian in the case of national communities), mathematics and a foreign language. Oral assessment is carried out by teachers who do not teach the pupil concerned. The certificate «Obvestilo o rezultatih preverjanja znanja» is issued to pupils who pass the assessment. For further information, see «Nacionalni preizkus znanja po 1. obdobju».

National Adult Literacy and Numeracy Qualifications

Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 1 and 3 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Qualifications in literacy and numeracy for adults who have left the school system without basic qualifications. Based on national standards, they are awarded at three levels: entry level (see «Entry Level Certificate»), level one and level 2. Accredited by the qualifications and curriculum authorities, these qualifications are provided by independent awarding bodies. Assessment is by test at levels 1 and 2. At entry level, assessment must include the completion of supervised tasks by candidates. The certificates indicate the name of the awarding body, the subject area (literacy or numeracy) and the level of qualification.

National Certificate (+)
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded on completion of a 2-year full-time course of tertiary education (at an Institute of Technology or other designated institutions) validated by the Higher Education and Training Awards Council or certain Institutes of Technology. The certificate indicates the area of study, e.g. Certificate in Science but no more detailed information is provided. Students with high marks and those who have one year of work experience may proceed to a «National Diploma (+)» course of study in the same field. Successful students may also be exempt from parts of certain professional examinations. Abbreviation: NC or Cert.

National Certificate Module
Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Level: ISCED 2 and 4
Explanatory note: A non-advanced vocational qualification awarded by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) on the basis of a course comprising one or more learning outcomes. Each course element is evaluated on a modular basis as students complete the work, and this is recorded and certificated annually. The qualification gives access to the labour market.

National Diploma (+)
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Diploma awarded by the Higher Education and Training Awards Council or certain Institutes of Technology to students who have successfully completed a 3-year full-time course of study, or an 'add-on' 1-year course of study after obtaining a «National Certificate (+)» qualification in an Institute of Technology. The diploma indicates the specialised area of study, e.g. Diploma in Science, but no more detailed information is provided. Students with high marks and those who have one year of work experience may proceed to study for a «Bachelor’s degree» in the same field. Successful students may also be exempt from parts of certain professional examinations. Abbreviation: ND or Dip.
ers who meet the required standard in a total of eight modules in post-leaving certificate courses, including three core modules of broad pre-vocational training intended to provide a basis for opportunities to progress within the National Further Education Framework. It is the first step in the National Council of Vocational Awards (NCVA) qualifications framework. Progress up to National vocational certificate level 1 is possible.

National testing
Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Level: ISCED 1 and 2
Explanatory note: Testing in English language and mathematics undertaken by teachers in primary education and the first two years of secondary education to confirm their own assessment of a pupil's progress towards each of the six levels of attainment (A–F) identified in the 5-14 Curriculum. Tests, which are not certificated, are carried out internally for monitoring purposes at the discretion of the teacher and at the point in time considered appropriate.

National vocational certificate level 1
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by the Further Education and Training Awards Council in the senior cycle of vocational upper secondary programmes to candidates 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 opportunities for general employment and advancement within the National Further Education Framework. This is a route for the progression of young people and adults who have completed a National foundation certificate, and is broadly equivalent in standard to upper second level education. It is the second step in the National Council of Vocational Awards (NCVA) qualifications framework. Progress up to National vocational certificate level 2 is possible.

National vocational certificate level 2
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by the Further Education and Training Awards Council in the senior cycle of vocational upper secondary programmes 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. It is the third step in the National Council of Vocational Awards (NCVA) qualifications framework. This is a route for the progression of young people and adults who have completed a National vocational certificate level 1. It provides access to specific employment and opportunities for progression to further or tertiary education and training.

National vocational certificate level 3
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by the Further Education and Training Awards Council in the senior cycle of vocational upper secondary programmes to candidates who meet the required standard in all the modules required in advanced vocational education and training. It is the fourth step in the National Council of Vocational Awards (NCVA) qualifications framework. This is a route for the progression of young people and adults who have completed a National vocational certificate level 2. It provides access to specific employment and to tertiary education and training.

National Vocational Qualification
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Specific vocational and occupational qualification for young people and adults who have left full-time education. These qualifications were originally designed for education and training in the workplace and further education institutions, but some are now available in some schools. Provided by independent awarding bodies and regulated by the national curriculum and assessment authorities, the qualifications are available at five levels. The first three are level 1, a foundation level qualification within the National Qualifications Framework (NQF); level 2, an intermediate level qualification within the NQF; and level 3, an advanced level qualification within the NQF. Levels 4 and 5 are higher level qualifications. As assessment is based on demonstration of required competencies as defined by the standard-setting bodies (now largely employer-led Sector Skills Organisations), there are no formal grades other than 'pass'. Abbreviation: NVQ.
have undertaken an apprenticeship or vocational training, or who have skills derived from work experience or training in the workplace. There are three levels of qualification. See Ammatillinen perustutkinto, Ammatitutkinto and Erikoisammatitutkinto. Swedish term: Fristående examen.

Naziv poklicne/strokovne izobrazbe

Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Naziv poklicne/strokovne izobrazbe, naziv* poklicne/strokovne izobrazbe
Level: ISCED 3, 4 and 5
Explanatory note: General term for different titles in vocational or technical education that are conferred on pupils or students who have completed educational programmes with the final examinations Zaključni izpit, Poklicna matura or Diplomski izpit v višji strokovni šoli. The general title testifies to qualifications for all occupations covered by it under the Special Act on Professional Nomenclature designated by the Ministry of Labour, the Family and Social Affairs. Variations include naziv poklicne izobrazbe (for vocational titles), naziv srednje strokovne izobrazbe (for technical titles) and naziv višje strokovne izobrazbe (for vocational college titles). See Delovodja/dkinja (+), Diploma višje šole, Inženir/ka (+), Majster/trica (+), Poslovodja/dkinja (+), and Tehnik/nica (+).

ND
Country: Ireland
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of National Diploma (+).

Northern Ireland Curriculum Assessment

Country: United Kingdom (NIR)
Level: ISCED 1 and 2
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 at key stages 1 and 2 consist of teacher assessment of all pupils using nationally-set criteria in English (Irish in Irish-speaking schools) and mathematics. At key stage 3, pupils are subject to teacher assessment and nationally-set written tests in English/Irish, mathematics and science. The results of the teacher assessment and 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. Synonym: End of Key Stage Assessment.

NVQ
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of National Vocational Qualification.
Obvestilo o doseženem uspehu pri preverjanju znanja

**Country:** Slovenia  
**Grammatical variants:** Obvestila o doseženem uspehu pri preverjanju znanja, obvestili* o doseženem uspehu pri preverjanju znanja  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate indicating the achievement of pupils in the mother tongue and mathematics on taking the test at the end of 8 years of compulsory education. Now being phased out, the test has been used in selection procedures for the transition to upper secondary education in schools with a numerus clausus.

Obvestilo o rezultatih preverjanja znanja

**Country:** Slovenia  
**Grammatical variants:** Obvestila o rezultatih preverjanja znanja, obvestili* o rezultatih preverjanja znanja  
**Level:** ISCED 1  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded by a school (osnovna šola) to pupils who have passed the Nacionalni preizkus znanja po 1. obdobju or Nacionalni preizkus znanja po 2. obdobju. The certificate indicates their results in the written and oral parts of the assessment, and provides a qualitative account of those results.

OCR Vocational-Related Certificate

**Country:** United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Unit-based vocational qualifications awarded by OCR (awarding body) and approved by the relevant qualifications and curriculum authority. OCR was formed as a result of the merger of several awarding bodies. It originally stood for Oxford, Cambridge and the Royal Society of Arts (RSA) examination boards. The full name is no longer used. Some qualifications carry the name of the original awarding body (prior to the merger), such as RSA on secretarial qualifications. However, this practice will be phased out. The qualifications are available in a range of vocational areas including business administration, finance, information technology, languages for business, health and safety, and teaching, training and assessment. Offered at entry level (see † Entry Level Certificate) and levels 1-4 of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), they are open to young people over compulsory school age (16) and adults, and may be taken full- or part-time in further education institutions or with training providers. The time taken to complete such qualifications varies with the subjects and levels concerned. Vocationally-Related Certificates are assessed differently depending on the particular qualification but may include practical assessments and/or OCR-set and marked assessments. Most certificates are listed as ‘passed’ but some may be ‘pass’, ‘merit’ or ‘distinction’. Certificates also indicate the name of the qualification and number of units achieved. These qualifications may give access to further vocational study, for example at the next level in the NQF. They are also recognised by many employers and may in some cases lead to professional accreditation.

Oikeusnotaarintutkinto

**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** -tutkinnot, -tutkinto*, -tutkinno*  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** First degree awarded to students who have successfully completed 3 years of full-time study in law at university (yliopisto). There is no final examination. The degree gives access to further studies leading to the corresponding † Kandidaatin tutkinto (+) qualification and to the labour market. Swedish term: Rättsnotarie.

Okleveles (+)

**Country:** Hungary  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the † Egyetemi oklevél degree. Obtained in university it is called okleveles közgazdász; and in a főiskola, okleveles gépészmérnök.

Operatore

**Country:** Italy  
**Grammatical variants:** Operatori  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on pupils who have obtained the † Diploma di qualifica.
Oriënteringsattest A

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level:** ISCED 2 and 3

**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils in secondary education who pass the examinations held on completion of a given school year, thereby securing access to the subsequent year. The written, oral or practical examinations are set by the individual school and cover all subjects studied. The certificate corresponds to part of the Getuigschrift (eerste and tweede graad secundair onderwijs). Abbreviation: A-attest.

Oriënteringsattest B

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level:** ISCED 2 and 3

**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils in secondary education who pass the examinations held on completion of a given school year. This entitles them to secure access to the subsequent year, but in a limited way in that their options are restricted. They may be obliged to start that year in, for example, a specific basic optional subject or the second year of the first grade (in the case of the A-stream in the first year of secondary education), or in a specific type of secondary education or one or more specific courses of study (in the other years of secondary education except the final year). The written, oral or practical examinations are set by the individual school and cover all subjects studied. Abbreviation: B-attest.

Oriënteringsattest C

**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)

**Level:** ISCED 2 and 3

**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils in secondary education who have not passed the examinations held on completion of a given school year, or who have been absent from lessons throughout the year and not obtained the Getuigschrift (+). Abbreviation: C-attest.
Påbyggnadsexamen vid yrkeshögskola  
**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** -examina  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Swedish term for Ammattikorkeakoulun jatkotutkinto.

PaedDr.  
**Country:** Slovakia  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Doktor (+) in the field of education.

Pagrindinio išsilavinimo pažymėjimas  
**Country:** Lithuania  
**Grammatical variants:** Pagrindinio išsilavinimo pažymėjimai, pagrindinio išsilavinimo pažymėjim*  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Leaving certificate awarded to pupils who successfully complete lower secondary education (pagrindinė mokykla and jau nimo mokykla) and, in certain cases, option 1 of vocational lower secondary education (profesinė mokykla). The certificate is based on continuous assessment with no final examination. It indicates the course subjects and the marks obtained, and entitles pupils to enter an upper secondary school (vidurinė mokykla or gimnazija) and options 2 and 3 of vocational secondary education (profesinė mokykla).

Pamatizglītības sertifikāts  
**Country:** Latvia  
**Grammatical variants:** Pamatizglītības sertifikāti, pamatizglītības sertifikātu  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate testifying to satisfactory assessment in particular subjects by means of the Centrālizētais eksāmens on completion of 9 years of basic education (pamatizglītība). The certificate may also be obtained in special education and is awarded by schools in accordance with government regulations. Assessment in a subject studied for the certificate is used as a selection criterion in competition for admission to upper secondary education, if entrance examinations are held.

Panelladikes exetaseis  
(Πανελλαδικές εξετάσεις)  
**Country:** Greece  
**Grammatical variants:** Panelladikon exetaseon  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** National level compulsory written examinations organised at the end of the second and third years of eniaeo lykeio by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs. The qualifications awarded to those who have additionally taken the Apolytiries exetaseis, are Apolytirio eniaeou lykeiou and Vevaeosi. Holders of the Apolytirio technologikou epaggelmatikou ekpaedeftiriou are also eligible to sit these examinations.

PAP  
**Country:** Portugal  
**Level:** ISCED 2 and 3  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Prova de aptidão profissional.

Part One General National Vocational Qualification  
**Country:** United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Qualification awarded at the end of a 2-year vocational course designed for those aged 14-16. It is available in a number of broad vocational areas at two levels, namely Foundation, and Intermediate (levels 1 and 2 of the National Qualifications Framework). The Part One GNVQ is being phased out and replaced by the General Certificate of Secondary Education in vocational subjects. For further information, see General National Vocational Qualification. Abbreviation: Part One GNVQ.

Part One GNVQ  
**Country:** United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Part One General National Vocational Qualification.
PAU  
**Country:** Spain  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Pruebas de Acceso a la Universidad.

PEA  
**Country:** Portugal  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Prova extraordinária de avaliação.

Perito  
**Country:** Italy  
**Grammatical variants:** Periti  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**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:** -todistukset, -todistuks*  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Leaving certificate awarded to pupils at the end of the 9-year peruskoulu, whose continuous assessment, without any final examination, is satisfactory. The certificate, which may also be awarded in adult education, indicates the compulsory and optional subjects taken and the marks obtained in them. Holders of the certificate are eligible to embark on upper secondary education. Swedish term: Avgångsbetyg från grundskolan.

PGB  
**Country:** Spain  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Prueba General de Bachillerato.

PGCE  
**Country:** Malta, United Kingdom  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Postgraduate Certificate in Education. See Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma (+).

Ph.D.  
**Country:** Ireland  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Doctor of Philosophy. See Doctor (+).

Ph.d.  
**Country:** Norway  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Degree and title which, with effect from 2003, may be obtained by students who already hold the Candidatus (+), Fiskeri-kandidat, Hovedfagskandidat, Høyere avdelings eksamen, Magister artium, Master i (+), Master of (+), Sivilingeniør or Sivilarkitekt, and who have submitted and defended a thesis at the end of an advanced research course lasting 3 years. The degree indicates the subject of the thesis and the assessment of the obligatory courses. It gives access to the labour market.

Ph.d.-grad  
**Country:** Denmark  
**Grammatical variants:** -graden, -grader, -graderne  
**Level:** ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note:** Advanced research degree awarded at the end of supervised third level studies lasting 3 years following the Kandidatgrad (or equivalent). In order to obtain this degree, the student must successfully complete 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 is awarded by the university concerned and indicates the title and the field of specialisation. It constitutes the minimum requirement for teaching and research in a Danish university and confers on its holder the title of Philosophiae Doctor.

PharmDr.  
**Country:** Czech Republic  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Doktor/ka (+) in the field of pharmacy.

PharmDr.  
**Country:** Slovakia  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Doktor (+) in the field of pharmacy.
**PhD**
*Country*: Slovakia  
*Level*: ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note**: Abbreviation of *Philosophiae doctor*. See ♦ *Doktor (+)*.

**PhD**
*Country*: United Kingdom  
*Level*: ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note**: Abbreviation of *Doctor of Philosophy*. See ♦ *Doctor of (+)*.

**PhDr.**
*Country*: Czech Republic  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Abbreviation of ♦ *Doktor/ka (+)* in the field of human and social sciences and educational science.

**PhDr.**
*Country*: Slovakia  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Abbreviation of ♦ *Doktor (+)* in the field of human and artistic sciences.

**Philosophiae doctor**
*Country*: Denmark  
*Level*: ISCED 6  
**Explanatory note**: Title conferred on students who have obtained the ♦ *Ph.d.-grad*. Abbreviation: Ph.d.

**Pistopiitiko spoudon** *(Πιστοποιητικό σπουδών)*  
*Country*: Cyprus  
**Grammatical variants**: Pistopoiitika spoudon, pistopoiitik*  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Diploma awarded by public-sector and private schools of tertiary education *(dimosies scholes tritovathmias ekpaedefsis, idiotikes scholes tritovathmias ekpaedefsis)* after completion of studies lasting one year, to candidates who have passed the examinations in all subjects taken. The diploma indicates the field of specialisation, the title, the overall mark and the grade obtained. It gives access to employment in the field concerned, as well as to further university studies leading to the ♦ *Diploma*.

**Põhikooli lõpueksamid**  
*Country*: Estonia  
**Grammatical variants**: Põhikooli lõputunnistuse  
*Level*: ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note**: Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed the 9 years of compulsory education and passed the final examination ♦ *Põhikooli lõpueksamid*. It is issued by the school and includes the subjects taken, the final marks and the marks of final examinations. The certificate gives access to all types of upper secondary education.

**Põhikooli lõputunnistus**  
*Country*: Estonia  
**Grammatical variants**: Põhikooli lõputunnistuse  
*Level*: ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note**: Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed the 9 years of compulsory education and passed the final examination ♦ *Põhikooli lõpueksamid*. It is issued by the school and includes the subjects taken, the final marks and the marks of final examinations. The certificate gives access to all types of upper secondary education.

**Poklicna matura**  
*Country*: Slovenia  
**Grammatical variants**: Poklicne mature, poklicn* matur*  
*Level*: ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note**: Compulsory final examination organised by the National Examination Commission for Vocational *Matura* at the end of 4 years of technical secondary education *(srednja strokovna šola)*, or on completion of vocational/technical programmes *(poklicno-tehniško izobraževanje corresponding to 3+2 years)*. This examination can also be taken by pupils who have finished one year of technical education and training *(poklicni tečaj)* offered to those who have completed the *gimnazija* without passing the ♦ *Matura* examination. It consists of compulsory and elective parts. The compulsory part comprises a written and oral examination in Slovenian (or Italian or Hungarian in the case of national communities) and a subject of specialisation. The elective part involves a written and oral examination in mathematics or a foreign language and a practical exercise entailing the preparation of a product or service, with an explanation by candidates demonstrating that they have the practical skills required for professional activity. Papers for examinations in the mother tongue, mathematics and foreign languages are prepared by national subject commissions, while other assessment materials are prepared by the school concerned. Successful pupils receive the ♦ *Spričevalo o poklicni maturi* certificate. Since the 2001/02 school year, this examination has replaced the ♦ *Zaključni izpit*.

**Poklicna matura**
*Country*: Slovenia  
**Grammatical variants**: Poklicne mature, poklicn* matur*  
*Level*: ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note**: Compulsory final examination organised by the National Examination Commission for Vocational *Matura* at the end of 4 years of technical secondary education *(srednja strokovna šola)*, or on completion of vocational/technical programmes *(poklicno-tehniško izobraževanje corresponding to 3+2 years)*. This examination can also be taken by pupils who have finished one year of technical education and training *(poklicni tečaj)* offered to those who have completed the *gimnazija* without passing the ♦ *Matura* examination. It consists of compulsory and elective parts. The compulsory part comprises a written and oral examination in Slovenian (or Italian or Hungarian in the case of national communities) and a subject of specialisation. The elective part involves a written and oral examination in mathematics or a foreign language and a practical exercise entailing the preparation of a product or service, with an explanation by candidates demonstrating that they have the practical skills required for professional activity. Papers for examinations in the mother tongue, mathematics and foreign languages are prepared by national subject commissions, while other assessment materials are prepared by the school concerned. Successful pupils receive the ♦ *Spričevalo o poklicni maturi* certificate. Since the 2001/02 school year, this examination has replaced the ♦ *Zaključni izpit*.  

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Postovodja/dkinja (+)

Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Postovodje/dkinje, poslovod*
Level: ISCED 4 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Title conferred by the Slovenia Chamber of Commerce and Industry on persons who have obtained the Spričevalo o poslovodskem izpitu. It indicates the field of specialisation before or after the word postovodja/dkinja (e.g. trgovski poslovodja). General term: Naziv poklicne/strokovne izobrazbe.

Postovodski izpit

Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Postovodski izpiti, poslovodsk* izpit*
Level: ISCED 4 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Managerial examination open to those who have satisfactorily completed 3-year vocational upper secondary education (poklicna šola) or 4-year technical upper secondary education (srednja strokovna šola) with at least 3 years of work experience. Successful students obtain the Spričevalo o poslovodskem izpitu. For the content of this examination and other information, see Delovodski izpit.

Postgraduate certificate/diploma (+)

Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Qualifications awarded after completing a course of specialised or vocational studies normally lasting 1 to 2 years at the University of Malta, subsequent to the Bachelor's degree. The certificate/diploma indicates the field of specialisation. Students are assessed by means of a final examination and a dissertation. These qualifications give access to employment and to advanced study and research leading to the Doctorate.

Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma (+)

Country: United Kingdom
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Qualifications which are obtained after a first degree and awarded on completion of a course of tertiary education usually in a specialised or vocational subject. Courses are offered by universities and other tertiary education institutions and normally entail 1 year of full-time or 2 years of part-time study depending on the institution concerned. Diploma courses are usually of a higher level than courses leading to a Certificate. An example is the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), a 1-year course in the theory and practice of teaching taken by those with a first degree in any subject who intend to teach. Assessment arrangements are determined at institutional level but may include written examinations, continuous assessment, an extended essay or thesis or a combination of all these. Under the new frameworks for higher education qualifications, a programme leading to a Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma would be expected to fulfil most (or all) of the outcomes laid down in the descriptor for ‘M level’ qualifications (in Scotland, ‘SHE M level’/SCQF level 11’). These qualifications are recognised for progression within tertiary education and by employers, and in some cases may lead to professional accreditation. For example, across the UK the PGCE qualifies teachers to begin teaching but, subsequently, they must also successfully complete an induction period. In Scotland, the Teacher Induction Scheme was introduced in August 2002 to complement the existing requirements for a probationary period. The name of the qualification is normally followed by reference to the field of study concerned.

Potrdilo o (+)

Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Potrdila o, potrdil*
Level: ISCED 3 and 5 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Various types of state-recognised certificate in adult education. Students obtain these certificates after successfully completing shorter educational or training programmes. For example, they are awarded to those who have taken teacher training courses for graduates from various tertiary study programmes not intended specifically for teachers. Students who successfully complete this programme obtain the teaching qualification potrdilo o opravljeni pedagoško-andragoški izobražbi. The name of these certificates varies depending on the type of programme concerned (for example, potrdilo o izobraževanju, potrdilo o izpolnjevanju or potrdilo o usposabljanju).

Potrdilo o izpolnjeni osnovnošolski obveznosti

Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Potrdila o izpolnjeni osnovnošolski obveznosti, potrdil* o izpolnjeni osnovnošolski obveznosti
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by schools to pupils who have accomplished the legal formalities for compulsory education and successfully completed at least six classes in the eight-year osnovna šola, or at least seven in the nine-year osnovna šola, or who have completed an education programme adapted to the requirements...
of children with special needs. It gives access to a short-term vocational education programme (nižja poklicna šola) lasting two-and-a-half years.

Potrdilo o opravljenem izpitu iz maturitetnega predmeta
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Potrdila o opravljenih izpitih iz maturitetnega predmeta, potrdil* o opravljen* izpiti* iz maturitetnega predmeta
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by schools to pupils who have successfully completed one general subject from the Matura examination. It is awarded mainly to those who have received the Spričevalo o poklicni maturi certificate and want to enrol in academically oriented tertiary education.

Potrdilo o opravljenem strokovnem izpitu
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Potrdila o opravljenih strokovnih izpitih, potrdil* o opravljen* strokovni izpit*
Level: ISCED 3 and 5 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Certificate which is awarded by the State Teaching Examination Board to teacher trainees (pripravniki) who have passed the Strokovni izpit, and which formally testifies to their achievement in doing so. It provides an opportunity for appointment to permanent teaching posts on the basis of an application procedure conducted in accordance with the regulations and with due regard for vacancies at any particular time.

Potrdilo o opravljenem vmesnem preizkusu
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Potrdila o opravljenem vmesnem preizkusu, potrdil* o opravljen* vmesn* preizkus*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate issued by a board of examiners in the Slovenia Chamber of Crafts (Obtrna zbornica Slovenije) to apprentices who have passed the Vmesni preizkus in the second year of vocational upper secondary education in the dual system (dualni Sloveniastem). It is a condition for enrolment in the third grade.

Pradinio išsilavinimo pažymėjimas
Country: Lithuania
Grammatical variants: Pradinio išsilavinimo pažymėjimai, pradinio išsilavinimo pažymėjim* Level: ISCED 1
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed primary education (pradinė mokykla). It is based on continuous assessment but indicates neither the school subjects nor the assessment. It gives access to lower secondary education.

Praktisk-pedagogisk utdanning
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Qualification awarded to students who pass final written examinations and complete periods of supervised 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. The certificate indicates the student’s results in the final examinations and an assessment of the practice period. It gives access to employment as a teacher in primary or secondary education.

Praktisk-teologisk utdanning
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Qualification awarded to students who, after obtaining the Candidatus (+) degree in 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, one of whom is external. The certificate indicates the student’s results in the final examinations and an assessment of the practical training. It gives access to employment as a Lutheran priest/parson.

Próagogikes exetaseis (Προαγωγικές εξετάσεις)
Country: Greece
Grammatical variants: Proagogikon exetaseon
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Examinations organised by the school at the end of the first and second years of eniaeo lykeio. In the case of the first year, the examinations are written, compulsory and in all subjects while, in the second year, they consist of internally assessed written papers in certain subjects. The examinations are supplemented by externally assessed national level written papers in some subjects, known as Panelladikes exetaseis.

Probă practică
Country: Romania
Grammatical variants: Proba practică
Level: ISCED 3
**Explanatory note**: Optional practical examination organised by schools at the end of technological or vocational upper secondary education lasting 4 to 5 years (*liceu*). Those who pass the examination, which covers the specialist subject and is accompanied by a written test, obtain the certificate (*Atestat profesional*).

**Prof. (+)**  
**Country**: Slovenia  
**Level**: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Abbreviation of *Profesor/ica (+)*, which is always followed by the abbreviation of the field of study concerned.

**Profesinė kvalifikacija**  
**Country**: Lithuania  
**Grammatical variants**: Profesinės kvalifikacijos, profesin* kvalifikacij*  
**Level**: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Professional non-academic title conferred on students who obtain the diploma (*Aukštojo mokslo diplomas*). In certain cases, the title is conferred on candidates who hold the *Bakalauro diplomas* after satisfactorily completing studies for the *bakalauras*, or who have been awarded the *Magistro diplomas* on completion of the course for the *magistras*. It is also conferred on those awarded the *Rezidentūros pažymėjimas* (+).

**Profesinio mokymo diplomas**  
**Country**: Lithuania  
**Grammatical variants**: Profesinio mokymo diplomai, profesinio mokymo diplom*  
**Level**: ISCED 3 and 4  
**Explanatory note**: Vocational training certificate awarded to pupils who successfully complete options 2 and 3 of vocational secondary education and option 4 of vocational post-secondary education (profesinė mokykla). The certificate indicates the course subjects and the marks obtained, and gives access to employment.

**Profesionālās kvalifikācijas apliecinā**  
**Country**: Latvia  
**Grammatical variants**: Profesionālās kvalifikācijas apliecinābas, profesionālās kvalifikācijas apliecinābu  
**Level**: ISCED 2, 3 and 4  
**Explanatory note**: Certificate testifying to possession of a full vocational qualification, which is awarded to pupils who have passed the *Kvalifikācijas eksāmens* or *Centralizētās profesionālās kvalifikācijas eksāmens* and fulfilled one of the following conditions: (1) completion of an accredited continuing vocational education programme; (2) completion of an accredited vocational or vocational secondary education programme after general secondary education; (3) completion of a relevant extramural vocational education programme. The certificate is awarded by schools in accordance with government regulations, and has a supplement indicating the subjects taken and final marks obtained. It gives access to the labour market, and enables its holders to continue their studies in vocational education or embark on various courses in continuous vocational training.

**Profesor/ica (+)**  
**Country**: Slovenia  
**Grammatical variants**: Profesorji/rice, profesor*  
**Level**: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: First professional title awarded to students who have successfully completed 4 years of an academically oriented teacher training programme, passed the *Diplomski izpit* examination and obtained the *Diploma at fakulteta or akademija*. It gives access to the labour market or further tertiary education leading to the *Magister/trica umetnosti*, *Magister/trica znanosti*, *Specialist/ka (+)* or *Doktor/ica znanosti* degree. The title is always followed by the field of study in question (for example, *profesor/ica angleškega in francoskega jezika*). Abbreviation: Prof. (+). General term: *Strokovni naslov*.

**Professionsbachelor (+)**  
**Country**: Denmark  
**Grammatical variants**: -bacheloren, -bachelorer, -bachelorerne  
**Level**: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Title conferred on students who have obtained the *Professionsbachelorgrad*. It is followed by the name of the field concerned, for example *professionsbachelor i grafisk kommunikation, professionsbachelor i medieproduktion og ledelse*.

**Professionsbachelorgrad**  
**Country**: Denmark  
**Grammatical variants**: -graden, -grader, -graderne  
**Level**: ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note**: Diploma awarded to students who have successfully completed 3 or 4 years of a study programme at a non-university tertiary institution (e.g. *teknika- or ingenierhøjskoler, lærer- or pædagogseminarier, sociale højskoler, Danmarks Journalisthøjskole*). There is not just one final examination at the end, as examinations are taken following the teaching of each individual subject throughout the course of study. The diploma is awarded by the institution concerned and indicates the subjects examined, credits obtained in any other examinations, the marks obtained, and the title and the field of specialisation. The *professionsbachelorgrad* is intended as a final qualifica-
tion before entering the labour market. It confers on its holder the title *Professionsbachelor (+)* and gives access to the labour market, and also to studies leading to the *Candidatus (+)*.

**Promotie**
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Promoties
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Inter alia, the formal defence of a thesis or technological design project submitted for a *Doctoraat*.

**Promotion**
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Promotionen, Promotion*
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Procedure for obtaining the *Doktorgrad*, during which applicants must demonstrate their ability to undertake independent research. Successful completion of a graduate course of study ending with a *Diplom*, a *Magister (+)*, *Master (+)* or a first *Staatsprüfung* is normally a prerequisite for admission to the *Promotion* process. The ability to undertake independent research is demonstrated in the presentation of a written *Dissertation* (thesis) 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. On obtaining an overall pass mark and submitting copies of their *Dissertation* as required, successful students receive their *Promotion* certificate (doctoral certificate), and are entitled to use the title of *Doktor (+)*.

**Propedeutsch examen**
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Propedeutische examens
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Examination at the end of the first year of study in university education (wo, or *wetenschappelijk onderwijs*) or professional tertiary education (hbo, or *hoger beroepsonderwijs*). Students have to pass this examination in order to continue their studies. The *propedeutsch examen* is a review of their academic record to assess whether they have satisfied all requirements of the first year in tertiary education by passing the oral or written interim examinations (*tentamens*) provided for in the regulations of their institution (*universiteit of hogeschool*). The content and organisation of the examination are the responsibility of the institution concerned. Successful candidates are awarded a *Getuigschrift van het propedeutsch examen*.

**Prova de aptidão profissional**
Country: Portugal
Grammatical variants: Provas de aptidão profissional
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: Examination taken by pupils at vocational schools (*escola profissional*), who have completed two-thirds of their curricular 3-year course. It is necessary for the award of the *Diploma de qualificação profissional de nível 2* and the *Diploma de qualificação profissional de nível 3*. This examination is based on an interdisciplinary project developed in accordance with the pupil’s personal interests and organised in close connection with enterprises. The project is submitted to an examination board whose members include the pedagogical director of the vocational school, the tutor and representatives of local trade associations and trade unions. Abbreviation: PAP.

**Prova de doutoramento**
Country: Portugal
Grammatical variants: Provas de doutoramento
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: University examination leading to the award of the *Doutoramento* degree, *Carta Doutoral* and the title of *Doutor*. It involves the public defence of an original thesis (*tese de doutoramento*) which is considered to make an original contribution to the advancement of knowledge at a high cultural level in a specific area and demonstrate ability to carry out independent research. There may also be *Provas complementares* organised in accordance with particular university regulations on doctorates. The examination is held before an examining board consisting of the head of the university (reitor/a) acting as chairperson, and at least three members with the title of *doutor* (two of whom are external), the thesis supervisor and sometimes a recognised expert in the field concerned.

**Prova extraordinária de avaliação**
Country: Portugal
Grammatical variants: Provas extraordinárias de avaliação
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Written examination organised by the school (*escola secundária*), which covers the full curriculum of the corresponding grade. The examination is compulsory for pupils who have attended only one of the three terms in the school year, because of illness, legal impediment or military service, and when the final national examination is not compulsory. In such cases, it is one of the components of annual internal assessment, together with the marks obtained during the term that the pupil attended. Abbreviation: PEA.
Prova global
Country: Portugal
Grammatical variants: Provas globais
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: One of the components in internal summative assessment, other than continuous assessment, in the subjects of the third cycle of compulsory basic education (ensino básico). It may also exist in upper secondary education (ensino secundário) but is not compulsory. From the 2005/06 school year onwards, compulsory national examinations in Portuguese language and mathematics will be organised by the Ministry of Education at the end of the 9th grade.

Provas complementares
Country: Portugal
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Examination that has to be taken by candidates for the Doutoramento and the title of Doutor who do not satisfy some of the requirements in the particular university regulations on doctorates in that, for instance, they do not hold a Mestrado or an academic qualification in the same subject as that of the doutoramento. The examination involves the discussion of a research project developed and submitted by the student in a subject area related to the field of specialisation but independent from the work for the thesis (tese de doutoramento). To be accepted as candidates, students may be required to attend and satisfactorily complete courses in the curriculum that are offered by the university at second degree level. The examinations are held before a board of examiners consisting of three members with the title of doutor (two of whom are external).

Proviisorin tutkinto
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: Proviisorit, proviisori-
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on holders of the Proviisorin tutkinto degree.

Proversioxexam
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -examina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Proviisorin tutkinto.

Prueba General de Bachillerato
Country: Spain
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Compulsory examination which, with the implementation of the 2002 Ley Orgánica de Calidad de la Educación (LOCE, or Organic Act on the Quality of Education), will have to be taken at the end of the two-year stage of general upper secondary education (Bachillerato) from the 2005/06 academic year onwards by pupils who wish to obtain the title Bachiller and secure access to advanced tertiary vocational training (Formación Profesional de grado superior) and university studies. The government will establish basic examination requirements after consultation with the Autonomous Communities, and the examination itself will cover common and special subjects taken in the Bachillerato. The section corresponding to the foreign language will include an oral and written part. The grade obtained in this examination will be taken into account in awarding the final Bachillerato mark. Within their area of management, educational administrative authorities will periodically establish examinations leading to the title of Bachiller for those aged over 18. Abbreviation: PGB.

Pruebas de Acceso a la Universidad
Country: Spain
Grammatical variants: Prueba de Acceso
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Compulsory examination for admission to long-cycle university studies, which is organised at the end of upper secondary education by the universities and officials in general upper secondary education (Bachillerato). As soon as the current admissions procedure is repealed and the corresponding sections of the 2001 Ley Orgánica de Universidades (LOU, or Organic Act...
on Universities) come into force, the universities will themselves be responsible for drawing up their own admissions procedures. However, the final Bachillerato grade (arithmetical average mark for the mark in the Prueba General de Bachillerato and the pupil’s academic record) will take priority over other entrance requirements. The examination is intended for pupils who have already passed examinations under the course programme and been awarded the Bachiller certificate. Pupils have to take tests in the Spanish language (and the language and literature of the Autonomous Community where applicable), in a foreign language and in philosophy or history, as well as examinations in three or more subjects already studied in the second year of the Bachillerato. These examinations are organised twice every school year and if candidates fail they are entitled to three further attempts. There are also special university entrance examinations for those aged over 25. Synonym: Selectividad. Abbreviation: PAU.

Prüfung zum Abschluss eines Hochschullehrgangs
Country: Liechtenstein
Grammatical variants: Prüfungen zum Abschluss eines Hochschullehrgangs, Prüfung*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: National-level examination organised at the end of 1 to 2 semesters of university studies at the Fachhochschule (Hochschullehrgang) while the candidates concerned are practising a profession. The examination relates to the acquisition of fresh expertise or the consolidation of existing expertise, and consists of the preparation, presentation and defence of project work. Successful students receive the Fachausweis or Zertifikat.

Prüfung zum Erwerb des Abschlusszeugnisses der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts
Country: Belgium (German-speaking Community)
Grammatical variants: Prüfungen
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Examination before an examination board external to the school, which is appointed by the Ministry of the German-speaking Community with a view to awarding the Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts. The examination is organised for pupils and adults who have not yet been awarded this certificate. Depending on the type of education (general, technical or vocational), it concerns the syllabus of the third year (in general or technical education) or the third and fourth years (in vocational education).

Prüfungszeugnis
Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Prüfungszeugnisse, Prüfungszeugnis*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by apprentice training centres to apprentices who pass the Lehrabschlussprüfung. The grades obtained are indicated on the certificate, which gives access to the profession concerned.

Psykologexamnen
Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Psykologexamina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Professional degree in psychology, awarded after a 5-year full-time study programme, normally including a degree project, at a university or university college (universitet or högskola). The degree certificate indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained. It gives access to employment and its holders are also eligible for doctoral studies leading to the Doktorsexamen (+).

Psykoterapeutexamnen
Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Psykoterapeutexamina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Diploma in psychotherapy, awarded after a 3-year programme of part-time study at a university or university college (universitet or högskola). Studies are based on a first professional degree in the health care sector. The diploma indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained and gives access to employment.

Psychia (+)
(Diary)
Country: Cyprus
Grammatical variants: Ptychia, ptychi*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note:
- First degree awarded by universities (*panepistimia*) after completion of studies of 4 years' duration, to candidates who have passed the examinations in all subjects taken. The degree indicates the field of specialisation, the title, the overall mark and the grade obtained. It gives access to employment in the field concerned, as well as second-cycle university studies for the ★ Master (+), ★ Metaptychiako diploma, or ★ Didaktoriko diploma (+). The name of the degree is always accompanied by the name of the field of specialisation (e.g. *ptychio iatrikis* in medicine, *ptychio physikis* in physics, etc.). The title conferred on its holder is ★ *Ptychiouchos* (+).
- Equivalent degree awarded in private institutions: *Bachelor*.

**Ptychio (+)**
(Πτυχίο)

*Country:* Greece  
*Grammatical variants:* Ptychia, ptychi*  
*Level:* ISCED 5

Explanatory note:
- Degree testifying to completion of studies lasting 4 years at tertiary level technological education institutions (TEI), including a 6-month practical training placement in the field of specialisation. The degree is awarded by TEIs to students whose continuous assessment in all subjects studied is satisfactory, and who successfully complete their practical placement and pass the final examination. The degree indicates the field of specialisation, title, overall mark and the grade obtained. It gives access to employment in the field concerned, as well as to second-cycle studies.
- Degree awarded by universities (*panepistimio, polytechnieio*) after completion of studies lasting from 4 to 6 years, to candidates who have passed the examinations in all subjects studied. The degree indicates the field of specialisation, title, overall mark and the grade obtained. It gives access to employment in the field concerned, as well as to second-cycle university studies (★ *Metaptychiako diploma eidikefsis* (+)) and advanced study and research (★ *Didaktoriko diploma* (+)).

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 on its holder is ★ *Ptychiouchos* (+).
- Synonym for ★ *Diploma* (+) from polytechnic tertiary education institution.

**Ptychiouchos (+)**
(Πτυχιούχος)

*Country:* Cyprus, Greece  
*Grammatical variants:* Ptychiouchi, ptychiouch*  
*Level:* ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the degree ★ *Ptychio* (+). It is followed by the name of the field concerned.

**Ptychiouchos technologikou epaggelmatikou ekpaedeftiriou**
(Πτυχιούχος τεχνολογικού επαγγελματικού εκπαιδευτηρίου)

*Country:* Greece  
*Grammatical variants:* Ptychiouchoi technologikou epaggelmatikou ekpaedeftiriou, ptychiouch*  
*Level:* ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the certificate ★ *Apolytirio technologikou epaggelmatikou ekpaedeftiriou*. 

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Ptychio
Qualifizierender Hauptschulabschluss

Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Qualifizierend*
Hauptschulabschluss*
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: General lower secondary education certificate awarded after the ninth school year in some Länder by a Hauptschule, as well as by other types of lower secondary school, to pupils who have obtained certain marks and provided further evidence of their achievement in an examination. This qualification gives access, under certain circumstances, to a Berufsaufbauschule (vocational extension school) or Berufsfachschule (vocational upper secondary school). Term used in some Länder: Qualifizierter Hauptschulabschluss.

Qualifizierter Realschulabschluss

Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Qualifiziert*
Realschulabschluss*
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Term used in certain Länder for Erweiterter Realschulabschluss.

Qualifizierter Sekundarabschluss I

Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Qualifiziert*
Sekundarabschluss*
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Term used in certain Länder for Mittlerer Schulabschluss.

Qualifizierter Hauptschulabschluss

Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Qualifiziert*
Hauptschulabschluss*
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Term used in certain Länder for Qualifizierender Hauptschulabschluss.
Rättsnotarieexamen
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -examina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Oikeusnotaarin tutkinto.

Realschulabschluss
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Realschulabschluss*
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Term used in certain Länder for Mittlerer Schulabschluss. Generic term used in certain Länder: Sekundarabschluss I.

Receptarieexamen
Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Receptarieexamina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Professional degree in pharmacy, awarded after a 3-year full-time study programme at a university or university college (universitet or högskola). The degree indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained and gives access to employment.

Régent/e
Country: Belgium (French Community)
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Synonym for Agrégé/e de l’enseignement secondaire inférieur.

Reife- und Diplomprüfung
Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Reife- und Diplomprüfungen, Reife- und Diplomprüfung*
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Final examination at the end of upper secondary technical and vocational education in the berufsbildende höhere Schule (BHS) and upper secondary schools for the training of nursery school teachers and in social pedagogy (Sozialpädagogik). The certificate indicates the overall result, subjects and marks and, in the case of the BHS, the professional qualifications and individual professional entitlement. It gives access to tertiary education (allgemeine Hochschulreife).

Reifeprüfung
Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Reifeprüfungen, Reifeprüfung*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Final examination at the end of 4 years of general upper secondary education (AHS-Oberstufe or Oberstufenrealgymnasium). The examination is organised internally by the school and 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 (Fachbereichsarbeiten) 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. Students who pass the examination obtain the Reifeprüfungszeugnis.
Reifeprüfungszeugnis

Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Reifeprüfungszeugnisse, Reifeprüfungszeugnis*

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to students who pass the Reifeprüfung at the end of general upper secondary education (AHS-Oberstufe or Oberstufenrealgymnasium). It indicates the subjects sat and marks awarded and gives access to tertiary education (allgemeine Hochschulreife).

Rezidentūros pažymėjimas (+)

Country: Lithuania
Grammatical variants: Rezidentūros pažymėjim*

Level: ICSED 5

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded on satisfactory completion of third level professional studies (rezidentūra) at universitetas, after students have passed their final examination. The name of the qualification is followed by reference to the field of study concerned. The certificate confers on its holder the professional but non-academic title of Profesinė kvalifikacija.

Rigorosenzeugnis

Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Rigorosenzeugnisse, Rigorosenzeugnis*

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Degree certificate confirming success in the Rigorosum, which may be awarded after 2 years of study at third level at a university. It indicates the subject of the thesis and is a requirement for conferral of the academic title Doktor/In (+).

Rigorosum

Country: Austria
Grammatical variants: Rigorosen, Rigoros*

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Final examination in studies for advanced research degrees, which is compulsory for the award of the Rigorosenzeugnis. Organised internally within the institution, it involves the satisfactory defence and acceptance of a thesis.

Rigorózna skúška

Country: Slovakia
Grammatical variants: Rigorózne skúšky, rigorózn* skúšk*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Examination intended for students who have obtained the title of Magister (+). It includes oral examinations covering the subjects of study and is accompanied by the preparation and defence of a dissertation (obhajoba rigoróznej práce). Successful students obtain the certificate Vysokoškolský diplom (+) and the title of Doktor (+) in the field of natural sciences, pharmacy, social sciences and history of fine art, law, teacher training and theology, except in the case of study programmes in catholic theology.

Riigieksami-tunnistus

Country: Estonia
Grammatical variants: Riigieksami-tunnistuse, riigieksami-tunnistusega

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate issued to pupils who have successfully passed their external final examinations Riigieksamid. It is issued by the National Examination and Qualifications Centre and indicates the subjects examined and the examination results in points. It is valid only when held in conjunction with a graduation certificate Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus (in general secondary education) and with Lõputunnistus põhihariduse baasil kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta or Lõputunnistus keskhariduse baasil kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta (in vocational education). The certificate gives access to tertiary education.

Riigieksamid

Country: Estonia
Grammatical variants: Riigieksami, riigieksamid, riigieksamiga

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: External final examination held at the end of 3 years of general or vocational upper secondary education at the gümnaasium and kutseõppeasutus, respectively. In general secondary education, this examination is part of the Gümnaasiumi lõpeksamid. It consists of three examinations set by groups of experts at the National Examination and Qualifications Centre and is marked also by other groups at the Centre. Pupils may choose their subjects for the external final examinations from a list of 12 (in which only the mother tongue is compulsory). All these examinations are written, with the exception of the oral part in the foreign language examination. Successful pupils receive the Riigieksamitunnistus certificate.

RNDr.

Country: Czech Republic

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Doktor/ka (+) in the field of natural sciences.
RNDr.  
**Country:** Slovakia  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of ✧ Doktor (+) in the field of natural sciences.

**Robotnik wykwalifikowany**  
**Country:** Poland  
**Grammatical variants:** Robotnicy wykwalifikowani, robotnik* wykwalifikowan*  
**Level:** ISCED 3 and 4  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on pupils who have obtained the certificate ✧ Świadectwo ukończenia zasadniczej szkoły zawodowej or ✧ Świadectwo ukończenia liceum zawodowego (in the liceum zawodowe which will cease to exist in 2004), or the ✧ Dyplom ukończenia szkoły politechnicnej certificate (in post-secondary schools offering 1-year courses). The title may also be conferred in adult education.
Examinations, Qualifications and Titles

Samræmd lokapróf
Country: Iceland
Grammatical variants: Samræmdum lokaprófum, samræmdra lokaprófa
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Nationally coordinated examinations held at the end of the 10 years of compulsory education in single structure compulsory schools (grunnskóli). They are set, organised and marked by the Educational Testing Institute, and include optional written tests in Icelandic, mathematics, Danish, English, natural sciences and social sciences.

School leaving certificate
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: School leaving certificate awarded to pupils who complete their studies at the end of a compulsory secondary level course lasting 5 years in a state junior lyceum, secondary school, boys’ school or girls’ school. Towards the end of secondary education, students sit for an examination organised by the Educational Assessment Unit (EAU) within the Ministry of Education. The marks obtained in the various subjects of the examination are indicated on the certificate, together with an assessment of the student in all subjects studied. If a student does not take the examination, an assessment only is shown on the certificate, which gives access to upper secondary education.

School examen
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Schoolexamenens
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: Internal school examination for compulsory examination subjects. It is part of the Eindexamen, organised and marked by the school and taken during the final year in both general secondary education and adult education. Vmbo, havo and vwo have their own internal school examination for each examination subject, consisting of two or more oral or written tests. In the case of some subjects, there is a schoolexamen only.

Schoolverlatersverklaring
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Schoolverlatersverklaringen
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who leave secondary education without passing the final examination and obtaining a diploma. It indicates the type of school, the most recent unconditional progression to a subsequent class, and the types of education and school class in which they may continue their career.

Scottish Group Award
Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Level: ISCED 2 and 4
Explanatory note: Qualification awarded by secondary schools or further education colleges at the end of consistently interrelated programmes of units (lasting one year). It can also be obtained in successive stages over several years. There are two categories of Scottish Group Awards (SGAs), which are general SGAs and named SGAs. Named SGAs cover one particular area of study such as business or science, whereas general SGAs cover a range of subjects. These qualifications are available at Access, Intermediate (1, 2), Higher and Advanced Higher levels. Some of their individual elements may however be below the overall level of award. The position of SGAs on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SQCF) is dependent on the overall level of award. SGAs contain both internally and externally assessed elements. Assessments are usually written, though depending on the subject studied, oral and practical assessments may also be undertaken. The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) awards the qualification, carries out external assessments and moderates internal assessments. The qualification, which is currently being reviewed, gives access to the labour market or tertiary education. Abbreviation: SGA.

Scottish Vocational Qualification
Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: A job-specific qualification based on actual working practices in workplace conditions. It is offered in partnership between an employer and an educational institution and is accredited by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). The qualification is awarded by a range of awarding bodies, including the SQA itself, and indicates which of five bands has been achieved, level I being the basic level and level V the most complex. This qualification is equivalent to the National Vocational Qualification (NVQs) awarded in other parts of the United Kingdom. Abbreviation: SVQ.

SEC
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Synonym for Secondary education certificate.

SEC examinations
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Synonym for Secondary education certificate examination.

Secondary education certificate
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: School leaving certificate awarded to pupils who have passed the Secondary education certificate examination at the end of a lower secondary level course in a junior lyceum, secondary school. These examinations are organised by external agencies, namely the Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate (MATSEC) Board of the University of Malta and foreign examination boards. The certificate gives access to further levels of education. Synonym: SEC.

Secondary education certificate examination
Country: Malta
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: National level secondary education leaving examination organised by the Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate (MATSEC) Board of the University of Malta. Those who pass the examination are awarded the Secondary education certificate. Synonym: SEC examinations.

Sekmju izziņa
Country: Latvia
Grammatical variants: Sekmju izziņas, sekmju izziņu
Level: ISCED 2, 3 and 4
Explanatory note: Statement of records obtained by pupils who have completed a vocational education programme (profesionālā pamatizglītība, arodizglītība or profesionālā vidējā izglītība), but not passed a qualifying examination. The statement is issued by schools in accordance with government regulations and specifies the subjects taken and the assessment pupils obtained for them. Holders of this certificate may continue training in basic vocational or vocational education programmes.

Sekundarabschluss I
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Sekundarabschluss* I
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Generic term used in certain Länder for a certificate obtained after grade 9 or 10, which must include a suffix: either Hauptschulabschluss or Realschulabschluss, or Fachoberschulreife.

Selectividad
Country: Spain
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Synonym for Pruebas de Acceso a la Universidad.

SGA
Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Level: ISCED 2 and 4
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Scottish Group Award.

Siv.ark
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Sivilarkitekt.

Siv.ing.
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Sivilingeniør.

Siv.øk.
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Siviløkonom.

Sivilarkitekt
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Degree and title obtained by students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of university studies in the field of architecture (lasting five-and-a-half years at Oslo School of Architecture, and 5 years at the Bergen School of Architecture and Norwegian University of Science and Technology). Each institution sets its own examinations, which are assessed by two examiners, one of whom is external. The degree
indicates the student’s results in the examinations and the average marks obtained in the main subjects. It gives access to employment and/or to advanced study and research leading to the Doctor (+) or Ph.d. degree. Abbreviation: Siv.ark.

**Sivilingeniør**  
**Country:** Norway  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree and title obtained by students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of studies lasting four-and-a-half to 5 years in the field of engineering. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, one of whom is external. The degree indicates the student’s results in the examinations and the average marks obtained in the main subjects. It gives access to employment and/or to advanced study and research leading to the Doctor (+) or Ph.d. degree. Abbreviation: Siv.ing.

**Siviløkonom**  
**Country:** Norway  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Degree and title obtained by students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of studies lasting 4 years in the field of business administration. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners. The degree indicates the student’s results in the examinations and the average marks obtained in the main subjects. It gives access to employment and/or to further tertiary education in the same field leading to the Høyere avdelings eksamen or the Candidatus mercatorius (+) in business administration (candidatus mercatorius). Abbreviation: Siv.ok.

**Sjuksköterskeexamen**  
**Country:** Sweden  
**Grammatical variants:** Sjuksköterskeexamina  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Professional degree in nursing, awarded after a 3-year full-time study programme, normally including a degree project, at a university or university college (universitet or högskola). The degree certificate indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained. It gives access to employment and its holders are also eligible for doctoral studies leading to the Doktorsexamen (+).

**Skolebevis**  
**Country:** Denmark  
**Grammatical variants:** Skolebeviset, skolebeviser, skolebeviserne  
**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded by the educational institution concerned (handelsskole or teknisk skole) to pupils who have successfully completed a 3-year programme of vocational education and training. It indicates the area of specialisation and the legal basis of the programme, as well as a list of the subjects studied. It also gives the marks obtained for proficiency in the basic subjects, the area subjects and special subjects, and the examination marks in the basic subjects, thematic project and 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.

**Skupinsko preverjanje znanja**  
**Country:** Slovenia  
**Grammatical variants:** Skupinska preverjanja znanja, skupinsk*° preverjanj*° znanja  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Examination at the end of 8 years of compulsory education, which is due to be phased out after the 2004/05 school year. The examination is not compulsory but is usually taken by more than 80% of pupils although only around one-third really need to do so. There are short tests in two subjects, namely Slovenian (Italian or Hungarian in the case of national communities) and mathematics. Subject experts from the National Education Institute (Zavod RS za šolstvo) prepare the examination, which is written and run in accordance with standard procedures for external examinations. Assessment tasks are marked externally by teachers, and the process is technically supported by the National Examinations Centre and the Board of Education. Results are not part of the Spričevelo o končani osnovni šoli. Pupils who pass the examination are issued with the Obvestilo o doseženem uspehu pri preverjanju znanja certificate.

**Slutbetyg från grundskolan**  
**Country:** Sweden  
**Grammatical variants:** Slutbetyget, slutbetygen från grundskolan  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Leaving certificate awarded at the end of compulsory education (the 9-year grundskola) on the basis of pupil assessment throughout the final year. The results of the national examinations in Swedish (or Swedish as a second language), English and mathematics are taken into consideration, in order to ensure that marks are comparable nationally. The certificate indicates the subjects of the courses taken and marks obtained. Pupils with the minimum pass grades in Swedish, English and mathematics are admitted to upper secondary education.
Slutbetyg från gymnasieskolan

Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Slutbetyget, slutbetygen från gymnasieskolan
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Leaving certificate awarded at the end of upper secondary education (the 3-year gymnasieskola) 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 may be used. The certificate indicates the subjects of the courses taken and marks obtained. It is a basic requirement for entry to tertiary education.

Social omsorgsexamen

Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Social omsorgsexamina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Professional degree in social care, awarded on satisfactory completion of a full-time study programme lasting two-and-a-half, three or four years, which normally includes a degree project, at a university or university college (universitet or högskola). The degree certificate indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained. It gives access to employment and its holders are also eligible for doctoral studies leading to the Doctorsexamen (+).

Socionomexamen

Country: Sweden
Grammatical variants: Socionomexamina
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Professional degree in social work, awarded on satisfactory completion of a full-time study programme lasting three-and-a-half, three or four years, which normally includes a degree project, at a university or university college (universitet or högskola). The degree certificate indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained. It gives access to employment and its holders are also eligible for doctoral studies leading to the Doctorsexamen (+).

Spec. (+)
Country: Slovenia
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Specialist/ka (+) which is usually followed by the abbreviation of the field of specialisation (for example spec. arh.) and placed after the first professional title (for example, univerzitetni/na diplomirani/na ekonomist/ka, specialist/ka za menedžment). Abbreviation: Spec. (+). General term: Strokovni naslov.

Specializzato in (+)
Country: Italy
Grammatical variants: Specializzati in, specializzata in, specializzate in
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the Diploma di Specializzazione. It includes reference to the field concerned.

Specialyrkesexamen

Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: -examina
Level: ISCED 4 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Swedish term for Erikois-tumistutkinto.

Specialist po (+)
(C специалист по)
Country: Bulgaria
Grammatical variants: Specialisti po
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Professional title conferred on students who have obtained the Diploma za zavurchenia stepen na vischeto obrazovanie at the end of non-university tertiary education.

Specialist/ka (+)
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Specialisti/tke, specialist*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Second professional title conferred on students who have obtained a first professional title (Akademski/ka (+), Diplomirani/na (+), Profesor/ica, Doktor/ica (+), Magister/tra farmacije or Univerzitetni/na diplomirani/na), successfully completed second-cycle specialised studies lasting 1-2 years, passed the Diplomski izpit examination and obtained the Diploma at akademija, fakulteta or visoka strokovna šola. It gives access to the labour market. The title is usually followed by reference to the field of specialisation concerned (for example specialist/ka arhitekture) and is always placed after the first professional title (for example, univerzitetni/na diplomirani/na ekonomist/ka, specialist/ka za menedžment). Abbreviation: Spec. (+). General term: Strokovni naslov.

Sprejemni izpit
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Sprejemni izpit*, sprejemn* izpit*
Level: ISCED 3 and 5
Explanatory note: Synonym for Sprejemni preizkus.
Spričevalo o delovodskem izpitu
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Spričevala o izobraževanju na domu, spričeval* o delovodskem izpitu
Level: ISCED 4 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by the Slovenia Chamber of Crafts (Obrtna zbornica Slovenije) to candidates who have passed the Delovodski izpit examination. The certificate enables them to open and run their own craft shop or business, and to work with apprentices in the dualni sistem and with co-workers in the lifelong learning process as practical trainers. It confers on its holder the title of Delovodja/dkinja (+).

Spričevalo o izobraževanju na domu
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Spričevala o izobraževanju na domu, spričeval* o izobraževanju na domu
Level: ISCED 1 and 2
Explanatory note: Certificate for pupils not attending school (osnovna šola) who receive home instruction and pass their assessment at the end of each school year. Assessment is carried out by the school in which the pupil would normally be enrolled. The knowledge of pupils is assessed in order to certify their level of learning. The certificate is awarded by the school concerned, indicates all subjects and the marks obtained for them, and gives access to the next grade.

Spričevalo o končani osnovni šoli
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Spričevala o končani osnovni šoli, spričeval* o končani osnovni šoli
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by schools to pupils who have successfully completed the 8-year osnovna šola. There is no final examination. The certificate refers to the achievement of pupils in all subjects and their general final mark, and gives access to all types of upper secondary education.

Spričevalo o mojstrskem izpitu
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Spričevala o mojstrskem izpitu, spričeval* o mojstrskem izpitu
Level: ISCED 4 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by the Slovenia Chamber of Crafts (Obrtna zbornica Slovenije) to candidates who have passed the Mojstriški izpit examination. The certificate enables them to open and run their own craft shop or business, and to work with apprentices in the dualni sistem and with co-workers in the lifelong learning process as practical trainers. It confers on its holder the title of Mojster/trica (+).

Spričevalo o poklicni maturi
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Spričevala o poklicni maturi, spričeval* o poklicni maturi
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by schools to pupils who have successfully completed technical education at a srednja strokovna šola, vocational/technical programmes (poklicno-tehniško izobraževanje) or one year at poklicni tečaj and passed the Poklicna matura examination. Pupils who do so with outstanding results receive the spričevalo o poklicni maturi s pohvalo, which indicates the results and the subjects passed. It gives access to the labour market or to vocational colleges (višje strokovne šole) and professionally oriented tertiary education. Students who have received this certificate and want to enter academically oriented tertiary programmes also have to have passed one general subject included in the Matura examination and received the Potrdilo o opravljenem izpit iz maturitetnega predmeta certificate. The spričevalo o poklicni maturi confers on its holders the title of Tehnik/nica (+).

Spričevalo o poslovodskem izpitu
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Spričevala o poslovodskem izpitu, spričeval* o poslovodskem izpitu
Level: ISCED 4 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by the Slovenia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Gospodarska zbornica Slovenije) to candidates who have passed the Poslovodski izpit examination. The certificate enables them to open and run their own business or manage a unit within such an organisation. It confers on its holder the title of Tehnik/nica (+).

Spričevalo o zaključnem izpitu
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Spričevala o zaključnem izpitu, spričeval* o zaključnem izpitu

Examinations, Qualifications and Titles
**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:**
- Leaving certificate awarded by vocational schools to pupils who have successfully completed the two-and-a-half-year programme and passed the **Zaključni izpit** examination. It gives access to the labour market or to the first year at any other upper secondary school.
- Leaving certificate awarded by schools (in the dual system, by the school and Slovenia Chamber of Crafts) to pupils who have successfully completed the 3-year study programme and passed the **zaključni izpit** examination. It gives access to the labour market or to further education in two-year vocational/technical programmes leading to a **Poklicna matura**.

The certificate is accompanied by a separate certificate **obvestilo o uspehu pri zaključnem izpitu**, indicating the marks for all parts of the examination. Those who pass the zaključni izpit with outstanding results receive the **Spričevalo o poklicni maturi** certificate.

**Staatliche Abschlussprüfung**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Staatliche Abschlussprüfungen, Staatlich* Abschlussprüfung*

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Final examination held on completion of courses at a ***Fachschule** (technical school providing advanced vocational training lasting 1, 2 or 3 years), or a ***Fachakademie*** in Bavaria, lasting at least 2 years. The examination includes written, oral and practical tests, and confers on those who pass it the right to use an occupational title such as **Staatlich geprüfter Techniker** (state certified technician), **Staatlich geprüfter Betriebswirt** (state certified graduate in business administration), **Staatlich anerkannter Erzieher** (state certified youth or child care worker), etc.

**Staatsexamen**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Staatsexamina

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Synonym for **Staatsprüfung**.

**Staatsexamen**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Staatsexamen

**Level:** ISCED 2 and 3

**Explanatory note:** Leaving examination which is organised by the State and testifies to satisfactory completion of havo, vwo, or the theoretical learning pathway of vmbo. Pupils who pass such an examination before a Minister of Education board of examiners may obtain one of the following diplomas: **diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs** (theoretical learning pathway), **diploma staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs** or **diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs**; see **Diploma staatsexamen**. In all subjects there is a written and an oral examination, with Dutch and English compulsory. The **staatsexamen** covers a minimum of six subjects and is equivalent to the **Eindexamen**. Pupils who receive instruction without attending school may take this examination and, if they pass, obtain a diploma equivalent to the one awarded in full-time education.

**Staatsexamen havo, vmbo, vwo**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Staatsexamens havo, vmbo, vwo

**Level:** ISCED 2 and 3

**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of **staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs**, **staatsexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs** (theoretical learning pathway), or **staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs**; see **Staatsexamen**.

**Staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

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

**Level:** ISCED 2 and 3

**Explanatory note:** For further information, see **Staatsexamen** (for havo schools). Abbreviation: **Staatsexamen havo**.

**Staatsexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Staatsexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs

**Level:** ISCED 2

**Explanatory note:** For further information, see **Staatsexamen** (for vmbo schools). Abbreviation: **Staatsexamen vmbo**.

**Staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs**

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Grammatical variants:** Staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs

**Level:** ISCED 3
Explanatory note: For further information, see Staatsexamen (for vwo schools). Abbreviation: Staatsexamen vwo.

Staatsprüfung
Country: Germany
Grammatical variants: Staatsprüfungen, Staatsprüfung*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: A state examination which has to be taken in some university courses of study preparing students for professions of particular importance to the public. They include medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, pharmacueticals, food chemistry, law and the teaching profession. After sitting the examination, prospective doctors and pharmacists apply in writing for the Approbation (licence), with which they may practise the profession and use the corresponding title. The first state examination (erste Staatsprüfung) normally consists of a written dissertation and written and oral tests, but there are variations specific to each Land. It usually constitutes both an academic and career-qualifying stage. After the first state examination, prospective lawyers and teachers undertake the Vorbereitungsdienst (preparatory service), which ends with another state examination. Only this second state examination entitles them to practise as teachers or judges. The second state examination usually consists of a dissertation and written and oral tests, but there are variations specific to each Land. It also examines practical experience acquired during the Vorbereitungsdienst. Synonym: Staatsexamen.

Standard Grade
Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: A 2-year national qualification which is usually awarded in lower secondary education, but which may also be taken in upper secondary or adult education. The qualification is available in a range of academic and vocational subjects and there is no compulsory number or common core of subjects that all students are required to study. However, in practice, a maximum of 8 Standard Grades in different subjects is studied over the 2-year period. The qualification is available at 3 levels in ascending order of challenge, namely Foundation, General and Credit corresponding to Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) levels 3, 4 and 5 respectively. The qualification is externally assessed by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). Assessments are usually written, though depending on the subject studied, oral and practical assessments may also be undertaken. Assessments in some subjects also take account of course work. Pupils may proceed to study leading to Intermediate (level 1) or Higher qualifications. The Standard Grade qualification can also be used for entry to training or employment.

Štátna skúška
Country: Slovakia
Grammatical variants: Štátna skúška, štátn* skúš*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Final examination held at the end of short-term or long-term university studies lasting 3 or 4 years, or 4-6 years respectively. It includes oral examinations in the field of study, and the defence of a final written dissertation (obhajoba záverečnej práce or obhajoba diplomovej práce) which is compulsory at the discretion of the faculty concerned. Successful students receive the Vysokoškolský diplom (+) and the certificate Vysvedčenie o štátnej skúške.

Státní doktorská zkouška
Country: Czech Republic
Grammatical variants: Státní doktorské zkoušky, státní* doktorsk* zkouš*
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Final examination including the defence of a thesis (disertační práce), which is held at the end of advanced study and research lasting 3 years. Successful students receive the diploma Vysokoškolský diplom and the certificate Vysvedčení o státní doktorské zkoušce. The content and organisation of the examination are the responsibility of the faculty concerned.

Státní rigorózní zkouška
Country: Czech Republic
Grammatical variants: Státní rigorózní zkoušky, státní* rigorózn* zkouš*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note:
• Examination including the defence of a final written dissertation, (rigorózní práce) which is intended for students in tertiary education who have been awarded the title Magistr/a and wish to obtain the title Doktor/ka (+) in their field of study, abbreviated to JUDr., PhDr., RNDr., PharmDr., ThDr., or Licenciát abbreviated to ThLic. (in the field of Catholic theology) certified by the diploma Vysokoškolský diplom and the certificate Vysvedčení o státní rigorózní zkoušce. The content and organisation of the examination are the responsibility of the faculty concerned.
• Final examination for students of medicine and veterinary medicine who wish to obtain the title doktor/ka (+), abbreviated to MUDr. or MVDr. certified by the diploma vysokoškolský diplom.


diplom and the certificate vysvědčení o státní rigorózní zkoušce. The content and organisation of the examination are the responsibility of the faculty concerned.

Státní závěrečná zkouška
Country: Czech Republic
Grammatical variants: Státní závěrečná zkoušky, státní* závěrečn* zkouš*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note:
• Examination including the defence of a final written dissertation (bakalářská práce), which is held at the end of university or non-university tertiary education lasting 3 to 4 years. Students who pass the examination are awarded the diploma Vysokoškolský diplom and the certificate Vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce. The content and organisation of the examination are the responsibility of the institution concerned.
• Examination including the defence of a final written dissertation (diplomová práce), which is held at the end of university and non-university tertiary education lasting 4 to 6 years, or 1 to 3 years after students have obtained the title of Bakalář/ka. Students who pass the examination are awarded the diploma vysokoškolský diplom and the certificate vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce. The content and organisation of the examination are the responsibility of the institution concerned.

Strokovni izpit
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Strokovni izpit, strokovn* izpit*
Level: ISCED 3 and 5 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Examination taken by teacher trainees (pripravniki) after completing an 'on-the-job' qualifying phase of 6 to 10 months, depending on the qualifications of the trainee concerned. It is taken before a State Teaching Examination Board appointed by the Minister of Education. The examination includes an oral part to assess the aptitude of future teachers for independent professional work. Successful trainees receive the Potrdilo o opravljenem strokovnem izpitu certificate.

Strokovni naslov
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Strokovni naslov, strokovn* naslov*

Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: General term for various professional titles denoting the level and type of education obtained in study programmes leading to a first professionally or academically oriented degree leading to the Diploma, and in second degree programmes leading to the Diploma (specialisacija). Professional titles are an integral aspect of study programmes and exist for both men and women. They are regulated by the Professional and Academic Titles Act. See Diplomirani/na (+), Univerzitetni/na diplomirani/na (+), Akademski/ka (+), Profesor/ica (+), Doktor/ica (+), Magister/trna farmacije and Specialist/ka (+).

Studentereksamensbevis
Country: Denmark
Grammatical variants: -eksamener, -eksamener, -eksamenerne
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Examination taken on completion of a 3-year general upper secondary course (gymnasium) or a 2-year adult general upper secondary course (studenterkursus), and 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. Students have to pass this examination to obtain the Studentereksamensbevis certificate.

Studenteretksen
Country: Iceland
Grammatical variants: Stúdentsprófsskírteini
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Title conferred by upper secondary schools (menntaskóli, verksmentaskóli, framhaldsskóli and fjölbrautaskóli) on pupils who obtain the Stúdentsprófsskírteini certificate.
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 tertiary education.

**Studentexamen**  
*Country:* Finland  
*Grammatical variants:* -examina  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Swedish term for Ylioppilas-tutkinto.

**Studentexamensbetyg**  
*Country:* Finland  
*Grammatical variants:* -betyget, -betygen  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Swedish term for Ylioppilas-tutkintotodistus.

**Stúdentspróf**  
*Country:* Iceland  
*Grammatical variants:* Stúdentsprófi, stúdentsprófs  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Examinations held in upper secondary schools (menntaskóli, verkmenntaskóli, framhaldsskóli and fjölbrautaskóli) at the end of general upper secondary education lasting 4 years, which have to be passed in order to obtain the Stúdentsprófsskírteini certificate. All subjects taught are covered in the final assessment, including Icelandic, mathematics, sciences and foreign languages. 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. The examination is the responsibility of individual upper secondary schools.

**Stúdentsprófsskírteini**  
*Country:* Iceland  
*Grammatical variants:* Stúdentsprófsskírteinis  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the final written or oral examinations set at the end of a) the third year of the second stage, b) the second year of the 3-year third stage of secondary vocational education, c) the third year of the third stage (corresponding to a year of specialisation) in secondary vocational, technical or art education, or d) the second year of the 2-year fourth stage of vocational education in fashion and plastic arts. These examinations are set by the individual school and cover all subjects studied. The certificate indicates the school year, the type of education and the branch of studies. It may be taken into account when deciding whether pupils will be admitted to the next level of education. After the completion of compulsory education, the certificate may also be obtained in adult education or, in some cases, with the approval of the Examining Board of the Flemish Community. It may be replaced by the Getuigschrift (tweedegraad secundair onderwijs).

**Studiegetuigschrift**  
*Country:* Belgium (Flemish Community)  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the final written or oral examinations set at the end of a) the third year of the second stage, b) the second year of the 3-year third stage of secondary vocational education, c) the third year of the third stage (corresponding to a year of specialisation) in secondary vocational, technical or art education, or d) the second year of the 2-year fourth stage of vocational education in fashion and plastic arts. These examinations are set by the individual school and cover all subjects studied. The certificate indicates the school year, the type of education and the branch of studies. It may be taken into account when deciding whether pupils will be admitted to the next level of education. After the completion of compulsory education, the certificate may also be obtained in adult education or, in some cases, with the approval of the Examining Board of the Flemish Community. It may be replaced by the Getuigschrift (tweedegraad secundair onderwijs).

**Studiegetuigschrift derde graad deeltijds beroepssecundair onderwijs**  
*Country:* Belgium (Flemish Community)  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils in part-time vocational secondary education who have completed at least two years of stage 3 and obtained at least one Kwalificatiegetuigschrift van het deeltijds beroepssecundair onderwijs. The written, oral or practical examinations are set by the individual institution and cover all subjects studied. The certificate gives access to the corresponding occupation.

**Studiegetuigschrift tweede graad deeltijds beroepssecundair onderwijs**  
*Country:* Belgium (Flemish Community)  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils in part-time vocational secondary education who have completed at least two years of stage 2 of full-time or part-time secondary education. The written, oral or practical examinations are set by the individual institution and cover all subjects studied. The certificate entitles its holder to enter the first year of the third stage of part-time vocational secondary education.

**Studienberechtigungsprüfung**  
*Country:* Austria  
*Grammatical variants:* Studienberechtigungsprüfungen, Studienberechtigungsprüfung*  
*Level:* ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Entrance examination taken by those who wish to obtain a restricted right to enter tertiary education. It is taken at the institu-
tion in question and includes both a written and oral part. The content of the examination depends on the desired course of study (at a university, Akademie, etc.). Successful students receive the Studienberechtigungszeugnis certificate.

**Studienberechtigungszeugnis**

**Country:** Austria  
**Grammatical variants:** Studienberechtigungszeugnisse, Studienberechtigungszeugnis*  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to those who perform successfully in the Studienberechtigungsprüfung. It gives restricted access to tertiary education and indicates the fields of study in which candidates may enrol.

**Studienzeugnis des zweiten Jahres des berufsbildenden Sekundarunterrichts**

**Country:** Belgium (German-speaking Community)  
**Grammatical variants:** Studienzeugnisse, Studienzeugnis*  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded after successful completion of the second year of the Beobachtungsstufe (an observation cycle corresponding to the first cycle of secondary education) which is organised in differentiated form. By virtue of a government decree, this certificate is considered equivalent to the Abschlusszeugnis der Grundschule. It is thus especially meaningful for pupils who have not obtained their primary school leaving certificate – either at the end of primary education or on completion of the first year of the Beobachtungsstufe. The certificate entitles pupils to continue secondary education in a vocational branch of the Orientierungsstufe (‘orientation’ cycle), the second cycle of secondary school, or – if they are at least 15 years old – to begin an intermediate course. The form of the certificate is centrally determined by government decree. It is awarded by decision of the Klassenrat (class council).

**Stufenzugnis der zweiten Stufe**

**Country:** Belgium (German-speaking Community)  
**Grammatical variants:** Stufenzugnisse  
**Level:** ISCED 2  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate which will replace the Abschlusszeugnis der Unterstufe des Sekundarunterrichts as soon as there is a new decree on secondary education.

**Sveinsbréf**

**Country:** Iceland  
**Grammatical variants:** Sveinsbréfi, sveinsbréfs  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate of vocational training in a certified trade, which is awarded to pupils who pass the Sveinspróf at the end of vocational training. It confers on them the title of Sveinn (journeyman) and indicates the field of specialisation and the average results obtained in the examination. The certificate gives access to the trade, and to a 1- or 3-year course leading to the Meistarabréf (+) certificate.

**Sveinspróf**

**Country:** Iceland  
**Grammatical variants:** Sveinsprófi, sveinsprófs  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Journeyman’s examination at the end of 4-year vocational training in a certified trade at school (lónskóli, fjlbrautaskóli, verkmenntaskóli) and the workplace. It is compulsory for obtaining the Sveinsbréf certificate. The examination, which includes both theoretical and practical parts, is set and organised at national level by a special committee, representing both sides of industry.

**Svendebrøve**

**Country:** Denmark  
**Grammatical variants:** -prøve, -prøver, -prøverne  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Synonym for Uddannelsesbevis.

**Svendeprøve**

**Country:** Denmark  
**Grammatical variants:** -prøve, -prøver, -prøverne  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Journeyman’s test held at the end of technical/vocational education and training programmes (hoveforløbet), organised by the educational institution after consultation with the trade committee concerned and taken after obtaining the Skolebevis. It involves a practical test of the pupil’s skills by an examining board consisting of masters of the trade or craft, with an equal number of employers and employees. Pupils have to pass this test to obtain the Uddannelsesbevis.

**Svennebrev**

**Country:** Norway  
**Grammatical variants:** Svennebrevet, svennebrevene  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate of craft qualification awarded by upper secondary schools to appren-
tices who pass the Svenneprøve (journeyman’s examination) at the end of a vocational training course. The certificate indicates the subjects and results of the examination, and gives access to the trade or occupation concerned.

Svenneprøve
Country: Norway
Grammatical variants: Svenneprøver, svenneprøvene
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Craft examination held at the end of an apprenticeship in a firm or upper secondary school for those who have taken courses lasting 2 years in the school with an additional 1 year of ‘on-the-job’ training. The examination may also be taken by external candidates. Schools and/or firms develop its content on the basis of the training programme in a particular sector, in accordance with Ministry of Education vocational training directives. The examination, which is a prerequisite for obtaining a Svennebrev, includes three parts, namely planning, implementation, and documentation relevant to the performance of a practical task. External candidates have to pass theoretical examinations relating to the trade or profession concerned.

Svidetelstvo za pravosposobnost, izdavano za profesii uprjaviavaneto na koito iziskva pravosposobnost
(Cвидетелство за правоспособност, издавано за професии, упражняването на които изисква правоспособност)
Country: Bulgaria
Grammatical variants: Svidetelstva za profesionalna kvalifikacija
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate of competence, which testifies to the acquisition of vocational skills and is issued by the professionalno utchilite or professionalna gimnazia on completion of vocational education. The conditions and procedures for issuing the certificate are laid down in an ordinance of the Minister of Education and Science unless a statutory act provides otherwise. The certificate gives access to vocational branches in which a licence of competence is required.

Svidetelstvo za profesionalna kvalifikacija
(Cвидетелство за професионална квалификация)
Country: Bulgaria
Grammatical variants: Svidetelstva za profesionalna kvalifikacija
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: Vocational qualification certificate which is issued by the professionalno utchilite or professionalna gimnazia, and awarded to pupils who pass the Durjaven zrelosten izpit za pridobivane na profesionalna kvalifikatzia examination at the end of vocational secondary education. The details indicated on the certificate comply with state requirements for vocational qualifications awarded in the national education system. The certificate gives access to the trade or occupation concerned.

Svidetelstvo za zavurcheno osnovno obrazovanie
(Свидетелство за завършено основно образование)
Country: Bulgaria
Grammatical variants: Svidetelstva za zavurcheno osnovno obrazovanie
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded on satisfactory completion of lower secondary education in the progimnazialno utchilite, osnovno utchilite or sredno obchtoobrazovatello utchilite, on the basis of school marks without a final examination. The certificate indicates the subjects taken and marks obtained at the end of the final year. It gives access to upper secondary education and/or to vocational training.

SVQ
Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)
Level: ISCED 4
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Scottish Vocational Qualification.

Świadectwo dojrzałości
(Country: Poland
Grammatical variants: Świadectwa dojrzałości, świadectw* dojrzałości
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by all types of school offering general and specialised upper secondary education to pupils who have completed the study programme concerned and passed the Egzamin dojrzałości examination. The certificate indicates the courses completed and marks obtained on leaving the school, as well as the examination marks and the appropriate occupational titles. It is a qualification required for admission to all types of tertiary education and may also be awarded in adult education. Synonym: Świadectwo maturalne.

Świadectwo maturalne
(Country: Poland
Grammatical variants: Świadectwa maturalne, świadectw* maturaln*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Synonym for Świadectwo dojrzałości.
The certificate indicates the subjects and the marks obtained at the end of the final year as well as the examination results. It gives access to upper secondary education and may also be awarded in adult education.

**Świadectwo ukończenia liceum ogólnokształcącego**

- **Country:** Poland
- **Grammatical variants:** Świadectwa ukończenia gimnazjum, świadectwo ukończenia gimnazjum
- **Level:** ISCED 2
- **Explanatory note:** Certificate testifying to completion of 3 years of lower secondary education (gimnazjum), which is awarded on the basis of school results and the results of a compulsory final examination, the final examination. The certificate indicates the subjects and the marks obtained at the end of the final year. The certificate enables its holders to take the Egzamin dojrzałości examination and/or to enter post-secondary education. It may also be awarded in adult education.

**Świadectwo ukończenia liceum ogólnokształcącego**

- **Country:** Poland
- **Grammatical variants:** Świadectwa ukończenia liceum ogólnokształcącego, świadectwo ukończenia liceum ogólnokształcącego
- **Level:** ISCED 3
- **Explanatory note:** Certificate of completion of general upper secondary education (liceum ogólnokształcące) which, following the 1999/2000 reform, now lasts three years instead of four. It is awarded on the basis of school results, without any final examination, and indicates the subjects and the marks obtained at the end of the final year. The certificate enables its holders to take the Egzamin dojrzałości examination and/or to enter post-secondary education. It may also be awarded in adult education.

**Świadectwo ukończenia liceum profilowanego**

- **Country:** Poland
- **Grammatical variants:** Świadectwa ukończenia liceum profilowanego, świadectwo ukończenia liceum profilowanego
- **Level:** ISCED 3
- **Explanatory note:** Certificate testifying to completion of 3 years of specialisation upper secondary education (liceum profilowane). The institution issuing the certificate was established in 2002/03. For further information, see Świadectwo ukończenia liceum ogólnokształcącego.

**Świadectwo ukończenia liceum technicznego**

- **Country:** Poland
- **Grammatical variants:** Świadectwa ukończenia liceum technicznego, świadectwo ukończenia liceum technicznego
- **Level:** ISCED 3
- **Explanatory note:** Certificate testifying to completion of 4 years of technical upper secondary education (liceum techniczne), which is awarded to pupils at the end of the fourth year on the basis of their school results, without any final examination. It indicates the final marks and the area of specialisation and enables its holders to enter the appropriate trade or occupation and/or to take the Egzamin dojrzałości examination. The institution issuing this certificate will cease to exist in the 2004/05 school year.

**Świadectwo ukończenia liceum zawodowego**

- **Country:** Poland
- **Grammatical variants:** Świadectwa ukończenia liceum zawodowego, świadectwo ukończenia liceum zawodowego
- **Level:** ISCED 3
- **Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded by institutions for vocational upper secondary education (liceum zawodowe), which will cease to exist in the 2004/05 school year, to pupils in their final (fourth) year who have passed the Egzamin z nauki zawodu examination. The certificate indicates the marks obtained in the various subjects at the end of the final year and the examination marks, as well as the area of specialisation. It enables its holders to enter the appropriate trade or occupation and/or to take the Egzamin dojrzałości examination, and may also be awarded in adult education.

**Świadectwo ukończenia szkoły podstawowej**

- **Country:** Poland
- **Grammatical variants:** Świadectwa ukończenia szkoły podstawowej, świadectwo ukończenia szkoły podstawowej
- **Level:** ISCED 1
- **Explanatory note:** Certificate testifying to the completion of the ‘new’ 6-year primary school (szkoła podstawowa) established by the 1999/2000 reform. Awarded by the school on the basis of marks obtained in class, the certificate indicates the subjects studied and the marks at the end of the final year, as well as the results of a compulsory test at the end of the sixth grade. It is issued by the institution issuing this certificate, which will also cease to exist in the 2004/05 school year.
required in order to proceed to lower secondary education, and may also be awarded in adult education. Before the 1999/2000 reform, the certificate was awarded after 8 years of single-structure basic education in the szkoła podstawowa.

**Świadectwo ukończenia technikum uzupełniającego**  
**Country:** Poland  
**Grammatical variants:** Świadectwa ukończenia technikum uzupełniającego, świadectw* ukończenia technikum uzupełniającego  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate testifying to completion of 3 years of further technical upper secondary education (technikum uzupełniające). The institution issuing the certificate, which will also be awarded in adult education, will begin its operations in the 2004/05 school year. For further information, see ➤ Świadectwo ukończenia technikum zawodowego.

**Świadectwo ukończenia technikum zawodowego**  
**Country:** Poland  
**Grammatical variants:** Świadectwa ukończenia technikum zawodowego, świadectw* ukończenia technikum zawodowego  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate of completion of technical upper secondary education (technikum zawodowe) which now lasts four years instead of five, following the 1999/2000 reform. The certificate is awarded to pupils by their school on the basis of their results in the Egzamin z nauki zawodu examination. It indicates the subjects and the marks obtained in the final year, as well as the examination marks and field of specialisation. It gives access to the appropriate trade or occupation and/or to further upper secondary education (full-time or at evening classes) to prepare for the Egzamin dojrzałości examination. The certificate confers on its holder the title Technik, enables them to enter the appropriate trade or occupation and/or to take the Egzamin dojrzałości examination. It may also be awarded in adult education.

**Świadectwo ukończenia zasadniczej szkoły zawodowej**  
**Country:** Poland  
**Grammatical variants:** Świadectwa ukończenia zasadniczej szkoły zawodowej, świadectw* ukończenia zasadniczej szkoły zawodowej  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate of completion of basic vocational education (lasting 3 years in the old type of school), which is awarded to pupils by the school on the basis of their marks in the Egzamin z przygotowania zawodowego examination. It indicates the subjects and the marks obtained in the final year, as well as the examination marks and field of specialisation. It gives access to the appropriate trade or occupation and/or to further upper secondary education (full-time or at evening classes) to prepare for the Egzamin dojrzałości examination. The certificate confers on its holder the title Robotnik wykwalifikowany and may also be awarded in adult education.

**Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítvány**  
**Country:** Hungary  
**Grammatical variants:** Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítványok, szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítvány*  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to trainees who have passed the Szakmai vizsga on completion of training lasting 1 or 2 years in an apprentice training school (szakiskola). It confers on its holder the title Szakmunkás and gives access to employment as a skilled worker.
Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő vizsga

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő vizsgák, szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő vizsga*

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Final examination held at the end of vocational upper secondary education lasting 4 to 6 years, for pupils who have obtained the ◆ Szakközépiskolai bizonyítvány certificate. The examination consists of written, oral and practical parts covering both general and vocational subjects. The written part in the academic and vocational subjects is set by the Ministry of Education, whereas the oral part and practical assessment are devised by each school. Pupils who pass the examination are awarded the combined ◆ Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítvány certificate.

Szakközépiskolai képesítő bizonyítvány

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Szakközépiskolai képesítő bizonyítványok, szakközépiskolai képesítő bizonyítvány*

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded by schools to pupils who pass the ◆ Szakmai vizsga examination. It indicates the field of specialisation, the subjects and the marks obtained in the examination, and gives access to the occupation concerned and/or tertiary education.

Szakmai vizsga

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Szakmai vizsgák, szakmai vizsga*

**Level:** ISCED 3 and 5

**Explanatory note:**
- A general term for the vocational examination held normally for those aged 17/18 in different branches at the end of 11/12 years of study in vocational upper secondary education. The examination leads to certificates which differ depending on the type and duration of studies: ◆ Szakképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány, ◆ Szakmunkásképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány or ◆ Szakközépiskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány. It includes written, oral and practical examinations whose requirements are determined by the Ministry of Employment and Labour and vary in line with the type of vocational education concerned.
- Compulsory examination held at the end of 2 years of accredited non-university vocational tertiary courses (főiskola) provided within the school system. The tests are set by each institution and vary with the field of study. The level of requirement for this examination is specified in the National Register of Qualifications, and it leads to the higher vocational qualification ◆ Felsőfokú szakképesítést igazoló bizonyítvány.

Szakmunkás

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Szakmunkások, szakmunkás*

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Vocational training title conferred by all institutions of vocational upper secondary education on pupils who have obtained the ◆ Szakképző iskolai képesítő bizonyítvány, ◆ Szakmunkásképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány or the ◆ Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítvány.

Szakmunkásképző iskolai bizonyítvány

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Szakmunkásképző iskolai bizonyítványok, szakmunkásképző iskolai bizonyítvány*

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded on the basis of class marks with no final examination to pupils normally aged 17, on completion of vocational upper secondary education lasting 3 years and after 11 years of study. The certificate indicates the subjects studied and marks obtained during the studies and also provides an assessment of job skills. It has to be held by those wishing to sit the examination ◆ Szakmai vizsga.

Szakmunkásképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Szakmunkásképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítványok, szakmunkásképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány*

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded, by vocational education institutions (szakmunkásképző iskola) to pupils normally aged 17 who have passed the ◆ Szakmai vizsga examination. The certificate confers on its holders the occupational title ◆ Szakmunkás and gives access to the occupation concerned and/or to upper secondary education (evening classes).

Szakoklevél

**Country:** Hungary

**Grammatical variants:** Szakoklevél, szakoklevél*

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Diploma awarded to students who have successfully completed a further one-to-three-year non-university course at a főiskola after already obtaining a ◆ Egyetemi oklevél or ◆ Főiskolai oklevél degree. This diploma, which is awarded to those who pass the examinations at the end of each subject, testifies to possession of a higher level qualification in vocational training and gives access to the labour market.
Tandarts
**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)
**Level:** ISCED 5
**Explanatory note:** Qualification and title obtained by students who successfully complete the 2-year first cycle of university studies in dentistry and obtain the Kandidaat in de (+), and then complete the 3-year second cycle. The qualification gives access to the profession of dentist, as well as to the third cycle of university studies for those wishing to obtain the degree of Doctor in de (+). For information on examinations and the details indicated on the certificate, see Apotheker.

Technical Certificate
**Country:** United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
**Level:** ISCED 3
**Explanatory note:** Certificates which will be integrated alongside National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) into the Modern Apprenticeship training programmes (for 16- to 24-year-olds). NVQs are competence-based and it is intended that Technical Certificates should provide a knowledge-based examination component to the programmes. Learning will take place in further education institutions or with approved training providers. New qualifications are under development but, wherever possible, existing vocational qualifications that meet Technical Certificate design principles will be used. In such cases, the qualification retains its existing title, as in London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examinations Board (LCCIEB) Level 3 Certificate in Accounting. All Technical Certificates must be approved by the national regulatory authorities. Assessment procedures vary but might include case study work, multiple-choice items, centrally-set projects or assignments, and written tests. These qualifications may give access to further vocational study, for example at the next level in the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

Technicien supérieure
**Country:** France
**Level:** ISCED 5
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who hold the Brevet de technicien supérieur.

Technik
**Country:** Poland
**Grammatical variants:** Technicy, technik*
**Level:** ISCED 3 and 4
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on pupils who have obtained the certificate Świadectwo ukończenia technikum zawodowego or the Dиплом ukończenia szkoły полицейней (in post-secondary schools with courses lasting two to two-and-a-half years). The title may also be obtained in adult education.

Técnico Auxiliar en (+)
**Country:** Spain
**Grammatical variants:** Técnico/os Auxiliar/es en
**Level:** ISCED 2
**Explanatory note:** Certificate and title obtained by pupils whose continuous assessment in all subjects was satisfactory during two-year vocational lower secondary education (Formación Profesional de primer grado, or FP I) in the education system prior to the reforms introduced by the 1990 Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo (LOGSE, or Organic Law on the General Organisation of the Education System). The certificate indicates the subject of specialisation and, in the new system, gives access to employment, or to general upper secondary education (Bachillerato) or vocational upper secondary training (Formación profesional específica de grado superior).
**Técnico en (+)**
*Country*: Spain  
*Grammatical variants*: Técnica/os en  
*Level*: ISCED 3  
*Explanatory note*: Certificate and title obtained by pupils whose continuous assessment in all subjects has been satisfactory on completion of the intermediate one-and-a-half to two-year vocational training (*Formación Profesional Específica de grado medio*) established by the 1990 Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo (LOGSE, or Organic Law on the General Organisation of the Education System). The certificate indicates the subject of specialisation and gives access to general upper secondary education (*Bachillerato*) or to employment.

**Técnico Especialista en (+)**
*Country*: Spain  
*Grammatical variants*: Técnica/os Especialista/s en  
*Level*: ISCED 3  
*Explanatory note*: Certificate and title obtained by pupils whose continuous assessment in all subjects was satisfactory during vocational upper secondary education (*Formación Profesional de segundo grado*, or FPII) of 2 or 3 years duration. This existed prior to the reforms introduced by the 1990 Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo (LOGSE, or Organic Law on the General Organisation of the Education System) and was discontinued with effect from the 2002/03 school year. The certificate indicates the subject of specialisation and gives access to the first cycle of certain university studies, and to employment.

**Tecnico specializzato**  
*Country*: Italy  
*Grammatical variants*: Tecnici specializzati  
*Level*: ISCED 4  
*Explanatory note*: Title conferred on pupils who have obtained the *Certificato di Specializzazione Tecnica Superiore*.

**Técnico Superior en (+)**  
*Country*: Spain  
*Grammatical variants*: Técnica/os Superior/es en  
*Level*: ISCED 5  
*Explanatory note*: Diploma and title awarded to students whose continuous assessment in all subjects has been satisfactory on completion of tertiary non-university vocational studies (*Formación profesional especifica de grado superior*) as defined by the 1990 Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo LOGSE, or Organic Law on the General Organisation of the Education System). These studies are of variable duration but usually last 2 years. The diploma indicates the field of specialisation and gives access to the first cycle of certain university studies, and to employment.

**Tehnik/nica (+)**  
*Country*: Slovenia  
*Grammatical variants*: Tehni/kic/nica/tehnik*/tehnic*  
*Level*: ISCED 3  
*Explanatory note*: Title conferred on pupils who have obtained the *Spričevalo o poklicni maturi* certificate. It is preceded by the name of the field of specialisation (for example, ekonomski tehnik in economics, or gradbeni tehnik in construction). General term: Naziv poklicne/strokovne izobrazbe.

**Telikes exetáseis**  
*Country*: Cyprus  
*Grammatical variants*: Telikon exetaseon, telik* exetas*  
*Level*: ISCED 2  
*Explanatory note*: Compulsory written examinations which are organised by the school (*gymnasio*) at the end of lower secondary education and give access to upper secondary education, as well as to specialised vocational studies and non-specialised jobs.

**Test na zakończenie szkoły podstawowej**  
*Country*: Poland  
*Grammatical variants*: Testy na zakończenie szkoły podstawowej, test*  
*Level*: ISCED 1  
*Explanatory note*: External compulsory standardised test at the end of ‘new’ primary education (*szkoła podstawowa*) lasting 6 years, following the 1999/2000 reform. The test provides pupils and parents, as well as schools, with information about the level of achievement of primary school leavers. Its content and level are determined by a Regional Examination Commission but the results obtained in it, which are incorporated in the *Świadectwo ukończenia szkoły podstawowej*, are readily comparable at national level. The test may also be taken in adult education.

**Teză de doctorat**  
*Country*: Romania  
*Grammatical variants*: Teza de doctorat  
*Level*: ISCED 6  
*Explanatory note*: Examination organised by university or research institutions at the end of a doctoral programme lasting 4 years. It consists of the public defence of a thesis, assessed by experts appointed by the council of the organising institution (a universitate, academie, institut or research institution). It is compulsory for obtaining the qualification *Diplomă de doctor*.

**Th.D.**  
*Country*: Czech Republic  
*Level*: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Doktor/ka (+) (see third paragraph).

ThDr.
Country: Czech Republic
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Doktor/ka (+) (see second paragraph).

ThDr.
Country: Slovakia
Level: ISCED 5 and 6
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of doktor teológie. See Doktor (+) in the field of theology. In the field of catholic theology, this title is obtained together with that of Philosophiae doctor (PhD) by students who have passed the examination Dizertačná škůška and defended a written dissertation (dizertačná práca).

ThLic.
Country: Czech Republic
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Licenciát teologie in the field of Catholic theology.

ThLic.
Country: Slovakia
Level: ISCED 6
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Licenciát teológie.

Titlos spoudon
(Tίτλος σπουδών)
Country: Greece
Grammatical variants: Titloi spoudon, titl* spoud*
Level: ISCED 1
Explanatory note: Leaving certificate awarded by the school at the end of primary education lasting 6 years (dimotiko scholeio), to pupils who pass in all subjects studied. There is no final examination. The certificate indicates the mark and grade of the pupil’s overall assessment, and gives access to lower secondary education (gymnasio).

Titulado Superior en (+)
Country: Spain
Grammatical variants: Titulada/os Superior/es en
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the degree Titulo Superior en (+). It is followed by the name of the field of specialisation concerned.

Título profesional del grado medio de (+)
Country: Spain
Grammatical variants: Títulos profesionales del grado medio de
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils whose continuous assessment has been satisfactory on completion of 6 years of studies in music or dance at intermediate level. The certificate involves two areas of specialisation, music or dance, and indicates the subjects taken and field studied. It entitles pupils to take the entrance examinations for tertiary level studies in music or dance.

Título Superior en (+)
Country: Spain
Grammatical variants: Títulos Superiores en
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note:
• Degree awarded to students whose continuous assessment has been satisfactory on completion of 4 to 5 years of advanced studies in music, dance or dramatic art at the Conservatorio Superior/Escuela Superior. The degree certificate indicates the field of specialisation and corresponds to the Licenciatura en (+); it therefore gives access to a Doctorado en (+). It confers on its holder the title Titulado Superior en (+).
• Degree awarded to students whose continuous assessment has been satisfactory on completion of three years of studies in conservation and restoration of artistic objects at the Escuela Superior. The degree certificate indicates the field of specialisation and corresponds to the Diplomatura en (+). It confers on its holder the title Titulado Superior en (+).

Todistus oppisopimuskoulutuksesta
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: Todistukset, todistuks*
Level: ISCED 3
Todistus toisen asteen ammatillisesta opinnoista
Country: Finland
Grammatical variants: Todistukset, todistuks*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded on completion of apprenticeship training (oppisopimuskoulutus). It provides assessments of the trainee’s performance by the employer and by the teacher in theoretical subjects. The certificate indicates the basic curriculum followed and, where relevant, the field of specialisation, the duration of training and the average marks obtained. However, it only testifies to participation in training and, to enter employment, trainees must take the Näyttötutkinto. The certificate may also be obtained in adult education. Swedish term: Betyg över läroavtalsutbildning.

Todistus toisen asteen ammatillisista opinnoista
**Explanatory note**: Certificate awarded at the end of vocational upper secondary education. The qualification obtained is the Ammatillinen perus-tutkinto. The certificate gives access to employment or studies at a higher level. Swedish term: Betyg över avlagd yrkesexamen på andra stadiet.

**Todistus yhdistelmäopinnoista**

**Country**: Finland  
**Grammatical variants**: Todistukset, todistuks*  
**Level**: ISCED 3

**Explanatory note**: Certificate for an experimental qualification at the end of upper secondary education for pupils who wish to combine both general and vocational studies. It is awarded to those whose continuous assessment throughout the course, without any final examination, is satisfactory. The certificate indicates the subjects taken and marks obtained in them. It gives access to employment or to education at a higher level. Swedish term: Betyg över kombinationsstudier.

**Tohtori (+)**

**Country**: Finland  
**Grammatical variants**: Tohtorit, tohtori*  
**Level**: ISCED 6

**Explanatory note**: Title conferred on holders of the Tohtorin tutkinto (+) degree, normally with a prefix referring to the field of study, for example kasvatustieteiden tohtori. Swedish term: Doktor.

**Tohtorin tutkinto (+)**

**Country**: Finland  
**Grammatical variants**: -tutkinnot, -tutkinto*, -tutkinno*  
**Level**: ISCED 6

**Explanatory note**: Advanced research degree awarded to students who have successfully completed around 4 years of full-time study after the Maisterin tutkinto (+), or around 2 years after the Lisensiaatin tutkinto (+). Students prepare a doctoral thesis, which is publicly disputed and assessed by two or more impartial examiners appointed by the university or faculty. There are no national regulations governing what is indicated on the degree certificate, which is determined by the university concerned. The degree confers on its holder the title of Tohtori (+). The prefix in the name of the degree refers to the field of study, for example kasvatustieteiden tohtorin tutkinto. Swedish term: Doktorsexamen.

**Transfer Tests**

**Country**: United Kingdom (NIR)  
**Level**: ISCED 1

**Explanatory note**: Tests in English, mathematics and science and technology used to select pupils for selective secondary (grammar) schools. The tests are 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 the order of test grades.
Uddannelsesbevis
Country: Denmark
Grammatical variants: -beviset, -beviser, -beviserne
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate obtained on passing the compulsory Svendeprøve examination. It is awarded by the appropriate trade committee, and testifies to the successful completion of a vocational education and training programme, and the acquisition of competence in the area of specialisation concerned. It indicates this area and the practical training statement (obtained from the place of training), and also refers to the Skolebevis. It gives access to employment and, together with the skolebevis, to further studies at a higher level. The title that it confers is identical to that of the trade or craft concerned (electrician, carpenter, etc.). Synonym: Svendebrev.

Udostoverenie za zavurchen IV clas
(Uдостоверение за завършен IV клас)
Country: Bulgaria
Grammatical variants: Udostoverenia za zavurchen IV clas
Level: ISCED 1
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded on satisfactory completion of four years of primary education in the natchalno utchilichte or osnovno utchilichte, on the basis of class marks without a final examination. The subjects and marks obtained in the final year are indicated on the certificate, which gives access to lower secondary education.

Univ. dipl. (+)
Country: Slovenia
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Abbreviation of Univerzitetni/na diplomirani/na, which is always followed by the abbreviation of the field of study concerned (for example univ.dipl. ekon.).

Univerzitetni/na diplomirani/na (+)
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Univerzitetne diplomirane, univerzitetn* diplomiran*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: First professional title awarded to students who have successfully completed 4 to 5 years of an academically oriented programme, passed the Diplomski izpit examination and obtained the Diploma at fakulteta or akademija. It gives access to the labour market or further tertiary education leading to the Magister/tricaumenosti, Magister/tricaznanosti, Specialist/ka (+) or Doktor znanosti degree. The title is always followed by the field of study in question (for example, univerzitetni/na diplomirani/ ekonomist/ka). In technical, biotechnical and engineering fields of study, the title is univerzitetni/na diplomirani/na inženir/ka, followed by the name of the specific field concerned (for example, univerzitetni/na diplomirani/na inženir/ka metalurgije). Abbreviation: Univ. dipl. (+). General term: Strokovni naslov.
**Valsts noslēguma pārbaudījums**

**Country:** Latvia  
**Grammatical variants:** Valsts noslēguma pārbaudījumi, valsts noslēguma pārbaudījumu  
**Level:** ISCED 3 and 4  
**Explanatory note:** Final state examination held at the end of 3-4 years of vocational secondary education (profesionāla vidējā izglītība). Its content is determined at national level and has to be covered by all pupils, who take five examinations. Four of them are in subjects corresponding to the educational programme concerned in the following fields: languages and communication sciences, mathematics, natural and technical sciences, social sciences and cultural education. The fifth is the Kvalifikācijas eksāmens. Arrangements for the examination are drawn up by the Ministry of Education and Science, and those who pass it and whose assessment in all subjects is satisfactory are awarded the Diploms par profesionālo vidējo izglītību. At the end of arodizglītība (a 2-3 year vocational education programme) only the Kvalifikācijas eksāmens is held. Those who pass it and whose assessment in all subjects is satisfactory receive the Atestāts par arodizglītību and the Profesionālās kvalifikācijas apliecība certificate.

**Valsts pārbaudījums**

**Country:** Latvia  
**Grammatical variants:** Valsts pārbaudījumi, valsts pārbaudījumu  
**Level:** ISCED 2, 3 and 5  
**Explanatory note:** Examinations and tests held at the end of 9-year compulsory basic education (pamatizglītība) or 3-year general (upper) secondary education (vispārējā vidējā izglītība). Their content is determined at national level and has to be covered by all pupils. Final examination at the end of professional education study programmes, which is organised by the institution concerned. It may involve preparing and defending graduation work or a Bachelor’s or Master’s thesis. In some programmes, valsts pārbaudījums entails only the preparation and defence of graduation work. Depending on the institution, valsts pārbaudījums may be combined with marks obtained in intermediate examinations and/or in assessed course work, and/or practical work depending on the subject. Successful performance in the examination leads to the Augstākās profesionālās izglītības diploms, Bakalaurs (+), Diploms par pirmā limenā profesionālo augstāko izglītību, Maģistrs (+).

**VCE A level**

**Country:** United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education.

**Veterinārexamen**

**Country:** Sweden  
**Grammatical variants:** Veterinārexamina  
**Level:** ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Professional degree in veterinary medicine, awarded on satisfactory completion of a full-time study programme lasting five-and-a-half years, which normally includes a degree project, at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. The degree certificate indicates the subjects passed and marks obtained. It gives access to employment and its holders are also eligible for doctoral studies leading to the Doktors-examen (+).

Vevaeosi
(Beβaiων)
Country: Greece
Grammatical variants: Vevaeoseis, veveos*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certification awarded solely to those who have satisfactorily completed the eniaeo lykeio and obtained the Apolytirio eniaeou lykeiou, giving access to tertiary education in accordance with their marks in specific subjects and the entry requirements of the institution concerned. The certificate indicates the marks obtained in the subjects examined in Panelladikes exetaseis at the end of the second and third years.

Vispārējās vidējās izglītības sertifikāts
Country: Latvia
Grammatical variants: Vispārējās vidējās izglītības sertifikāti, vispārējās vidējās izglītības sertifikātu
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Certificate testifying to satisfactory assessment in particular subjects by means of the Centralizētais eksāmens on completion of 3 years of general (upper) secondary education. It is awarded by schools in accordance with government regulations. Assessment in a subject studied for the certificate is used as a selection criterion in competition for admission to tertiary education.

Vitnemål (+)
Country: Norway
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Diploma of advanced professional qualification awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations at the end of a programme of studies in various fields of specialisation. The courses last from 1 to 4 years depending on the type of study concerned. The Ministry of Education and Research establishes the framework plan (curriculum) for some fields, while the examinations are organised and set by each institution and assessed by two examiners. The diploma indicates the student’s results in the courses taken and the average marks obtained in the main subjects. It gives access to the profession and/or to further tertiary education. The name of the diploma is always followed by the name of the institution attended and the field of specialisation in which the qualification was awarded: for example vitnemål Høgskolen i ..., allmennlærerutdanning in the field of general teacher training for compulsory education; vitnemål Høgskolen i ..., bioingeniørutdanning in the field of medical laboratory techniques; vitnemål Høgskolen i ..., fysioterapeututdanning in the field of physiotherapy; and vitnemål Kunsthøgskolen i Oslo/Bergen, Billedkunstudning.

Vitnemål
Country: Norway
Grammatical variants: Vitnemålet, vitnemålene
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note:
• Certificate awarded to all pupils when they leave compulsory school (grunnskole) after 10 years. It lists the subjects studied, with a mark for overall achievement in each. The basis for determining these marks is the attainment of pupils in the subject concerned in relation to the aims and areas of study in the subject syllabuses. All students who complete the ten years of grunnskole obtain a vitnemål, irrespective of their results, and may enter upper secondary education (videregående skole). The vitnemål also indicates the results of the Avgangspreve examination, on the basis of which pupils compete for access to further education.
• School-leaving certificate awarded to pupils in the final year of upper secondary education who pass the Eksamen fra videregående opplæring examination in one of the areas of study giving access to høgskole or university education. The results of the examination are indicated on the certificate which gives access to tertiary education.

Vmbo-certificaat
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Vmbo-certificaat
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Synonym for certificaat vmbo. See Certificaat voorbereidend middelbaar beroeps-onderwijs.

Vmbo-diploma
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Vmbo-diploma’s
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Synonym for diploma vmbo. See Diploma voorbereidend middelbaar beroeps-onderwijs.
Vmbo-eindexamen
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Vmbo-eindexamens
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Synonym for eindexamen vmbo. See • Eindexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs.

Vmesni preizkus
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Vmesni preizkusi, vmesn* preizkusi*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Practical examination organised by employers for apprentices in the second year of vocational upper secondary education in the dual system (dualni Sloveniastem). Apprentices take a special test of practical skills before a board of examiners of the Slovenia Chamber of Crafts (Obrolna zbornica Slovenije) and, if successful, receive the • Potrdilo o opravljenem vmesnem preizkusu.

Vocational A level
Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Synonym for • Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education.

Vwo-certificaat
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Vwo-certificaten
Level: ISCED 3 (A.Ed.)
Explanatory note: Synonym for certificaat vwo. See • Certificaat voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs.

Vwo-diploma
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Vwo-diploma’s
Level: ISCED 3 and 4
Explanatory note: Synonym for diploma vwo. See • Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs.

Vwo-eindexamen
Country: The Netherlands
Grammatical variants: Vwo-eindexamens
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Synonym for eindexamen vwo. See • Eindexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs.

Vysokoškolský diplom
Country: Czech Republic
Grammatical variants: Vysokoškolské diplomy, vysokoškolsk* diplom*
Level: ISCED 5 and 6
Explanatory note:
• Diploma awarded at the end of university or non-university tertiary 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). The diploma indicates the field of specialisation and the title of • Bakalář/ka that it confers on its holders, who may pursue studies leading to the title of • Magistr/a and/or enter employment.
• Diploma awarded at the end of 4 to 6 years of university or non-university tertiary education (or 1 to 3 years after obtaining the title of bakalář/ka) to students who pass the státní závěrečná zkouška examination, including the defence of a final written dissertation (diplomová práce), except in the faculty of medicine and veterinary medicine in which studies culminate in the • Státní rigorózní zkouška examination. The diploma confers on its holders the title of • Doktor/ka (+) in their field of study, or • Inženýr/ka or magistr/ka, depending on the field concerned. Holders of the title magistr/ka are admitted to the státní rigorózní zkouška examination, and all graduates may have access to advanced study and research and/or to employment.
• Diploma awarded at the end of advanced study and research lasting 3 years to students who pass the • Státní doktorská zkouška final examination, including the defence of a thesis (disertační práce). The diploma confers on its holder the title of doktor/ka (+), and gives access to employment.

Vysokoškolský diplom (+)
Country: Slovakia
Grammatical variants: Vysokoškolské diplom, vysokoškolsk* diplom*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note:
• Diploma certifying the successful completion of long-term university studies lasting 4-6 years, which is awarded to students who have passed the • státna skúška examination and satisfactorily defended a final written dissertation (obhajoba diplomovej práce). The diploma gives access to employment and/or to advanced study and research. It confers on its holder the title of • Magistr (+), • Inžinier (+) or • Doktor (in the field of medicine or veterinary medicine).
• Diploma certifying the successful completion of short-term university studies lasting 3 or 4 years, which is awarded to students who have passed the státna skúška examination and satisfactorily defended a final written dissertation (obhajoba záverečnej práce). The diploma gives access to employment and/or to university studies at master’s level leading to the title of...
**Vysvědčení o absolutoriu**

**Country:** Czech Republic  
**Grammatical variants:** Vysvědčení* o absolutoriu  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate testifying to successful completion of the Státní doktorská zkouška final examination and the defence of a thesis (disertační práce) at the end of advanced study and research. The certificate confers on its holders the title of Doktor/ka (+) with the abbreviation Ph.D. or, in the field of theology, Th.D.

**Vysvědčení o státní rigorózní zkoušce**

**Country:** Czech Republic  
**Grammatical variants:** Vysvědčení* o státní rigorózní zkoušce  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate testifying to successful completion of the Státní rigorózní zkouška examination, including the defence of a written dissertation (rigorózní práce), by students who have obtained the title Magistr/a. The certificate confers on its holders the title of Doktor/ka (+) in their field of study with the abbreviation JUDr., PhDr., RNDr., PharmDr., ThDr. or Licenciát abbreviated to ThLic. in the field of Catholic theology.

**Vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce**

**Country:** Czech Republic  
**Grammatical variants:** Vysvědčení* o státní závěrečné zkoušce  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate obtained on successful completion of the Státní závěrečná zkouška final examination by students of medicine and veterinary medicine. The certificate confers on its holders the title of doktor/ka (+) with the abbreviation MUDr. or MVDr.

**Vysvědčení o státní doktorské zkoušce**

**Country:** Czech Republic  
**Grammatical variants:** Vysvědčení* o státní doktorské zkoušce  
**Level:** ISCED 6  

**Explanatory note:** Certificate testifying to successful completion of the Státní doktorská zkouška final examination and the defence of a thesis (disertační práce) at the end of advanced study and research. The certificate confers on its holders the title of Doktor/ka (+) with the abbreviation Ph.D. or, in the field of theology, Th.D.

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**Explanatory note:** Certificate testifying to successful completion of the Státní doktorská zkouška final examination and the defence of a thesis (disertační práce) at the end of advanced study and research. The certificate confers on its holders the title of Doktor/ka (+) with the abbreviation Ph.D. or, in the field of theology, Th.D.

**Vysvědčení o maturovitní zkoušce**

**Country:** Czech Republic  
**Grammatical variants:** Vysvědčení* o maturovitní zkoušce  
**Level:** ISCED 3 and 4  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded by schools of general, technical and vocational upper secondary education (gymnázium, střední odborná škola and střední odborné učiliště) to pupils who pass the Maturitní zkouška examination. The certificate indicates the subjects and marks obtained in the examination and, in the case of vocational and technical upper secondary schools, the subject of specialisation.

**Vysvědčení o stalná doktorské zkoušce**

**Country:** Czech Republic  
**Grammatical variants:** Vysvědčení* o stalná doktorské zkoušce  
**Level:** ISCED 6  

**Explanatory note:** Certificate obtained on successful completion of the Státní závěrečná zkouška final examination and the defence of a final written dissertation (bakalářská práce or diplomová práce depending on the type of study programme). The certificate confers on its holders the title of Bakalář/ka, Magistr/a or Inženýr/ka. Students who obtain the bakalář/ka may continue studies for the magistr degree or enter employment. Those with the titles of magistr/a or inženýr/ka who wish to obtain the title of Doktor/ka (+) in their chosen field of study have to take the Státní rigorózní zkouška examination, see doktor/ka (+) (second paragraph). Students may also pursue advanced study and research or enter employment.
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the Záverečná zkouška examination at technical upper secondary schools (střední odborná škola) offering courses lasting less than 4 years. The certificate indicates the area of specialisation, the subjects and the marks obtained in the examination. It gives access to employment and/or to extension courses (nástavbové studium).

Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške
Country: Slovakia
Grammatical variants: Vysvedčenia o maturitných skúškách, vysvedčen* o maturitn* skúšk*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Leaving certificate of general, specialised and vocational upper secondary education, which is awarded by schools to pupils who pass the final examination Maturitná skúška. The certificate indicates the subjects studied and examination marks. In schools of specialised and vocational education, it also indicates the subject of specialisation. The certificate is a basic qualification for entry to tertiary education and/or to the labour market.

Vysvedčenie o štátnej skúške
Country: Slovakia
Grammatical variants: Vysvedčenia o štátnych skúškách, vysvedčen* o štátn* skúšk*
Level: ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by institutions at the end of short-term university studies lasting 3 or 4 years, or advanced university studies lasting 4-6 years, to students who have passed the Štátna skúška and satisfactorily defended a final written dissertation (obhajoba záverečnej práce or obhajoba diplomovej práce).

Vysvedčenie o záverečnej skúške
Country: Slovakia
Grammatical variants: Vysvedčenia o záverečných skúškach, vysvedčen* o záverečn* skúšk*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Leaving certificate of short-term vocational and specialised upper secondary education lasting under 4 years, which is issued to pupils who pass the Záverečná skúška examination. The certificate indicates the field of specialisation, the subjects studied and the examination marks. It is always accompanied by the vocational proficiency certificate Výučný list and gives access to the labour market and/or to courses leading to the Maturitná skúška examination.

Výučný list
Country: Czech Republic
Grammatical variants: Výuční listy, výučn* list*
Level: ISCED 2 and 3
Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the Záverečná zkouška examination at vocational upper secondary schools (střední odborné učiliště) offering courses lasting less than 4 years, or vocational secondary schools (učiliště). The certificate gives access to employment and, in the case of vocational upper secondary schools, to extension courses (nástavbové studium).
Wirtschaftsschulabschluss

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Wirtschaftsschulabschluss

**Level:** ISCED 2

**Explanatory note:** Term used in certain Länder for Mittlerer Schulabschluss.
Ylioppilas
**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** Ylioppilaat, ylioppila*  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on pupils who obtain the Ylioppilastutkintotodistus after passing the Ylioppilastutkinto examination. The title may also be conferred in adult education. Swedish term: Student.

Ylioppilastutkinto
**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** -tutkinnot, -tutkinto*, -tutkinno*  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** National matriculation examination taken at the end of general upper secondary school, although students may complete the examination in stages within a maximum of three successive periods. Those who pass are eligible to embark on all types of tertiary education. Compulsory subjects are normally the mother tongue, the second official language (Finnish or Swedish), a foreign language, and either mathematics or general studies chosen by the candidate. The examination leads to the Ylioppilastutkintotodistus certificate and confers the title of Ylioppilas on those concerned. It may also be taken in adult education. Swedish term: Studentexamén.

Ylioppilastutkintotodistus
**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** -todistukset, -todistuks*  
**Level:** ISCED 3  
**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the Ylioppilastutkinto. It may also be obtained in adult education. Swedish term: Studentexamensbetyg.

Yrkesexamen
**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** -examina  
**Level:** ISCED 3 (A.Ed.)  
**Explanatory note:** Swedish term for Ammattitutkinto.

Yrkesexamen på institutnivå
**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** -examina  
**Level:** ISCED 4  
**Explanatory note:** Swedish term for Ammatilinen opistoasteen tutkinto.

Yrkeshögskoleexamen
**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** -examina  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Swedish term for Ammatikorkeakoulututkinto.

Yrkesinriktad påbyggnadsexamen
**Country:** Finland  
**Grammatical variants:** -examina  
**Level:** ISCED 5  
**Explanatory note:** Swedish term for Erikoistutkintotutkinto.
Zaključni izpit
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Zaključni izpiti, zaključn* izpit*
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Final examination held at the end of vocational upper secondary education lasting two-and-a-half years (short form) or three years in the poklicna šola. It is organised by the institution concerned (in the dual system, by the school and Slovenia Chamber of Crafts), and contains a theoretical and practical part. The theoretical part consists of a written and oral examination in Slovenian (or Italian or Hungarian in the case of national communities) and in the subjects of specialisation. The practical part involves the preparation of a product or service with an explanation by candidates of how theoretical knowledge is applied to their practical skills. Those who pass the examination receive the Zaključno spričevalo certificate. Note: Until the 2001/02 school year, this type of final examination was also held at the end of 4-year technical upper secondary education (srednja strokovna šola). It was replaced by the Poklicna matura.

Zaključno preverjanje in ocenjevanje znanja
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Zaključna preverjanja in ocenjevanja znanja, zaključn* preverjanj* in ocenjevanj* znanja
Level: ISCED 2
Explanatory note: Compulsory national external assessment of knowledge, which is organised by the special National Commission at the end of 9-year compulsory education (osnovna šola), in order to assess the minimum standards of knowledge achieved by pupils. They are assessed in three subjects, namely the mother tongue (Slovenian, or Italian or Hungarian in the case of national communities), mathematics, and a foreign language or one other subject selected by them. Experts in special commissions for those subjects prepare instruments for assessment which may be written, oral or practical and which is run according to standard procedures for external examinations. Assessment tasks are marked externally, and the process is technically supported by the National Examinations Centre. Results count towards the final subject mark in grade (year) 9 and the general mark at the end of compulsory education. Successful pupils receive the Zaključno spričevalo certificate.

Záverečné skúška
Country: Slovakia
Grammatical variants: Záverečné skúšky, záverečn* skúš*k
Level: ISCED 3
Explanatory note: Final examination organised by schools of specialised and vocational upper secondary education lasting under 4 years. Successful pupils receive the Vysvedčenie o záverečnej skúške, which is accompanied by a vocational proficiency certificate.
The content and level of requirement for this examination, which includes a practical and theoretical part, are defined by the institution concerned.

**Závěrečná zkouška**

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Grammatical variants:** Závěrečné zkoušky, závěrečná zkouška, Závěrečná zkouška

**Level:** ISCED 2 and 3

**Explanatory note:** Compulsory final examination organised by technical upper secondary schools (střední odborná škola) and vocational upper secondary schools (střední odborné učiliště) on completion (in either case) of courses lasting less than 4 years, or by vocational secondary schools (učiliště). The content and form of this examination are the responsibility of the school concerned. In technical upper secondary schools, the examination includes a practical and theoretical (oral) test on the student's special subjects, and leads to the Vysvědčení o závěrečné zkoušce certificate. In vocational upper secondary and vocational secondary schools, the examination consists of a written, practical and oral test on the vocational subjects concerned and leads to the certificate Výuční list. The examination is evaluated by a committee whose chairman and members are appointed by the regional education authorities and head of the school, respectively.

**Zertifikat**

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Zertifikate, Zertifikat

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to students who successfully complete the entire curriculum, including written examinations, of university studies in clinical psychology. The area of specialisation is indicated on the certificate, which testifies to the completion of professional training as a clinical psychologist.

**Zertifikat**

**Country:** Liechtenstein

**Grammatical variants:** Zertifikate, Zertifikat

**Level:** ISCED 5

**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to students who have passed the Prüfung zum Abschluss eines Hochschullehrgangs. It indicates only the field of study, and improves access to the labour market or enables its holder to pursue further studies leading to the Nachdiplom.

**Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Zeugnisse der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Certificate of the final examination taken at the end of general upper secondary education (usually on completion of 12 or 13 school years). Besides the examination results obtained by pupils, the certificate also records the results of their continuous assessment during the final two years in the Gymnasiale Oberstufe (general upper secondary education). It entitles its holders to take any subjects at any tertiary education institution. The certificate may also be obtained in Zweite Bildungsweg (‘second-chance’ education) and other adult education institutions, and testifies to the award of the Allgemeine Hochschulreife and the Abitur.

**Zeugnis der Fachgebundenen Hochschulreife**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Zeugnisse der Fachgebundenen Hochschulreife

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Certificate of the final examination taken at the end of upper secondary education in various courses that focus on vocational education. It entitles its holder to study particular subjects at a university or equivalent tertiary education institution. The certificate testifies to the award of the Fachgebundene Hochschulreife, and may also be obtained in Zweite Bildungsweg (‘second-chance’ education) and other adult education institutions.

**Zeugnis der Fachhochschulreife**

**Country:** Germany

**Grammatical variants:** Zeugnisse der Fachhochschulreife

**Level:** ISCED 3

**Explanatory note:** Certificate of the final examination generally taken on completion of school year 12 in a Fachoberschule (technical secondary school) or, under certain circumstances, in other types of full-time vocational school. The examination includes three general education subjects (German, mathematics and a foreign language) and individual specialised subjects (for example, in engineering, business and administration). The certificate gives access to a Fachhochschule (university of applied sciences) or, in some Länder, to a Berufsakademie (professional tertiary education institution). It testifies to the award of the Fachhochschulreife qualification.

**Zeugnis über die Diplomprüfung für das Lehramt (+)**

**Country:** Austria

**Grammatical variants:** Zeugnisse, Zeugnis

**Level:** ISCED 5
Explanatory note: Final certificate awarded to students who pass the Diplomprüfung für das Lehramt (+) after at least 3 years of teacher training. The field of study is indicated on the certificate, which gives access to teaching at specific schools (Volksschulen, Hauptschulen, Sonder- schulen, Polytechnische Schulen, Berufsschulen or mittlere und höhere berufsbildende Schulen). The certificate awarded to students in the land- und forstwirtschaftliche berufspädagogische Akademie entitles its holders to occupy posts as teachers of agriculture and forestry, or in advisory and promotion services. The title of Diplompädagoge/in is conferred on students.

Znanstveni naslov
Country: Slovenia
Grammatical variants: Znanstveni naslovi, znanstven*naslov*
Level: ISCED 5 and 6
Explanatory note: General term for various academic titles denoting the level and type of education obtained in second degree study programmes leading to the Diploma (magisterij and doktorat znanosti). Academic titles are an integral aspect of study programmes and exist for both men and women. They are regulated by the Professional and Academic Titles Act. See Magister/trica znanosti, Magister/trica umetnosti and Doktor/ica znanosti.
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**Notes:**
The *Certificat d’Enseignement Secondaire du Deuxième Degré* gives access to the third cycle of secondary education which leads to the upper secondary school leaving certificate.
Since the 1997/98 school year, the *Certificat d’Enseignement Secondaire Inférieur* has been replaced by the *Certificat d’Enseignement Secondaire du Deuxième Degré*. 
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From the 2004/05 academic year, the Bachelor’s/Master’s degree structure will be introduced. Students will obtain a Bachelor’s degree after three years of study and a Master’s degree after one or two additional years. The current one-cycle programmes at hogescholen will be converted into Bachelor’s programmes. The current two-cycle hogescholen programmes, as well as current university programmes will be converted into Master’s programmes.
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In the Czech Republic, the same qualifications and examinations at all educational levels covered by this volume of the Glossary also apply to adult education.

There are no special terms for qualifications and examinations for persons with SEN even if they study at special educational institutions. The institutions offering SEN programmes exist at ISCED levels 0-3 (from primary education to the completion of upper secondary education).
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**Note:**
- The National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQAI) framework contains 15 award-types. The Authority has also determined descriptors for these award-types and established that it is through the descriptors that it will set overall standards for the awards of the two awards Councils and the Dublin Institute of Technology, and that by determining award-type descriptors the overall standards are, accordingly, now set. The Authority has no role in setting the standards for the awards of the Department of Education and Science and the universities, and it is through the award-types and their descriptors that these awards can be accommodated on an agreed basis in the framework.
- The work of the NQAI in the development of the national framework of qualifications is well advanced.
- HETAC, the qualifications awarding body for third-level educational and training institutions outside the university sector may delegate authority to make awards under the Qualifications (Education and Training Act) to ‘Recognised Institutions.’ ‘Recognised Institutions’ currently include some Institutes of Technology.
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| ISCED 4 | Egzamin z nauki zawodu (●) | Dyplom ukończenia szkoły policealnej (●) | Robotnik wykwalifikowany (●) |
| Egzamin z przygotowania zawodowego (●) | Technik (●) |  |

| ISCED 5 | Egzamin dyplomowy | Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych | Inżynier (Inż.) |
| Egzamin magisterski |  |  | Lekarz (+) |
|  |  |  | Licencjat |
|  |  |  | Magister (+) (Mgr, Mgr inż.) |

| ISCED 6 | Egzamin doktorski | Dyplom doktora | Doktor (Dr) |
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The Diploma Supplement already accompanies a big number of diplomas in Sweden. *Kvalificerad yrkesexamen* can, depending on course, be either ISCED 5B or 4C.
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The qualifications included in this glossary represent the principal ones in use in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The list is not intended to be comprehensive.

The qualifications system in England, Wales and Northern Ireland has traditionally been decentralised, but in recent years there have been a number of initiatives to rationalise and standardise the system.

Schools and colleges may choose which external qualifications to offer their students from the range offered by the awarding bodies. Awarding bodies are independent, not-for-profit companies funded largely by examination fees. They design qualifications within the framework specified by the regulatory authorities and are responsible for setting and marking external assessment, approving examination centres (schools etc.) and for quality assurance. In recent years, the Government has encouraged the rationalisation of the number of awarding bodies and, as a result, a number of mergers and alliances between GCE A level and GCSE examination bodies and vocational awarding bodies has taken place.

The regulatory authorities are the qualifications and curriculum authorities in England (QCA), Wales (ACCAC) and Northern Ireland (CCEA); they develop, regulate and monitor the national qualifications and assessment system and approve all qualifications offered in schools and colleges. While qualifications are often targeted at a particular age group, most may be taken by students of any age.

Following the recommendations of the Dearing Review (Dearing, 1996), a National Qualifications Framework (NQF) was introduced, covering general, vocationally related and occupational qualifications. There are currently six levels: Entry level, Foundation level 1, Intermediate level 2, Advanced level 3 and Higher levels 4 and 5. The regulatory authorities have recently accepted proposals to revise the framework to include nine levels. This will allow for clearer links with the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (see below). For more information on revised national qualification levels see http://www.qca.org.uk

In general, universities award their own qualifications and decide which titles to use. However, the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications, developed by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA), and implemented from September 2003, is intended to improve understanding of higher education qualifications and to ensure the consistent use of qualification titles. There are five levels of qualifications: Certificate (C), Intermediate (I), Honours (H), Masters (M) and Doctoral (D). The main qualification at each level is defined by a qualification descriptor which includes a statement of outcomes (the achievement which a student should be able to demonstrate for the award of the qualification) and a statement of the wider abilities that the typical student could be expected to have developed. The Framework also provides guidelines for the titles which should be used at the various levels. For more information on the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications see http://www.qaa.ac.uk/
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