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PREFACE

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.

The European Unit remains entirely responsible for the presentation and drafting of this book.

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March 2004

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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.

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.

User's guide

Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce

Country: Czech Republic

Grammatical variants: Vysvědčení* o maturitní 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.
- Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the *maturitní zkouška* examination after 2 years of extension courses at post-secondary level (*nástavbové studium*). The content and organisation of the courses are similar to those in vocational or technical upper secondary schools.

The certificate is a basic qualification for entry to university or non-university tertiary education.

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 *Magister/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 *Befähigungsnachweis* 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 ♦ *Oriënteringsattest 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

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internally organised and varies according to the subject area. Successful students are awarded the ♦ *Abschlussprüfungszeugnis*.

Abschlussprüfung der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule

Country: Austria

Grammatical variants: Abschlussprüfungen, Abschlussprüfung*

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Examination taken on completion of 3- or 4-year secondary technical and vocational school (*berufsbildende mittlere Schule*) leading to the ♦ *Abschlussprüfungszeugnis der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule*. It includes both a written part and an oral examination before an examining board.

Abschlussprüfung der Grundschulbildung

Country: Belgium (German-speaking Community)

Grammatical variants: Abschlussprüfungen

Level: ISCED 1

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 ♦ *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 ♦ *Kantonalprüfung* since 2000.

Abschlussprüfung der Oberschule

Country: Liechtenstein

Grammatical variants: Abschlussprüfungen, Abschlussprüfung*

Level: ISCED 2

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 ♦ *Abschlusszeugnis der Oberschule*.

Abschlussprüfung der Realschule

Country: Liechtenstein

Grammatical variants: Abschlussprüfungen, Abschlussprüfung*

Level: ISCED 2

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 ♦ *Abschlusszeugnis der Realschule*.

Abschlussprüfungszeugnis

Country: Austria

Grammatical variants: Abschlussprüfungszeugnisse, Abschlussprüfungszeugnis*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to students who pass the ♦ *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 ♦ *Akademische/r* (+).

Abschlussprüfungszeugnis der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule

Country: Austria

Grammatical variants: Abschlussprüfungszeugnisse, Abschlussprüfungszeugnis*

Level: ISCED 3

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

Abschlusszertifikat

Country: Austria

Grammatical variants: Abschlusszertifikate, Abschlusszertifikat*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Final certificate awarded to students who pass the ♦ *Abschlusskolloquium*. The area of specialisation is indicated on the certificate, which testifies to fully completed professional training as a psychotherapist.

Abschlusszeugnis der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule

Country: Austria

Grammatical variants: Abschlusszeugnisse, Abschlusszeugnis*

Level: ISCED 3

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.

Absolutorium

Country: Czech Republic

Grammatical variants: Absolutoria, absolutori*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Final examination testifying to satisfactory completion of technical tertiary education lasting 2 to three-and-a-half years at the *vyšší odborná škola*, or 6 to 8 years at the *konzervatoř* (conservatoire). Successful students receive the ♦ *Vysvědčení o absolutoriu* certificate and the diploma ♦ *Diplom*. The design and content of the examination are determined by the head of the institution concerned, and it is assessed by an examining committee appointed by the regional education authority. It includes a theoretical examination in the subjects of specialisation, an examination in a foreign language, preparation and defence of a final written assignment, a performance at the conservatoire and, where appropriate, an examination to qualify as a teacher in the arts.

Absolutórium

Country: Slovakia

Grammatical variants: Absolutória, absolutórium

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 pomaturitné 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, afgangsbeviser, 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.

Afsluitend 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 afsluitend 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 ♦ *Svendeprøve* 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 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 5**Explanatory note:** Qualification awarded by university tertiary education institutions or the *Hautes Écoles* (offering long tertiary courses in economics), to students who already hold the *✦ Licence en (+)*, and who have passed the examinations organised by the institution in each subject, carried out exercises in teaching and given two public lessons on completion of one year of university studies. The qualification indicates thesubjects taken, the subject of the two lessons given in public and the final marks obtained. It confers on its holders the title of *✦ Agrégé/e de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur* and enables them to teach at the level of upper secondary and short non-university tertiary education. Abbreviation: AESI.**Agrégation de l'enseignement 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: AESI.**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 ♦ *Abschlussprüfungszeugnis*. 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, akademsk***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/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, *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.**Ammatillinen opistoasteen tutkinto****Country:** Finland**Grammatical variants:** tutkinnot, tutkinto*, tutkinno***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*.**Ammatillinen perustutkinto (+)****Country:** Finland**Grammatical variants:** -tutkinnot, -tutkinto*, -tutkinno***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 jatkotutkinto****Country:** Finland**Grammatical variants:** -tutkinnot, -tutkinto*, -tutkinno***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

the ♦ *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: *Påbyggnads-examen vid yrkeshögskola*.

Ammattikorkeakoulututkinto (+)

Country: Finland

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

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 ♦ *Ammatillinen opistoasteen tutkinto*. 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 ♦ *Ammattikorkeakoulun jatkotutkinto* 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 ammattikorkeakoulututkinto*. Swedish term: *Yrkeshögskoleexamen*.

Ammattitutkinto (+)

Country: Finland

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

Level: ISCED 3 (A.Ed.)

Explanatory note: Further vocational qualification testifying to acquisition of the vocational proficiency required by skilled workers in their field. This qualification can only be obtained on the basis of competence tests (see ♦ *Näyttötutkinto*), and is primarily intended to demonstrate the practical competence and vocational skills of adults in a variety of fields. Participation in a test requires payment of a fee. Although taking part in competence tests does not call for formal preparation, many participants acquire preparatory training in vocational institutions or apprenticeship, in which they are offered individual learning programmes. The requirements of these qualifications are determined by the National Board of Education, while a national tripartite examination board is responsible for organising and supervising the examinations. Swedish term: *Yrkesexamen*.

Anotero diploma

(Ανώτερο δίπλωμα)

Country: Cyprus

Grammatical 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 ekpaedefsis*) 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*.

Aplicība par pamatizglītību

Country: Latvia

Grammatical variants: Aplicības par pamatizglītību, aplicību 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.

Aplicība par profesionālās ievirzes izglītības ieguvi

Country: Latvia

Grammatical variants: Aplicības par profesionālās ievirzes izglītības ieguvu, aplicību par profesionālās ievirzes izglītības ieguvu

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.

Apliecība par profesionālās pilnveides izglītības ieguvu

Country: Latvia

Grammatical variants: Apliecības par profesio-
nālās pilnveides izglītības ieguvu, apliecību par
profesionālās pilnveides izglītības ieguvu

Level: ISCED 3 (A.Ed.)

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to stu-
dents 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 examina-
tions. The certificate is awarded by schools in
accordance with regulations fixed by the govern-
ment 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 voca-
tional education or embark on various continuous
vocational training courses.

Apliecība par profesionālo pamatzglītību

Country: Latvia

Grammatical variants: Apliecības par profesio-
nālo pamatzglītību, apliecību par profesionālo
pamatzglītību

Level: ISCED 2

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils
who have successfully completed 1-2 years of basic
vocational education (*profesionālā pamatzglītība*)
and passed the *Ķvalifikācijas eksāmens*. The cer-
tificate testifies to possession of a Level 1 quali-
fication. 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

(Απολυτήριες 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 suc-
cessful examination results are indicated in the
Apolytirio eniaeou lykeiou. These examinations
are complemented by external written examina-
tions organised at national level called *Panel-
ladikes exetaseis*.

Apolytirio

(Απολυτήριο)

Country: Cyprus

Grammatical variants: Apolytiria, apolytiri*

Level: ISCED 1, 2 and 3

Explanatory note: Generic term for *Apolytirio dimotikou scholeiou*, *Apolytirio gymnasίου* and *Apolytirio eniaeou lykeiou*.

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 certifi-
cate refers to the mark and grade of the pupil's
overall assessment, and gives access to lower sec-
ondary education. Generic term: *Apolytirio*.

Apolytirio eniaeou lykeiou

(Απολυτήριο ενιαίου λυκείου)

Country: Cyprus

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 sub-
jects (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 employ-
ment in clerical positions, provides access to local
and overseas tertiary education establishments
and enables its holders to take national examina-
tions *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*) last-
ing 3 years, awarded by the school to candidates
on the basis of internal assessment called *Apoly-
tiries 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 (*Paneladikes exetaseis*) in
9 subjects examined at national level. Both types
of assessment, internal and external, are prere-
quisites for the certificate. This certificate refers

to all the course subjects and the marks obtained in each subject (in both the internally organised *apolytiries exetaseis* and externally assessed *panel-ladikes exetaseis*), 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 (*eniaeio lykeio* or *techniki scholi*). Generic term: *Apolytirio*.

Apolytirio gymnasiou

(Απολυτήριο γυμνασίου)

Country: Greece

Grammatical variants: Apolytiria gymnasiou, apolytiri*

Level: ISCED 2

Explanatory note: Leaving certificate of lower secondary education (*gymnasio*) lasting 3 years, awarded by the school 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 the grade. This certificate gives access to upper secondary education (*eniaeio lykeio* or TEE).

Apolytirio technologikou epaggelmatikou ekpaedeftiriu

(Απολυτήριο τεχνολογικού επαγγελματικού εκπαιδευτηρίου)

Country: Greece

Grammatical variants: Apolytiria technologikou epaggelmatikou ekpaedeftiriu, 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 ♦ *Ptychiouchos technologikou epaggelmatikou ekpaedeftiriu* 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 *eniaeio lykeio*, ♦ *Panelladikes exetaseis*.

Apotheker

Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)

Grammatical variants: Apothekeres

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Qualification and title of pharmacist obtained by students who have satisfactorily 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 ♦ *Candidature 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.

Arhitect diplomat

Country: Romania

Grammatical variants: Arhitectî diplomaţi

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred to students who have obtained the ♦ *Diplomă de arhitect diplomat*.

Arkitekt

Country: Finland

Grammatical variants: -en, -er, -erna

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Swedish term for ♦ *Arkkitehti*.

Arkitektexamen

Country: Finland

Grammatical variants: -examina

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Swedish term for ♦ *Arkкитеhdin tutkinto*.

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.

Arkкитеhdin 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 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: Arkкитеhdit, arkkitehti*, arkkitehdi*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred on holders of the ♦ *Arkкитеhdin tutkinto* degree. Swedish term: *Arkitekt*.

Arquitecto

Country: Portugal

Grammatical variants: Arquitectos, arquitecta, arquitectas

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred by the *ordem dos arquitectos* (public professional association of architects) on those who have obtained a ♦ *Licenciatura* degree in architecture. Professional activity as an *arquitecto* is dependent on conferral of this title by the *ordem*, testifying to effective membership of the latter.

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* (+).

Årskursbevis

Country: Norway

Grammatical variants: Årskursbeviset, årskursbevisene

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: *Dokter*.

AS level

Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of **►** *General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary level*.

Atestat 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.

Atestāts par arodizglītību

Country: Latvia

Grammatical variants: Atestāti par arodizglītību, atestātu 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.

Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību

Country: Latvia

Grammatical variants: Atestāti par vispārējo vidējo izglītību, atestātu 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:

- Attendance certificate that 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*.
- 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 tot sociale aanpassing en arbeidsgeschiedmaking*.
- The certificate of special secondary education focused on social adjustment may be issued to pupils who have regularly attended the activities of training form 1 in special secondary education. They are offered social training with the aim of securing their integration into a protected environment in sheltered accommodation. The entire name is *Attest voor het buitengewoon secundair onderwijs tot sociale aanpassing*.

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 diplom

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 ♦ *Bakalurs* (+), 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 ♦ *Valsts 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 diplom

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*.

Aukštesniojo mokslo diplomas

Country: Lithuania

Grammatical variants: Aukštesniojo mokslo diplomai, aukštesniojo mokslo diplom*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to students who pass the final examinations of *aukštesnioji mokykla*, or obtain the second-stage (tertiary level) course certificate of the *konservatorija*. The diploma indicates the subjects studied, the credits covered and marks obtained. It gives access to employment.

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.Eng.

Country: Ireland

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *Bachelor of Engineering*. See ♦ *Bachelor's degree*.

B.F.A

Country: Iceland

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Bachelor of fine arts*.

B.MUS

Country: Iceland

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Bachelor of music*.

B.Sc.

Country: Denmark

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *Bachelor of Science*. See ♦ *Bachelor (+)*.

B.Sc.

Country: Germany

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *Bachelor of Science/Bakkalaureus Scientiarum*, mainly in mathematics and the natural sciences. See ♦ *Bachelor (+)*.

B.Sc.

Country: Ireland

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *Bachelor of Science*, see ♦ *Bachelor's degree*, awarded in science subjects to students who successfully complete a degree programme lasting 4 years if taken from scratch, or 1-2 years subsequent to a ♦ *National Diploma (+)*. Classification of the degree award is determined by the student's performance.

BA

Country: Iceland

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Bachelor of arts*.

BA

Country: Ireland, United Kingdom

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *Bachelor of Arts*. See ♦ *Bachelors degree*.

Baccalaureat

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 ♦ *Bachelier/ère*.

Baccalaureus

Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)

Level: ISCED 5

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 ♦ *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 ♦ *Licentiaat in de* (+). For information on examinations and details indicated on the certificate, see ♦ *Apotheker*.

Baccalaureus (+)

Country: The Netherlands

Grammatical variants: Baccalaurei

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have successfully completed first-cycle professional tertiary education in non-technical fields and obtained the ♦ *Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen*. It may be followed by reference to the field of specialisation concerned. Abbreviation: Bc. (+).

Bacharel

Country: Portugal

Grammatical variants: Bacharéis

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the ♦ *Bacharelato* degree.

Bacharelato

Country: Portugal

Grammatical variants: Bacharelatos

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Degree awarded by university and polytechnic institutions (*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 ♦ *Bacharel* and gives access to employment or, in certain cases, to further study leading to the ♦ *Licenciatura* degree.

Bachelier/ère

Country: France

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Title conferred on holders of the ♦ *Baccalauréat*.

Bachelor

Country: Cyprus

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Equivalent to ♦ *Ptychio* (+) awarded in private institutions.

Bachelor (+)

Country: Denmark

Grammatical variants: Bacheloren, bachelor, bachelorerne

Level: ISCED 5

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

Bachelor (+)

Country: Germany

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: First academic degree and title which were introduced in 1998 by the *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 *Fachhochschulen* (universities of applied sciences). The degree gives access to the labour market or to second-cycle university studies leading to the ♦ *Master* (+). In the case of *Bachelor* courses that are more application oriented, the term *Bachelor* is followed by reference to the field of study, in the form *Bachelor of* (+), e.g. *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:** Ireland**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-gráða** 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-gráða** 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 ♦ *Post-graduate 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*.

Bachelorgrad

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 ♦ *Candidatus* (+), 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. *Bachelors 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. *Bachelors 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 *Bachelors degrees* are *Bachelor of Arts* and *Bachelor of Science*, abbreviated to BA and BSc respectively. Some *Bachelors 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 BCH, 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-gráða

Country: Iceland

Grammatical variants: BA-gráðu

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 examination. 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 fine arts it is called B.F.A.-*gráða* and leads to the title ♦ *Bachelor of fine arts*.

Bakalár

Country: Slovakia

Grammatical variants: Bakalári, 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 diplomī, 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 ♦ *Maģistrs (+)* degree. The diploma entitles its holder to the academic degree ♦ *Bakalaura (+)*.

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.

Bakalaureuseksam

Country: Estonia

Grammatical variants: Bakalaureuseksami, bakalaureuseksamit

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 ♦ *Bakalaureuseksam* 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 (*magistriõpe*) leading to the ♦ *Magistrikraad* in accordance with the conditions and pursuant to the procedure established by the board of the educational institution concerned.

Bakalauro diplomas

Country: Lithuania

Grammatical variants: Bakalauro diplom*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Diploma awarded on satisfactory completion of first level consecutive university programmes at *universitetas* or *akademija*, after students have passed examinations and successfully defended a thesis in a particular field. The diploma confers on them the title of ♦ *Bakalauro laipsnis* (+) either alone or combined with ♦ *Profesinė kvalifikacija*. It gives access to the labour market or to second-cycle university studies leading to the ♦ *Magistro diplomas*.

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*.

Bakalaur (+)

Country: Latvia

Grammatical variants: Bakalauram, bakalauru

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Academic or professional degree obtained by holders of the ♦ *Bakalaura diploms* (+) or the ♦ *Augstākās profesionālās izglītības diploms* (or ♦ *Augstākās profesionālās kvalifikācijas diploms*), respectively.

Bakalavur

(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 ♦ *Bakkalaureus/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-gráða**. The equivalent examination in the field of music is called **B.MUS-próf** and leads to the **B.MUS-gráða**; in fine arts it is called **B.F.A.-próf** and leads to the **B.F.A.-gráða**.

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 con-

cerned 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 *North-ern Ireland Curriculum*.

B-attest

Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)

Level: ISCED 2 and 3

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of **Oriënteringsattest 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 **Baccalaureus** (+), 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-gráða**Country:** Iceland**Grammatical variants:** BEd-gráðu**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 ► Meistaragráða 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-gráða.

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.

Befähigungsnachweis des sechsten Jahres des Sekundarunterrichts**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.

BEP**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.

Berufsqualifizierender Abschluss

Country: Germany

Grammatical variants: Berufsqualifizierende Abschlüsse, Berufsqualifizierend* Abschluss*

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.

Berufsreife

Country: Germany

Level: ISCED 2

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

Berufsreifeprüfung

Country: Austria

Grammatical variants: Berufsreifeprüfungen, Berufsreifeprüfung*

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*.

Berufsreifeprüfungszeugnis

Country: Austria

Grammatical variants: Berufsreifeprüfungszeugnisse, Berufsreifeprüfungszeugnis*

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by recognised upper secondary schools to pupils successful in the ♦ *Berufsreifeprüfung*. The subjects passed and grades achieved are indicated on the certificate, which gives its holders unrestricted access to tertiary education (*allgemeine Hochschulreife*) but does not qualify them for an occupation.

Betyg över 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 läroavtalsutbildning

Country: Finland

Grammatical variants: Betyget, betygen

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Swedish term for ♦ *Todistus oppisopimuskoulutuksesta*.

Bevis for (+)

Country: Denmark

Grammatical variants: Beviset, beviser, beviserne

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Diploma awarded by non-university tertiary education institutions (*erhvervsakademier*) following a short course (*erhvervsakademiuddannelse AK*) usually lasting 2 years. There is a final examination, which varies depending on the field but which essentially involves

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 Forberedelseksamen

Country: Denmark

Grammatical variants: Beviset, beviser, beviserne

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the *Højere Forberedelseksamen*. 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 Forberedelseksamen*.

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 Forberedelseksamen*.

Billedkunstner

Country: Denmark

Grammatical variants: Billedkunstnere

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the *Billedkunstnergrad*.

Billedkunstnergrad

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 maîtrise**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 *Bachelors degree*.

BS-gráða**Country:** Iceland**Grammatical variants:** BS-gráðu**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-gráða*.

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*.**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. oecon.* 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:** Abbreviation of ♦ *Candidatus magisterii*.**Candidat/e en (+)****Country:** Belgium (French Community)**Level:** ISCED 5**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on those who have been awarded the ♦ *Candidature en* (+). It is always followed by the name of the field of study in which it has been obtained.**Candidature en (+)****Country:** Belgium (French Community)**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:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the ♦ *Kandidatgrad* degree. It is followed by the Latin name of the field concerned (for example, *candidatus medicinae veterinariae*). Abbreviation: *Cand* (+). Synonym: *Kandidat*.**Candidatus (+)****Country:** Norway**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-*

tus is always followed by reference to the field of study concerned, for example *candidatus medicinae* in medicine, *candidatus musicae* in music and *candidatus oeconomiae* in economics. Abbreviation: Cand. (+).

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.

CAP

Country: Belgium (French Community)

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Certificat d'aptitude pédagogique*.

CAP

Country: France

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Certificat d'aptitude professionnelle*.

CAPAES

Country: Belgium (French Community)

Level: ISCED 5

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

CAPE

Country: France

Level: ISCED 5

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

CAPEs

Country: France

Level: ISCED 5

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

Carta Doutoral

Country: Portugal

Grammatical variants: Cartas Doutorais

Level: ISCED 6

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.

Carta Magistral

Country: Portugal

Grammatical variants: Cartas Magistrais

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Diploma awarded by universities (*universidade*) to students who have passed the curricular units of the specialisation courses for the ♦ *Diploma de conclusão da parte curricular do Mestrado*, and who have submitted and publicly defended an original dissertation (*dissertação de mestrado*). The degree always indicates the subject area, the grade awarded and the mark obtained. It confers on its holder the title of ♦ *Mestre*. The *Carta Magistral* is awarded together with the ♦ *Mestrado* degree and they both give access to further study leading to the ♦ *Doutoramento*.

CATP

Country: Luxembourg

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Certificat d'aptitude technique et professionnelle*.

C-attest

Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)

Level: ISCED 2 and 3

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Oriënteringsattest C*.

CCM

Country: Luxembourg

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Certificat de Capacité Manuelle*.

CE

Country: Belgium (French Community)

Level: ISCED 3 and 4

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Certificat d'Études*.

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 ♦ *Pamatizglītības sertifikāts* (basic education) or ♦ *Vispārējās vidējās izglītības sertifikāts* (upper secondary education).

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 (*arodizglītība* lasting 2-3 years) and vocational secondary education (*profesionālā 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 arodizglītību* 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 ♦ *Profesionālās 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 *profesionālās 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.

Cert

Country: Ireland

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *National Certificate* (+).

CertHE

Country: United Kingdom

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Certificate of Higher Education* (+).

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.)

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Certificaat hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*. Synonym: Havo-certificaat.

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 *Deelstaats-examen* 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 hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

Country: The Netherlands

Grammatical variants: Certificaten staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: For further information, see *Certificaat staatsexamen (havo)*. Abbreviation: *Certificaat staatsexamen havo*.

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 (vmbo)*. 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 ♦ *Deel-eindexamen*, 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 ♦ *Deeleindexamen*, 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 ♦ *Deeleindexamen*, and the date of the final result.

Abbreviation: *Certificaat vwo*.

Certificaat vwo

Country: The Netherlands

Grammatical variants: Certificaten vwo

Level: ISCED 3 (A.Ed.)

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Certificaat voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs*. Synonym: *Vwo-certificaat*.

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 ♦ *Certificado 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 *► Graduado Escolar* 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

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.

Certificat d'aptitude pédagogique approprié à l'Enseignement supérieur

Country: Belgium (French Community)

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded on completion of both theoretical training (in the socio-political or educational field, or in interpersonal psychology) and practical training (practical supervision, analysis of practices and professional development) at university or 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 ♦ *Certificat d'aptitude technique et professionnelle* and also to employment. Abbreviation: CITP.

Certificat de absolvire

Country: Romania

Grammatical variants: Certificatul de absolvire

Level: ISCED 3, 4 and 5

Explanatory note:

- 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 absolvire*. 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 *Examen 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 licență* 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 to 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 ♦ *Bachelors 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 *Bachelors 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

Explanatory note: Certificate replaced in 1999/2000 by ♦ *Advanced Higher*.

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

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire du Deuxième Degré*.

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 specializare*. 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 ♦ *Magistro 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-

jects 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 Slovenia 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 the title ♦ *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: Didaktōres, didaktōr*

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, didaktōrik* 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, didaktōrik* 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 eidikēsis* (+), 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; OR
- 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 izpiti, 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 ♦ *Diplomirani* (+), 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 of vocational competence awarded to students who pass the ♦ *Diplomprüfung* at the end of post-secondary non-tertiary education in nursing (*Gesundheits- und Krankenpflegeschulen*), or on completion of upper secondary education in medical/technical schools (*Schulen für den medizinisch-technischen Fachdienst*). At schools for nursing, it is awarded along with the ♦ *Diplomprüfungszeugnis*.
- Diploma of vocational competence awarded to students who have passed the ♦ *Diplomprüfung* at the end of non-university tertiary education in academies for high-level medical/technical professions and academies for midwifery (minimum duration 3 years).

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 Kindergärtnerin*. The certificate entitles students to exercise the profession concerned and gives access to further study at another higher education institution or university.

Diplom

Country: Czech Republic

Grammatical variants: *Diplomy*, *diplom**

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to students who have passed the ♦ *Absolutorium* final examination at the end of technical tertiary education

lasting 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, diplomit

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 ♦ *Lõpuksam* 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

(Δίπλωμα)

Country: Cyprus

Grammatical variants: Diplomata, diplom*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Diploma awarded by public and private schools of tertiary education (*dimosis scholes tritovathmias ekpaedefsīs, idiotikes scholes tritovathmias ekpaedefsīs*) 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 entry to further university studies leading to ♦ *Anotero diploma*.

Diploma (+)

(Δίπλωμα)

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 ♦ *Ptychio* (+) 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 ♦ *Akademski/ka* (+), ♦ *Diplomirani/na* (+), ♦ *Doktor/ica* (+), ♦ *Doktor/ica znanosti*, ♦ *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 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 specializare*, *Diplomă de studii academice postuniversitare*, *Diplomă de studii aprofundate* or, in the case of doctoral studies, *Diplomă de doctor*.

Diplomă de licență

Country: Romania

Grammatical variants: Diploma de licență

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 licență*. It indicates the field of specialisation and confers the title *Licențiat*. It gives access to employment and/or to specialised second-cycle or doctoral studies leading to *Diplomă postuniversitară de specializare*, *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 *Dizertație* 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 academice postuniversitare

Country: Romania

Grammatical variants: Diploma de studii academice postuniversitare

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 *Dizertație* 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 creat-

ive 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*.

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secondaria superiore

It gives access to employment, or to study for other advanced degrees (e.g. courses leading to the ♦ *Master di II livello*, *Corso di specializzazione di II livello* or the ♦ *Dottorato di Ricerca*). Abbreviation: DLS. Standard name: *Laurea specialistica*.

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*.

Diploma di qualifica

Country: Italy

Grammatical variants: Diplomi di qualifica

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to pupils who pass the final examination ♦ *Esame di qualifica* at the end of the first 3-year cycle of vocational secondary education in an *istituto professionale*. The diploma indicates the area of specialisation and the marks obtained. The title conferred is ♦ *Operatore*. This diploma gives access to employment, as well as to the second stage of vocational secondary education in an *istituto professionale* or to specialised courses in regional vocational training institutions.

Diploma di Specializzazione

Country: Italy

Grammatical variants: Diplomi di Specializzazione

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note:

- 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: Diplomi 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 in*

the case of general education courses, ♦ *Tecnico* in the case of the *istituto professionale* (second stage) and ♦ *Perito* in the *istituto tecnico*.

Diploma epaggelmatikis katartisis

(Δίπλωμα επαγγελματικής κατάρτισης)

Country: Greece

Grammatical variants: Diplomata 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 *eniao lykeio* or in a *technico epaggelmatiko ekpaedeutirio* (TEE). It is awarded by a vocational training institution (*institutio 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.

Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

Country: The Netherlands

Grammatical variants: Diploma's hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs

Level: ISCED 3 and 4

Explanatory note: Leaving certificate awarded to pupils who pass the ♦ *Eindexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs* in the fifth and final year of havo (general upper secondary education). The Minister of Education determines the blueprint for the certificate, which indicates the type of school, the component opted for and the subjects passed. The certificate lists the marks obtained for each examination subject in the internal ♦ *School-examen* and the national ♦ *Centraal examen*, as well as the final marks and the result of the ♦ *Eind-examen*. It gives access to hbo (vocational tertiary education). Abbreviation: *Diploma havo*.

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*.

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 *hogescholen*. See ♦ *Gegradueerde in de (+)*.

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*.

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 ♦ *Bachelors 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: DipHE.

Diplomă postuniversitară de specializare

Country: Romania

Grammatical variants: Diploma postuniversitară de specializare

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 licență*, ♦ *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
vorbereidend 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
vorbereidend 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 exam-
inations 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 consid-
eration. The diploma indicates the field, the area
of specialisation (e.g. *Diploma di disegno indus-
triale*, for the diploma in industrial design), as well
as the mark obtained. It gives access to employ-
ment 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, politec-
nici*) 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 uni-
versitario*. The degree indicated the field, the title,
the subjects studied, and the grade only if it was
the maximum grade. Upon special request, candi-
dates could receive a certificate setting out all the
marks received. The title conferred was ♦ *Diplo-
mato universitario* (+). Abbreviation: DU.

Diploma višje šole

Country: Slovenia

Grammatical variants: Diplome višje šole,
diplom* višje šole

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to stu-
dents who have successfully completed 2 years
of a tertiary vocational programme and passed the
♦ *Diplomski izpit* examination at *višja stroko-
vna 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 ter-
tiary 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
vorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*,
♦ *Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onder-
wijs*, ♦ *Diploma middelbaar beroepsonderwijs* and
♦ *Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onder-
wijs*. 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 ♦ *Eindexa-
men* in the final (fourth) year of general lower sec-
ondary education (*vmbo*, or *vorbereidend mid-
delbaar beroepsonderwijs*). The Minister of Educa-
tion 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 pro-
gramme 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

Level: ISCED 3 and 4

Explanatory note: Leaving certificate awarded to pupils who pass the **◆** *Eindexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs* in the final (sixth) year of pre-university education (vwo). The Minister of Education determines the blueprint for this certificate which indicates the type of school, the field of specialisation, the branch selected (*Gymnasium* or *Atheneum*) and the subjects passed. It also lists the marks obtained for each examination subject in the **◆** *Schoolexamen* and the **◆** *Centraal examen*, as well as the final marks and the result of the **◆** *Eindexamen*. It gives access to university education (wo) or to tertiary vocational education (hbo). Abbreviation: *Diploma vwo*.

Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie

(Диплома за завършена степен на висшето образование)

Country: Bulgaria

Grammatical variants: Diplomi za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie

Level: ISCED 5 and 6

Explanatory note:

- Degree certifying the completion of non-university tertiary studies (*kolej*) 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), which gives access to the first level of university studies, **◆** *Bakalavur* (first-cycle university studies) 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 can-

didates who have publicly defended a thesis relating to an individual or original academic research project (of no specified duration).

Diploma za zavurcheno sredno obrazovanie

(Диплома за завършена степен на висшето 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, diplomati universitari, diplomate 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 stu-

dents 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 satisfactorily 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-

torily completed five years of studies after the *Baccalauréat*. 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. Students who choose to embark on four years of training in midwifery continue their studies in an *école de sage-femme* accredited by the Ministry of Health. The diploma gives access to the profession.

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: Degree 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 ♦ *Maîtrise*. 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 professionnels*. 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, -eksamener, -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 *Berufsakademie* 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: -insinööri, -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 (*yliopisto* 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-Ingenieur/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 ♦ *Diplomprüfungszeugnis* 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 ► *Diplominsinööri*.

Diplomingenjörsexamen

Country: Finland

Grammatical variants: -examina

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Swedish term for ► *Diplominsinöörin 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, bio-technical 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*.

Diplomovaný/ná specialista/tka v oboru

Country: Czech Republic

Grammatical variants: Diplomovaný specialisté v oboru, diplom* specialist* v oboru

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Qualification testifying to the completion of technical tertiary education at the *vyšší odborná škola* or *konzervatoř*. It is awarded to students who have obtained the ► *Diplom*. Abbreviation: DiS.

Diplompädagoge/in

Country: Austria

Grammatical variants: Diplompädagogen, Diplompädagogin, Diplompädagog*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have been awarded the ► *Zeugnis über die Diplomprüfung für das Lehramt* (+).

Diplomprüfung

Country: Austria

Grammatical variants: Diplomprüfungen, Diplomprüfung*

Level: ISCED 3, 4 and 5

Explanatory note:

- Final examination at the end of two-and-a-half years of upper secondary training at *Schulen für den medizinisch-technischen Fachdienst* (medical/technical schools) and 3 years of training at post-secondary (non-tertiary) schools for nursing (*Gesundheits- und Krankenpflegeschulen*). Students who pass the examination receive the ► *Diplomprüfungszeugnis* (in the case of nursing only) and the diploma of vocational competence ► *Diplom* (+).
- Final examination at the end of 2 years of post-secondary commercial, social and technical/vocational courses at a *Kolleg*. The examination is organised internally by the institution and takes place before a board. Students who pass it receive the *Diplomprüfungszeugnis*.
- 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 *Diplomprüfungszeugnis*, 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 Volksschulen*.

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 Krankenpflegesschulen*) 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/tra (+)* 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, diplomsk* 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*.

Dizertație

Country: Romania

Grammatical variants: Dizertația

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*).

Docteur en (+)

Country: France

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred on holders of the ♦ *Diplôme d'État de docteur (+)*.

Docteur en (+)

Country: France

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Title (*grade*) conferred on holders of the ♦ *Doctorat (+)*. It is always followed by reference to the field of specialisation concerned.

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 (+)*, ♦ *Fiskerikandidat*, ♦ *Hovedfagkandidat*, ♦ *Høyere avdelings 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 ♦ *Diplomă 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 received 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* or ♦ *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

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.

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* (+).

Dokter**Country:** Belgium (Flemish Community)**Level:** ISCED 5**Explanatory note:** Synonym for ♦ *Arts*.**Doktor**

(Доктор)

Country: Bulgaria**Grammatical variants:** Doktor**Level:** ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Title awarded by a specialised state body, the *vischa atestatzionna komis-sia* (Higher Attestation Commission) to students who have obtained the ♦ *Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie* and who have publicly defended a doctoral thesis on completion of at least 4 years of doctoral studies after obtaining the title of ♦ *Bakalavur* or at least 3 years of doctoral studies after obtaining the title of ♦ *Magistur*. Abbreviation: Dr.

Doktor (+)**Country:** Denmark**Grammatical variants:** Doktoren, doktorer, doktorerne**Level:** ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the ♦ *Doktorgrad*. It is followed by the Latin name of the field concerned (for example, *doctor philosophiae* in human sciences, *doctor scientiarum* in natural sciences). Abbreviation: Dr. (+).

Doktor**Country:** Estonia**Grammatical variants:** Doktor, 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 ♦ *Doktorsgráða*. The title *doctor philosophiae* (dr.phil.) is awarded to liberal arts students following completion of a doctoral programme, while students who carry out independent research receive this title followed by the Latin name of their field of specialisation.

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:** Doktor, 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 prírodných vied*; abbreviation: RNDr.), pharmacy (*doktor farmácie*; abbreviation: PharmDr.), human sciences and arts (*doktor filozofie*; abbreviation: PhDr.), 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 ♦ *Dizertačná skúška* 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: Doktorn, doktorer, doktorerna

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/tra 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: Doktorři, 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 diplomī, doktora diplomiem, doktora diplomus

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to students who have already been awarded the academic or professional degree of *✦ Maģistrs (+)* 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.

Doktorgrad

Country: Germany

Grammatical variants: Doktorgrade, Doktorgrad*

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Advanced research degree awarded by a university or equivalent tertiary education institution following a process termed *✦ Promotion*. A *Doktorgrad* entitles its holder to use the title *✦ Doktor (+)*.

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 ♦ *Doktori 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 doctoral thesis. 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* (+).

Doktorsexamen

Country: Finland

Grammatical variants: -examina

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Swedish term for ♦ *Tohtorin tutkinto* (+).

Doktorsexamen (+)

Country: Sweden

Grammatical variants: Doktorsexamina

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Advanced research degree awarded after 4 years of full-time doctoral studies in any university faculty. Students write a dissertation and defend it orally in the presence of external examiners. The degree certificate indicates the field of specialisation, the title of the dissertation and the date it was defended. The *doktorsexamen* qualifies its holders for teaching at university and confers on them the title of ♦ *Doktor* (+). The name of the degree refers either to the faculty, for example *filosofie doktorsexamen* (Doctorate of Philosophy), or area of study in which it is obtained, for example *ekonomie doktorsexamen*.

Doktorsgráda

Country: Iceland

Grammatical variants: Doktorsgráðu

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Advanced research degree awarded to students who pass the ♦ *Doktorspróf* examination. It entitles them to occupy a teaching or research position at a university institution and confers on them the title of ♦ *Doktor* (+).

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.

(Д-р)

Country: Bulgaria

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Doktor*.

Dr.

Dr. (+)

Country: Denmark

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Doktor* (+) followed by the field of study usually in its abbreviated form (for example, dr.phil. in human sciences, dr.scient in natural sciences).

Dr. (+)

Country: Germany

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Doktor* (+), written before the name, supplemented by the Latin name of the field concerned in abbreviated form, e.g. Dr. phil. for *Doctor philosophiae*.

Dr. (+)

Country: Hungary

Level: ISCED 5 and 6

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Doktori cím* which is followed by the abbreviation of the field of study, for example dr.med., dr.jur.

Dr. (+)

Country: Norway

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Doctor* (+) followed by reference to the field of study, also in abbreviated form.

Dr.

Country: Romania

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Doctor*.

Dr.

Country: Slovenia

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Doktor/ica znanosti*.

Dr. dent. med.

Country: Slovenia

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *Doktor/ica dentalne medicine*. See ♦ *Doktor/ica* (+).

Dr. med.

Country: Slovenia

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *Doktor/ica medicine*. See ♦ *Doktor/ica* (+).

Dr. vet. med.

Country: Slovenia

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *Doktor/ica veterinarske medicine*. See ♦ *Doktor/ica* (+).

Dr.phil.

Country: Iceland

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *doctor philosophiae* in liberal arts. See ♦ *Doktor* (+).

Dr.phil.

Country: Liechtenstein

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Doktor der Philosophie*.

Drs

Country: The Netherlands

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Doctorandus*, written before the name of its holder.

DRT

Country: France

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Diplôme de recherche technologique*.

DS

Country: Italy

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Diploma di Specializzazione*.

DU

Country: Italy

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Diploma Universitario*.

Durjaven izpit

(Държавен изпит)

Country: Bulgaria

Grammatical variants: Durjavni izpiti

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Final state examination held in university and non-university institutions at the end of the final year of study. Its content and requirements depend on the individual faculty. The examination includes written and/or oral parts and has to be taken by students wishing to obtain the ♦ *Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie*.

Durjaven zrelosten izpit

(Държавен зрелостен изпит)

Country: Bulgaria

Grammatical variants: Durjavni zrelostni izpiti

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Final examination held in general upper secondary education including its 'orientation' sections and in technical schools (*gymnazia, profilirana gymnazia, sredno obchto-*

brazovatelno 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 obrazovanie*.

Durjaven zrelosten izpit za pridobivane na profesionalna kvalifikatzia

(Държавен зрелостен изпит за придобиване на професионална квалификация)

Country: Bulgaria

Grammatical variants: Durjavni 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 kvalifikatsia* 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 ♦ *Diplôme 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.

Dyplom doktora habilitowanego

Country: Poland

Grammatical variants: Dyplomy, dyplom*

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Second advanced research degree awarded to holders of the title of ♦ *Doktor* who have passed the ♦ *Kolokwium habilitacyjne* examination. The degree confers on them the academic title of ♦ *Doktor habilitowany* and indicates their field of specialisation. It also formally certifies that they are qualified for the most important positions in tertiary education or research institutions.

Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych

Country: Poland

Grammatical variants: Dyplomy, dyplom*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Diploma awarded on the completion of university education, by the scientific council of the faculty concerned, to students who have passed the ♦ *Egzamin magisterski* examination following 5 to 6 years of study, or the ♦ *Egzamin dyplomowy* examination following 3 to 4 years of study. The diploma confers on them the title ♦ *Magister* (+) in the case of the former and ♦ *Licencjat* or ♦ *Inżynier* in the latter case. It indicates the field of study and specialisation, the final marks and the title conferred. The diploma gives access to the labour market, or to studies leading to the title of *magister* (in the case of 3-4 year programmes) or advanced research programmes leading to the title of ♦ *Doktor* (in the case of 5-6 year programmes).

Dyplom ukończenia szkoły policealnej

Country: Poland

Grammatical variants: Dyplomy, dyplom* ukończeń* szkol* policealn*

Level: ISCED 4

Explanatory note: Certificate of completion of post-secondary education (lasting one, two or two-and-a-half years), awarded on the basis of school results in the final year of studies and marks obtained in the ♦ *Egzamin z przygotowania zawodowego* examination (after two or two-and-a-half years of study leading to the title ♦ *Technik*) or ♦ *Egzamin z nauki zawodu* (after 1 year of study leading to the title of ♦ *Robotnik wykwalifikowany*). The certificate gives access to the trade or occupation with which it is associated, and is also awarded in adult education.



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* dojrzałości

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,

conferring 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: Egzaminy 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: Egzaminy 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 the theoretical and practical examinations for the occupation concerned are entitled to the ♦ *Świadectwo ukończenia zasadniczej szkoły zawodowej*, ♦ *Świadectwo ukończenia liceum zawodowego* certificates and the ♦ *Dyplom ukończenia szkoły policealnej* certificate, respectively. The examination may also be taken in adult education.

Egzamin z przygotowania zawodowego

Country: Poland

Grammatical variants: Egzaminy z przygotowania zawodowego, egzamin* z przygotowania zawodowego

Level: ISCED 3 and 4

Explanatory note: Compulsory vocational proficiency examination held at the end of the final year of studies in technical upper secondary schools (*technikum zawodowe*) or post-secondary schools (*szkoła policealna*) offering courses lasting two or two-and-a-half years. The examination comprehensively tests practical knowledge of the techniques for a particular area of specialisation, and its content and level are determined by each school. Those who pass it are entitled to the certificate of completion of technical secondary education ♦ *Świadectwo ukończenia technikum zawodowego* or post-secondary education ♦ *Dyplom ukończenia szkoły policealnej*. The examination may also be taken in adult education.

Eindattest van het deeltijds kunstonderwijs

Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)

Level: ISCED 1

Explanatory note: Certificate of part-time artistic education awarded to pupils, young people and adults who have satisfactorily completed the final year at the lower level. Certificates 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 certificate gives access to the intermediate or higher level leading to the ♦ *Getuigschrift van het deeltijds kunstonderwijs* (+).

Eindexamen

Country: The Netherlands

Grammatical variants: Eindexamens

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 ♦ *Staatsexamen*. 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: Eindexamens 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 hoger algemeen voortgezet 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 weten-*

schappelijk 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 ♦ *Apolytirio eniaiou lykeiou*. 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.

Eksamen fra videregående opplæring**Country:** Norway**Grammatical variants:** Eksamenen, 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, -beviserne

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: Synonym for ♦ *National Curriculum Assessment* and ♦ *Northern Ireland Curriculum Assessment*.

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 ♦ *Licenciatura* in nursing. Professional activity as a *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 ♦ *Licenciatura* 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: -tutkinnot, -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: -tutkinnot, -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 ♦ *Lisensiaatitutkinto* (+). There is a national field-specific written examination (*valtakunnallinen erikoisalakohmainen 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*.

Erweiterte Berufsbildungsreife

Country: Germany

Grammatical variants: Erweitert* Berufsbildungsreife*

Level: ISCED 2

Explanatory note: Term used in certain *Länder* for *Erweiterter 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*.

Erweiterter Sekundarabschluss I

Country: Germany

Grammatical variants: Erweitert* Sekundarabschluss*

Level: ISCED 2

Explanatory note: Term used in certain *Länder* for *Erweiterter 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

examining board appointed by the faculty council. Successful students are awarded the **► Diploma di Laurea (+)**.

Esame di laurea specialistica

Country: Italy

Grammatical variants: Esami di laurea specialistica

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 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 di 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'Études 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 ♦ *Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur*, as well as for foreign students.

Examen de absolvire

Country: Romania

Grammatical variants: Examenul de absolvire

Level: ISCED 3, 4 and 5

Explanatory note: Examination held on completion of courses at different levels of vocational education in *școala profesională* or *școala de ucenici*, *școala 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 ♦ *Certificat de absolvire* in *școli postliceale* (schools of post-secondary education), or the qualification ♦ *Diplomă de absolvire* in *școli profesionale* or *școli 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 capacitate

Country: Romania

Grammatical variants: Examenul de capacitate

Level: ISCED 2

Explanatory note: Final national examination held at the end of 4 years of general lower secondary education (*școala generală*). The examination is compulsory for those wishing to obtain the certificate ♦ *Certificat de capacitate* 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 ♦ *Certificat d'aptitude technique et professionnelle*, while those who pass the practical part only are awarded the ♦ *Certificat 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 licență

Country: Romania

Grammatical variants: Examenul de licență

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 licență*. 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

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Examen middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*. Synonym: Mbo-examen.

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-examens

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 Hochschulelehrgangs*. 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: -tutkinnot, -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*. Swedish term: *Farmaceutexamen*.

Farmaseutti

Country: Finland

Grammatical variants: Farmaseutit, farmaseutti*, farmaseuti*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred on holders of the ♦ *Farmaseutin tutkinto* degree. Swedish term: *Farmaceut*.

FD

Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS/NIR)

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Foundation degree*.

Felnöttek általános iskolai bizonyítvány

Country: Hungary

Grammatical variants: Felnöttek általános iskolai bizonyítványai, felnöttek 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 bizonyítvány*

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.

Fiskerikandidat**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**.

Foaie matricolă**Country:** Romania**Grammatical variants:** Foaie 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 afgangsprøver**Level:** ISCED 2

Explanatory note: Non-compulsory leaving examination on completion of compulsory education (*folkeskole*). It is organised at the end of the ninth year and may cover 10 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.

Folkeskolens udvidede afgangsprøve**Country:** Denmark**Grammatical variants:** Folkeskolens udvidede afgangsprøver**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 HF courses in upper secondary education.

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 (+)*.

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*.

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.

Fristående examen

Country: Finland

Grammatical variants: -examina

Level: ISCED 3 (A.Ed.)

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: Abbreviation of ♦ *Gediplomeerde in de aanvullende studies van* (+).

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 (+).

Gediplomeerde in de gespecialiseerde studies van (+)

Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Qualification and title obtained by students who already hold the ♦ *Licentiaat in de* (+), etc., and satisfactorily complete a 1- or 2-year course of specialised university further tertiary education. The course covers in depth one or more specialised subjects of the second-cycle university programme. The examinations are written and/or oral as decided by the teacher, and relate to all subjects studied. The certificate awarded indicates the area of study and gives access to the corresponding profession or occupation. Abbreviation: GGS (+).

Gediplomeerde in de voortgezette studies van (+)

Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Qualification and title obtained by students who already hold the ♦ *Gegradeerde in de* (+) or ♦ *Licentiaat in de* (+) from a *hogeschool*, and successfully complete an advanced further tertiary education course also at a *hogeschool*. This course is intended to continue the studies undertaken for the above-mentioned initial qualifications, or provide for further specialisation in a particular field. The examinations are written and/or oral as decided by the teacher, and cover all subjects studied. The certificate awarded indicates the field of study and gives access to the corresponding profession or occupation.

Gegradueerde 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 ♦ *Apotheker*. 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 certificated 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/year 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 certificated 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 kunst- onderwijs (+)

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 ♦ *Eindattest 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 kunst-
onderwijs*. 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.

GGG (+)

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*.

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.

Graduado Escolar

Country: Spain

Grammatical variants: Graduados Escolares

Level: ISCED 2

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*).

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 *graduats* 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.

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 (+)*, *Maître 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 *Ammatillinen perustutkinto*.

GSVQ

Country: United Kingdom (Scotland)

Grammatical variants:

Level: ISCED 3 and 4

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *General Scottish Vocational Qualification*.

Gümnaasiumi lõpuksamid

Country: Estonia

Grammatical variants: Gümnaasiumi lõpuksamite, gümnaasiumi lõpuksameid

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 *Riigieksamid* and two, internally *Koolieksamid*. 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 lõpuksamid*. 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 *Riigieksamitunnistus*, 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 9 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 **H** *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 **H** *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 **H** *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 *Berufsgrundbildungsjahr* (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*: *Sekundarabschluss I*. Synonyms used in certain *Länder*: *Berufsbildungsreife*, *Berufsreife*.

Havo-certificaat

Country: The Netherlands

Grammatical variants: Havo-certificaten

Level: ISCED 3 (A.Ed.)

Explanatory note: Synonym for *certificaat havo*. See **H** *Certificaat 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 **H** *Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs*.

Havo-eindexamen

Country: The Netherlands

Grammatical variants: Havo-eindexamens

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Synonym for *eindexamen havo*. See **H** *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 **H** *Bachelor's degree* or a **H** *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 **H** *Højere Forberedelseksamen*.

HHX

Country: Denmark

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of **H** *Højere Handelseksamen*.

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 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 part time) in a vocational subject, by the *Edexcel Foundation* (formerly *Business and Technology Education Council*) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and by the *Scottish Qualifications Authority* (SQA) in Scotland. Courses are unit-based and provided in universities, other tertiary education institutions and, in some cases, *further education* institutions. 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 Certificate* which indicates the area of study, e.g. business administration. The *Certificate* is accompanied by a *Certificate of Achievement* which specifies each unit of study taken and whether a 'pass', 'merit' or 'distinction' was gained. The *Higher National Certificate*

has not yet been incorporated into the new frameworks for higher education qualifications but is a level 4 qualification within the *National Qualifications Framework* (in Scotland, SCQF level 7). It is 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: HNC.

Higher National Diploma (+)

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 *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: HND.

HNC

Country: United Kingdom

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *Higher National Certificate*.

HND

Country: United Kingdom

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *Higher National Diploma*.

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 Forberedelseksamen**Country:** Denmark**Grammatical variants:** Højere forberedelseksamener**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 Forberedelseksamen*. 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 avdelings eksamen

Country: Norway

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to students who pass written and oral final examinations and submit a final dissertation at the end of a 2-year university course in business management following the ♦ *Siviløkonom* qualification. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, one of whom is external. The diploma indicates the student's results in the final examinations, the subject of the final dissertation and its assessment. It gives access to employment and/or to 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 ♦ *Ingeniería 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 ♦ *Ingeniería 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-ingenieur* (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 voortgezette 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-maître

Country: France

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the ♦ *Maîtrise* in an *institut universitaire professionnalisé* (IUP).

Inginer diplomat

Country: Romania

Grammatical variants: Ingineri 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 assess-

ments 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 diploma ♦ *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: Inžinieri, 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 Certificate examination****Country:** Ireland**Level:** ISCED 2**Explanatory note:** State examination taken at the end of the first three years of secondary schooling, and before the end of compulsory education. Pupils typically take examinations in eight or nine subjects. Each subject is examined by means of a written examination at two levels, higher or ordinary, and which is supplemented in some cases by an oral, practical or project examination. Pupils who pass this examination obtain the ♦ *Junior Certificate*.**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 ♦ *Oikeusnotaarin 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 ♦ *Kandidatsgráða* 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

public health (*folkehelsevitenskap*), occupational health (*arbeidshelse*) or health administration (*helseadministrasjon*), or at the end of a 3-year course following the ♦ *Vitnemål* (+) in nursing. The examinations are set by each institution and assessed by two examiners, one of whom is external. This qualification gives access to employment. It is always followed by reference to the field of studies in which it was awarded, for example *kandidat i folkehelsevitenskap* in the case of public health, *kandidat i sykepleievitenskap* in nursing, or *kandidat i helseadministrasjon* in health administration.

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 *filosofie 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 ♦ *Kandidaatin 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 *filosofie 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 ♦ *Doktorgrad* 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 ♦ *Meistaragráda* or advanced study and research leading to the ♦ *Doktorsgráda*. 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 ♦ *Kandidsgráda*.

Kantonalprüfung

Country: Belgium (German-speaking Community)

Grammatical variants: Kantonalprüfungen, 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 ♦ *Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung* 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, kolokwi* habilitacyjn*

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).

Konservator

Country: Denmark

Grammatical variants: Konservatorer, konservatorerne

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who obtain the *✦ Konservatorgrad*.

Konservatorgrad

Country: Denmark

Grammatical variants: -graden, -grader, -graderne

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Degree awarded by the *Kunstakademi* 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, Konzertamina, 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: *Konzertreifepfprüfung* or *Künstlerische Reifepfprüfung*.

Konzertreifepfprüfung

Country: Germany

Grammatical variants: Konzertreifepfprüfungen, Konzertreifepfprüfung*

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 lõpueksamid*. 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.

Kunstfaglig 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 eksāmenu

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*

pamatizglītība, arodizglītība, profesionālā or vidējā izglītība). 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 apliecība*. 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 apprentice 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.

Lehrabschlussprüfung

Country: Liechtenstein

Grammatical variants: Lehrabschlussprüfungen, Lehrabschlussprüfung*

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.

Lehrbrief

Country: Liechtenstein

Grammatical variants: Lehrbriefe, Lehrbrief*

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Vocational proficiency certificate awarded by the Office for Vocational Training in Liechtenstein to pupils who pass the final examination *Lehrabschlussprüfung* at the end of their apprenticeship. The certificate indicates the area of specialisation and gives access to the labour market.

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 ♦ *Lizentiaten-grad*.**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.**Licenciát teologie****Country:** Czech Republic**Grammatical variants:** Licenciáti teologie, licenciát* teologie**Level:** ISCED 5**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the diploma ♦ *Vysokoškolský diplom* and the certificate ♦ *Vysvědčení o státní rigorózní zkoušce* in the field of Catholic theology. Abbreviation: ThLic.**Licenciát teológie****Country:** Slovakia**Grammatical variants:** Licenciáty, licenciát***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 teológico*. 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 ♦ *Diplomado 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.

Licencié/e en (+)

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: Licencjaci, 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 (+)*.

Licențiat

Country: Romania

Grammatical variants: Licențiați

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the ♦ *Diploma de licență*.

Licentiat (+)**Country:** Sweden**Grammatical variants:** Licentiaten, licentiat, licentiaterna**Level:** ISCED 5**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on holders of a ♦ *Licentiatexamen*, normally with a prefix referring either to the faculty or area of study in which the degree is obtained, for example *filosofie 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 *filosofie licentiat examen* (licentiat in philosophy).**Licentiatius (+)****Country:** Norway**Grammatical variants:** Licentiat**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**Explanatory note:** Certificate (statement of marks) testifying to satisfactory completion of part of basic or general secondary education. It is awarded to those concerned at the end of every school year, as well as to pupils who have done a basic education programme (*pamatizglītība*) or general (upper) secondary education programme (*vispārējā vidējā izglītība*), but have not passed their assessment in some subjects or some ♦ *Valsts pārbaudījums*. The certificate may also be obtained in special education. It is awarded by schools in accordance with government regulations and indicates the subjects taken and final marks obtained. Pupils with the *liecība* may continue training in basic vocational education or vocational education, provided they are aged at least 15.**Lisensiaatin tutkinto (+)****Country:** Finland**Grammatical variants:** -tutkinnot, -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 (*yltiopisto*). 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 ♦ *Erikoistutkimustutkinto* 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*.**Lizentiat****Country:** Germany**Level:** ISCED 5**Explanatory note:** Title conferred on students who have obtained the *Lizentiatengrad* degree in theology. Abbreviation: Lic. theol.**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*.**Lizentiatenprüfung****Country:** Germany**Grammatical variants:** Lizentiatenprüfungen, Lizentiatenprüfung***Level:** ISCED 5**Explanatory note:** Final examination usually in Catholic theology at universities. It involves the defence of a written thesis, and an oral examination organised by a committee consisting of members of a Catholic university. Successful students receive the *Lizentiatengrad*.**LLM****Country:** United Kingdom**Level:** ISCED 5**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of *Master of Laws*. See *Masters degree*.**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.

Lõpueksam**Country:** Estonia**Grammatical variants:** Lõpueksami, lõpueksamit
Level: ISCED 5**Explanatory note:** Final examination taken on completion of three to four-and-a-half years of vocational tertiary education (*diplomiõpe*, *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*.**Lõputunnistus keskhariduse baasil kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta****Country:** Estonia**Grammatical variants:** Lõputunnistuse, lõputunnistused**Level:** ISCED 4**Explanatory note:** Certificate issued to students who have completed at least one year of post-secondary vocational education at a *kutseõppeasutus*. For further information, see *Lõputunnistus põhihariduse baasil kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta*.**Lõputunnistus põhihariduse baasil kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta****Country:** Estonia**Grammatical variants:** Lõputunnistuse, lõputunnistused**Level:** ISCED 3**Explanatory note:** Certificate awarded to pupils who have successfully completed 3 years of voca-

tional 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.

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

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 ♦ *Diplomatura en* (+).

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, magistrat

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 ♦ *Dyplom 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

gives access to the labour market or to advanced study and research leading to the title of ♦ *Doktor der Philosophie*. Abbreviation: MA.

Magister artium

Country: Norway

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Degree and title obtained by students who pass final examinations and present a thesis at the end of university studies lasting six-and-a-half to 7 years. Each institution sets its own written and oral examinations, which are assessed by two examiners, one of whom is external. The degree indicates the student's results in the examinations, the average marks obtained in the main subjects, the subject of the thesis and its assessment. It gives access to employment and/or to advanced study and research leading to the ♦ *Doctor* (+) or ♦ Ph.d. degree. Abbreviation: Mag.Art.

Magister Juris

Country: Malta

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who hold a ♦ *Master's degree* awarded in European and Comparative Law and in International Law.

Magister/tra (+)

Country: Austria

Grammatical variants: Magistri, Magistrae, Magist*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Academic title of holders of the ♦ *Diplomprüfungszeugnis* or ♦ *Magisterprüfungszeugnis*, 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*.

Magister/trica umetnosti

Country: Slovenia

Grammatical variants: Magistri/trice umetnosti, magist* umetnosti

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Academic title awarded to students who have obtained a first professional title (♦ *Akademski/ka*, ♦ *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 znanosti

Country: Slovenia

Grammatical variants: Magistri/trice znanosti, magist* znanosti

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Academic title awarded to students who have already obtained a first professional title (♦ *Akademski/ka* (+), ♦ *Diplomirani/na* (+), ♦ *Profesor/ica* (+), ♦ *Doktor/ica* (+), ♦ *Magister/tra farmacije* or ♦ *Univerzitetni/na diplomirani/na*), successfully completed 2 years of second-cycle studies, passed the ♦ *Diplomski izpit* examination and obtained the ♦ *Diploma* at *Akademija* or *Fakulteta*. 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*.

Magistère

Country: France

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Degree devised by the *universités* and *grandes écoles* and awarded by them to students who have passed the final examinations held on completion of second-cycle university studies (3 years) open to holders of the ♦ *Diplôme d'études universitaires générales* or ♦ *Diplôme universitaire de technologie*. The (written and oral) examinations are prepared by the institution concerned and relate to the subjects studied. The degree indicates the field of specialisation and gives access to third-cycle university studies or the labour market. With introduction of the new system, this degree will either be replaced by the ♦ *Diplôme national de master*, or retained and give access to the second year (M2) of the *master*.

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: Magisteramina 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 (*universitet* 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: Magisteramina 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*.

Magistergrad

Country: Germany

Grammatical variants: Magistergrade, Magistergrad*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note:

- Academic degree awarded on completion of a traditional graduate course of study as defined

in article 18 of the *Hochschulrahmengesetz* (HRG), which normally lasts 9 semesters (4½ years) with no further study in any of the individual subjects taken. Rather than concentrating on a single subject, courses that lead to a traditional *Magister* degree provide for a combination of several subjects usually consisting of two major subjects or one major and two minor subjects. The subject combination is generally chosen by the student. The degree gives access to the labour market or to advanced study and research leading to the ♦ *Doktorgrad*. The *Magistergrad* is equivalent to the ♦ *Diplomgrad* awarded by a university or equivalent tertiary education institution, and to the first ♦ *Staatsprüfung* (state examination) for courses of study that require state examinations. The *Magistergrad* may also be obtained by completing a traditional one- or two-year further course of study. It confers on its holders the title of ♦ *Magister* (+).

- Under the new graduation system defined in article 19 of the *Hochschulrahmengesetz* (HRG), the *Magistergrad* may also be obtained as a second-cycle career-qualifying degree further to completion of 1-2 years of the *Magister* course subsequent to the ♦ *Bachelor* (+), which is provided at universities, other equivalent tertiary education institutions and *Fachhochschulen*. The courses entailed normally last a maximum of five years. In this case the programme, degree and title are all called ♦ *Master* (+).

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 examinations. 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 a ♦ *Doktor/in* (+). The degree confers on its holder the academic title ♦ *Magister/tra* (+).

Magistr/a

Country: Czech Republic

Grammatical variants: Magistrři, magistr*

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: Mgr. and MgA. in the field of arts.

Maģistra diploms (+)

Country: Latvia

Grammatical variants: Maģistra diplomam, maģistra diplomu

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to students who have already obtained the academic or professional degree of ♦ *Bakalaurs* (+) and successfully completed the second cycle of academic studies (2 years) at *universitāte* or another tertiary education institution. While both academic and professional *bakalaurs* (+) 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 ♦ *Maģistrs* (+).

Magistras

Country: Lithuania

Grammatical variants: Magistr*

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 ♦ *Magistrikraad* 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 ♦ *Bakalaureusekraad* and successfully completed one to

two years of second level tertiary education (Master's study, or *magistriūpe*) 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 (*doktoriūpe*) 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 *magistrikraad* 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*.

Maģistrs (+)

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: Magistri

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: -tutkinnot, -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 ♦ *Lisensiaatintutkinto* (+) 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 professionnalisés* (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*.

Maîtrise

Country: Luxembourg

Level: ISCED 4

Explanatory note: Synonym for *Brevet de Maîtrise*.

Maîtrise 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 *Maître 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 (+)

(Μάστερ)

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 ekpaedefsis*) 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 *Hochschulrahmengesetz* (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 ♦ *Diplomă 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 I livello

Country: Italy

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Second degree awarded by tertiary education institutions (*università, istituti universitari, politecnici*) at the end of studies lasting 1 year (corresponding to 60 credits) after the ♦ *Diploma di Laurea* (+), to students who pass the final examination. It indicates the field and the title and gives access to employment.

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, odontology, and pharmaceuticals, 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 i (+)* 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 the use of older titles, it may do so. *Masters* qualifications are recognised for progression within tertiary education (for example to a ♦ *Doctorate*) and by employers, and in some cases may lead to professional accreditation. Abbreviations: MA, LLM, MSc, MPhil, MBA, MEng.

Master-Urkunde

Country: Liechtenstein

Grammatical variants: Master-Urkunden, Master-Urkunde*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Diploma awarded to students who pass the ♦ *Master-Prüfung*. It indicates the field of study and the academic degree and title of ♦ *Master of (+)*. Synonym: *Master-Diplom*.

Matriculation certificate

Country: Malta

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the ♦ *Matriculation certificate examination* at the end of upper secondary education in a *junior college, higher secondary school, Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology* and the non-state *sixth forms*. The certificate gives access to the University of Malta.

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 ♦ *Maturaprüfung*.

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.

Maturprüfung**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 *Maturprüfung* 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:** Maturazeugnisse, Maturazeugnis***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.

Maturitetno spričevalo**Country:** Slovenia**Grammatical variants:** Maturitetna 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 *gimnazija* 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 (*gymnázium*), 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 *stredné 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 **✦ Bachelors degree**.

MBA

Country: Iceland, Norway

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *Master of Business Administration*. See **✦ Master of (+)**.

MBA

Country: United Kingdom

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *Master of Business Administration*. See **✦ Masters degree**.

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-examens

Level: ISCED 2, 3 and 4

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 lekárstva*. 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 **✦ Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen** at the end of a second-cycle university course in law. It is written before the name of its holder and delivered together with the title of **✦ Master (+)**. Synonym: *Meester in de rechten*. Abbreviation: Mr.

Meester in de rechten

Country: The Netherlands

Grammatical variants: Meesters in de rechten

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Synonym for **✦ Meester**.

Meistarabréf (+)**Country:** Iceland**Grammatical variants:** Meistarabréfi, meistarabréfs**Level:** ISCED 4

Explanatory note: Master craftsman's certificate awarded to trainees who have successfully completed the ♦ *Meistaránám í iðn* 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:** Meistaragráðu**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 (+)*.

Meistaránám í iðn**Country:** Iceland**Grammatical variants:** Meistaránáms í iðn**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 (*iðnskóli*), some comprehensive schools (*fjölbautaskóli*, *verkmenntaskóli*) and a few educational centres (*fræðslumiðstöð*). 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 (*háskóli* or *kennaraháskóli*) 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. 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

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *Master of Engineering*. See ♦ *Masters degree*.

Menininkas

Country: Lithuania

Grammatical variants: Meninink*

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Synonym for ♦ *Meno licenciatas*.

Meno licenciatas

Country: Lithuania

Grammatical variants: Meno licenciāt*

Level: ISCED 6

Explanatory note: Title conferred on students who have obtained the diploma ♦ *Meno licenciato diplomas*. Synonym: *Menininkas*.

Meno licenciato diplomas

Country: Lithuania

Grammatical variants: Meno licenciāt* diplom*

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 licenciatas* in the field concerned.

Mestrado

Country: Portugal

Grammatical variants: Mestrados

Level: ISCED 5

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 a ♦ *Licenciatura* 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 holders 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

Grammatical variants: Mestres

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Academic title conferred on holders of the ♦ *Mestrado* degree and the ♦ *Carta Magistral*.

Metaptychiako diploma

(Μεταπτυχιακό δίπλωμα)

Country: Cyprus

Grammatical variants: Metaptychiaka diplomata, metaptychiak* diplom*

Level: ISCED 5

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

Grammatical variants: Metaptychiaka diplomata, metaptychiak* diplom*

Level: ISCED 5

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 ♦ *Magistr/a* 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 ♦ *Magistr/a*.

Mgr.

Country: Slovakia

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Magister* (+) in the field of human sciences.

Mgr.art.

Country: Slovakia

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Magister* (+) in the field of arts.

MIB

Country: Norway

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Master of* (+) in the field of International Business.

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*.

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 ♦ *Špričevalo o mojstrskem 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*.

Mojstrski izpit

Country: Slovenia

Grammatical variants: Mojstrski izpiti, mojstrsk* izpit*

Level: ISCED 4 (A.Ed.)

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 ♦ *Master (+)*.

MSc

Country: United Kingdom

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/ka (+)* in the field of medicine.

MUDr.

Country: Slovakia

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *doktor všeobecného lekárstva*. See ♦ *Doktor (+)*.

MVDr.

Country: Czech Republic

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *Doktor/ka (+)* in the field of veterinary medicine.

MVDr.

Country: Slovakia

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of *doktor veterinárskeho 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

National Adult Literacy and Numeracy Qualifications

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 Curriculum Assessment

Country: United Kingdom (ENG/WLS)

Level: ISCED 1 and 2

Explanatory note: Statutory assessment which all pupils in publicly-funded schools must undergo at the end of *key stages* 1 (age 7), 2 (age 11), and 3 (age 14). Assessment arrangements consist of teacher assessment for all pupils using nationally-set criteria as well as nationally-set tasks and written tests. In Wales, pupils at key stage 1 no longer take written tests. Low attaining pupils in both England and Wales are subject to teacher assessment only. *National Curriculum Assessment* covers English, Welsh (in Welsh-speaking schools in Wales), mathematics and, at the end of *key stages* 2 and 3, science. At *key stage* 3, teachers assess pupils against the attainment targets for all compulsory *National Curriculum* subjects. The results of the teacher assessment, tests and tasks are expressed in terms of the *National Curriculum* 1-8 level scale. No certificate is awarded, but the performance of individual pupils must be reported to parents, and school-level results must be published in the school's prospectus. Synonym: *End of Key Stage Assessment*.

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.

National foundation certificate

Country: Ireland

Level: ISCED 2

Explanatory note: Certificate which is intended for young people and adults who have left initial schooling with minimal or no qualifications, and is broadly equivalent in standard to lower second level education. It is awarded to learn-

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.

Näyttötutkinto (+)

Country: Finland

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

Level: ISCED 3 (A.Ed.)

Explanatory note: A competence-based qualification, the official basis of which is laid down by the National Board of Education. Students must demonstrate to an examination board that they have the skills needed to obtain it. The qualification is open to both adults and young people who

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*, ♦ *Ammattitutkinto* and ♦ *Erikoisammattitutkinto*. Swedish term: *Fristående examen*.

Naziv poklicne/strokovne izobrazbe

Country: Slovenia

Grammatical variants: Nazivi 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* at *višje strokovne šole*. The general title testifies to qualifications for all occupations covered by it under the Special Act on Rules concerning Professional Nomenclature (*Pravilnik o nomenklaturi poklicev*) 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* (+), ♦ *Mojster/trica* (+), ♦ *Poslovodja/dkinja* (+), and ♦ *Tehnik/nica* (+).

NC

Country: Ireland

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Abbreviation of ♦ *National Certificate* (+).

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, obvestil* 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 ♦ *Skupinsko preverjanje znanja*. 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, obvestil* 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 Vocationally-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.

Oikeusnotaarin 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 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 ♦ *Ammatti-korkeakoulun 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 ♦ *Centralizētais 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 *enīaeo lykeio* by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs. The qualifications awarded to those who have additionally taken the ♦ *Apolytiries exetaseis*, are ♦ *Apolytīrio enīaeou lykeiou* and ♦ *Vevaeosi*. Holders of the ♦ *Apolytīrio technologikou epaggelmatikou ekpaedeutīrou* 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:** Czech Republic**Level:** ISCED 6**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of ♦ *Doktor/ka (+)*.**Ph.d.****Country:** Denmark**Level:** ISCED 6**Explanatory note:** Abbreviation of ♦ *Philosophiae Doctor*.**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 (+)*, ♦ *Fiskerkandidat*, ♦ *Hovedfagkandidat*, ♦ *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.***Pistopoiitiko 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 ekpaedefsīs*, *idiotikes scholes tritovathmias ekpaedefsīs*) 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 lõpueksamite*, *põhikooli lõpueksameid***Level:** ISCED 2**Explanatory note:** Examination held at the end of the 9 years of compulsory education at *põhikool*. Examinations are set externally by groups of experts at the National Examination and Qualifica-tions Centre and marked internally at the school. They consist of examinations in two compulsory subjects (the mother tongue and mathematics) and one optional subject. Pupils can choose between a foreign language, biology, chemistry, physics and geography. Those who attend schools at which the language of instruction is other than Estonian have to pass the obligatory Estonian language examination. Successful pupils receive the ♦ *Põhikooli lõputunnistus* certificate.**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*.

Poslovodja/dkinja (+)**Country:** Slovenia**Grammatical variants:** Poslovodje/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* certificate. It indicates the field of specialisation before or after the word *poslovodja/dkinja* (e.g. *trgovski poslovodja*). General term: *Naziv poklicne/strokovne izobrazbe*.**Poslovodski izpit****Country:** Slovenia**Grammatical variants:** Poslovodski 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 takenby 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 izobrazbi*. The name of these certificates varies depending on the type of programme concerned (for example, *potrdilo o izobraževanju*, *potrdilo o izpopolnjevanju* 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* izpit* 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* strokovn* 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 (*Obrtna zbornica Slovenije*) to apprentices who have passed the special examination ♦ *Vmesni preizkus* in the second year of vocational upper secondary education in the dual system (*dualni slovenistam*). 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 educa-

tion (*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.

Proagogikes 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 *enīaeo 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 apliecība

Country: Latvia

Grammatical variants: Profesionālās kvalifikācijas apliecības, profesionālās kvalifikācijas apliecību

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 ➤ *Centralizēts 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, -bachelor, -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 *ingeniørhøjskoler*, *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* (+).

Propedeutisch 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 *propedeutisch 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* or *hogeschool*). The content and organisation of the examination are the responsibility of the institution concerned. Successful candidates are awarded a ♦ *Getuigschrift van het propedeutisch 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).

Proviisori

Country: Finland

Grammatical variants: Proviisorit, proviisori-

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Title conferred on holders of the ♦ *Proviisorin tutkinto* degree.

Proviisorin 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 academic studies in pharmacy (or 2 years after the ♦ *Farmaseutin tutkinto*) at university (*yltiopisto*). To obtain the degree, students prepare a thesis, which is assessed in accordance with faculty regulations. They also have to complete a 6-month period of practical training. The degree

gives access to the labour market as a pharmacist, as well as to advanced doctoral studies leading to the ♦ *Tohtorin tutkinto* (+). It confers on its holder the title of ♦ *Proviisori*. Swedish term: *Provisors-examen*.

Provisor

Country: Finland

Grammatical variants: -n, -er, -erna

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Swedish term for ♦ *Proviisori*.

Provisorsexamen

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 Hochschulelehrgangs

Country: Liechtenstein

Grammatical variants: Prüfungen zum Abschluss eines Hochschulelehrgangs, Prüfung*
Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: National-level examination organised at the end of 1 to 2 semesters of university studies at the *Fachhochschule (Hochschulelehrgang)* 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 3

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 fifth and sixth years (in general or technical education) or the fifth, sixth and seventh years (in vocational education).

Prüfung zum Erwerb des Abschlusszeugnisses der Unterstufe 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 Unterstufe 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.

Psykologexamen

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* (+).

Psykoterapeutexamen

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.

Ptychio (+)

(Πτυχίο)

Country: Cyprus

Grammatical variants: Ptychia, ptychi*
Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note:

- First degree awarded by universities (*pan-epistimia*) 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*, *polytechnio*) 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 ekpaedefteriou

(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 ♦ *Apolytiro technologikou epaggelmatikou ekpaedeftiriou*.



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 Hauptschulabschluss

Country: Germany

Grammatical variants: Qualifiziert*
Hauptschulabschluss*

Level: ISCED 2

Explanatory note: Term used in certain *Länder* for
♦ *Qualifizierender 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*.



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 schools for the training of nursery school teachers and in social pedagogy (*Sozialpädagogik*), which lasts 5 years. The examination is internally organised by the individual institution but subjects for the written parts have to be submitted to the regional school authorities for approval. Oral examinations are chaired by an external repre-

sentative of the school authorities. Examinations vary depending on the type of institution and branch of study, and those who pass them receive the ♦ *Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis*.

Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis

Country: Austria

Grammatical variants: Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnisse, Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis*

Level: ISCED 4

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to those who pass the ♦ *Reife- und Diplomprüfung* at the end of upper secondary technical and vocational education in the *berufsbildende höhere Schule* (BHS) and upper secondary schools for 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 (*Fachbereichsarbeit*) that has to be completed by the end of the first semester of the final year and may replace one of the written examinations. The examining board includes teachers from the school and a representative of the regional education authority or the headteacher of another school. 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*.

Rigorozenzeugnis

Country: Austria

Grammatical variants: Rigorozenzeugnisse, Rigorozenzeugnis*

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 *Rigorozenzeugnis*. 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 rigorózne 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 lõpuksamid*. 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 policealnej* certificate (in post-secondary schools offering 1-year courses). The title may also be conferred in adult education



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.

Schoolexamen

Country: The Netherlands

Grammatical variants: Schoolexamens

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* (+) in business administration (*candidatus mercatorius*). Abbreviation: Siv.øk.

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 ♦ *Spričevalo 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 *Doktorsexamen* (+).

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 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 *Doktorsexamen* (+).

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, univ. dipl. ekon., spec. za menedž.).

Specialiseringsexamen

Country: Finland

Grammatical variants: -examina

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Swedish term for *Erikoistutustutkinto*.

Specialist po (+)

(Специалист по)

Country: Bulgaria

Grammatical variants: Specialisti po

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Professional title conferred on students who have obtained the *Diploma za zavurchena 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*.

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 *Erikoisammattitutkinto*.

Sprejemni izpit

Country: Slovenia

Grammatical variants: Sprejemni izpiti, sprejemn* izpit*

Level: ISCED 3 and 5

Explanatory note: Synonym for *Sprejemni preizkus*.

Sprejemni preizkus

Country: Slovenia

Grammatical variants: Sprejemni preizkusi, sprejemn* preizkus*

Level: ISCED 3 and 5

Explanatory note: Entrance examination for educational programmes with special entrance requirements (abilities in artistic or sports activity). It is conducted in secondary schools, academies and faculties or in the National Examinations Centre. The content of the examination depends on the programme concerned, for which students who pass it can enrol. Synonym: *Sprejemni izpit*.

Spričevalo o delovodskem izpitu

Country: Slovenia

Grammatical variants: Spričevala o delovodskem izpitu, spričeval* o delovodskem 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 *Delovodski 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 *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 *Mojstrski 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 izpitu 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 *Poslovodja/dkinja* (+).

Spričevalo o zaključnem izpitu

Country: Slovenia

Grammatical variants: Spričevala o zaključnem izpitu, spričeval* o zaključn* izpit*

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 *sprichevalo o zaključnem izpitu s pohvalo*. Note: This certificate which, until the 2001/02 school year, was awarded to students who passed the *zaključni izpit* examination at the end of 4-year technical upper secondary education, has been replaced by the *Sprichevalo 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: Staatsexamens

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: Staatsexamens 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: Staatsexamens 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: Staatsexamens 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, pharmaceuticals, 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: Štátne skúšky, štátn* skúšk*

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 ▶ *Vysvědčení 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* rigorózní* 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 ▶ *Vysvědčení 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 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 závěrečné zkoušky, státní* závěrečn* zkoušk*

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 izpiti, 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 knowledge of the constitutional order, as well as of legislation regulating human and children's rights and fundamental freedoms, legislation on education and the official language of instruction. The written part seeks 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 naslovi, 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* (+), ♦ *Professor/ica* (+), ♦ *Doktor/ica* (+), ♦ *Magister/tra farmacije* and ♦ *Specialist/ka* (+).

Student

Country: Finland

Grammatical variants: -en, -er, -erna

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Swedish term for ♦ *Ylioppilas*.

Stúdent

Country: Iceland

Grammatical variants: Stúdent

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Title conferred by upper secondary schools (*menntaskóli, verkmenntaskóli, framhaldsskóli* and *fjölbraitaskóli*) on pupils who obtain the ♦ *Stúdentsprófsskírteini* certificate.

Studentereksamen

Country: Denmark

Grammatical variants: -eksamenen, -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.

Studentereksamensbevis

Country: Denmark

Grammatical variants: -beviset, -beviser, -beviserne

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by the *gymnasium* to pupils or adults who have passed the ♦ *Studentereksamen*. It indicates the marks for the year's work in the subjects which form part of the *studentereksamen*, the examination marks, including the mark for the year's work in subjects

which were not examined, the average of the marks for the year's work, the average of all the examination marks and the examination result, which is the average of the two foregoing averages. It is a basic qualification for entry to 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*, *verkmennaskóli*, *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 of completion of general upper secondary education (*menntaskóli*, *verkmennaskóli*, *framhaldsskóli* and *fjölbrautaskóli*), which is awarded by upper secondary schools to pupils who pass the of ♦ *Stúdentspróf* examination. It confers on them the title of ♦ *Stúdent*, and indicates the programme studied, the subjects passed and the marks obtained in the tests. This qualification is recognised for entry to tertiary education.

Studiegetuigsschrift

Country: Belgium (Flemish Community)

Level: ISCED 3 and 4

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 ♦ *Getuigsschrift (tweede graad secundair onderwijs)*.

Studiegetuigsschrift 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 ♦ *Kwalificatiegetuigsschrift 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.

Studiegetuigsschrift 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 **Studienberechtigungszugnis** certificate.

Studienberechtigungszugnis

Country: Austria

Grammatical variants: Studienberechtigungszugnisse, Studienberechtigungszugnis*

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).

Stufenzeugnis der zweiten Stufe

Country: Belgium (German-speaking Community)

Grammatical variants: Stufenzeugnisse

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.

Sveinn

Country: Iceland

Grammatical variants: Sveins, sveinar

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Title conferred on apprentices who obtain the **Sveinsbréf** certificate.

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 (*iðnskóli, fjölbrautaskóli, 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.

Svendebrev

Country: Denmark

Grammatical variants: Svendebreve, svendebreve

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 (*høveforløbet*), 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, svennebrev

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 pravospodobnost, izdavano za profesii upravniavaneto na koito iziskva pravospodobnost

(Свидетелство за правоспособност, издавано за професии, упражняването на които изисква правоспособност)

Country: Bulgaria

Grammatical variants: Svidetelstva za pravospodobnost, izdavano za profesii upravniavaneto na koito iziskva pravospodobnost

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate of competence, which testifies to the acquisition of vocational skills and is issued by the *professionalno utchilichte* 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 kvalifikasia

(Свидетелство за професионална квалификация)

Country: Bulgaria

Grammatical variants: Svidetelstva za profesionalna kvalifikasia

Level: ISCED 2 and 3

Explanatory note: Vocational qualification certificate which is issued by the *professionalno utchilichte*

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 utchilichte*, *osnovno utchilichte* or *sredno obchtoobrazovatelno utchilichte*, 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**.

Świadectwo ukończenia gimnazjum

Country: Poland

Grammatical variants: Świadectwa ukończenia gimnazjum, świadectw* 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 ▶ *Egzamin na zakończenie gimnazjum*. 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 liceum ogólnokształcącego, świadectw* 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, świadectw* ukończenia liceum profilowanego

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate testifying to completion of 3 years of specialised 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, świadectw* 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 uzupełniającego

Country: Poland

Grammatical variants: Świadectwa ukończenia liceum uzupełniającego, świadectw* ukończenia liceum uzupełniającego

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate testifying to completion of 2 years of further general upper secondary education (*liceum uzupełniające*). The institution issuing this 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 liceum ogólnokształcącego*.

Świadectwo ukończenia liceum zawodowego

Country: Poland

Grammatical variants: Świadectwa ukończenia liceum zawodowego, świadectw* 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, świadectw* 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 ▶ *Test na zakończenie szkoły podstawowej*. It is

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 final year of studies and 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. The certificate, which confers on its holders the title of ♦ *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 nauki zawodu* examination. The certificate indicates the subjects and the marks obtained during 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 holders the title ♦ *Robotnik wykwalifikowany* and may also be awarded in adult education.

Szakképző iskolai képesítő bizonyítvány

Country: Hungary

Grammatical variants: Szakképző iskolai képesítő bizonyítványok, szakképző iskolai 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 of ♦ *Szakk munkás* and gives access to employment as a skilled worker.

Szakközépiskolai bizonyítvány

Country: Hungary

Grammatical variants: Szakközépiskolai bizonyítványok, szakközépiskolai bizonyítvány*

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate of completion of vocational upper secondary education lasting 4 or 6 years which is awarded by schools on the basis of class marks, without a final examination. The certificate indicates the subjects studied and final marks obtained, and is required by pupils wishing to take the ♦ *Szakmai vizsga* or ♦ *Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő vizsga* examinations.

Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítvány

Country: Hungary

Grammatical variants: Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítványok, szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítvány*

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded by schools to pupils who pass the combined ♦ *Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő vizsga* examination. The certificate indicates the field of specialisation, the subjects studied and the marks obtained in the examination. It confers on its holder the title of ♦ *Szakk munkás* and gives access to the occupation concerned and/or tertiary education.

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*, ♦ *Szakképző 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*.

Szaktanulás

Country: Hungary

Grammatical variants: Szaktanulások, szaktanulás*

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*, ♦ *Szaktanulásképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány* or the ♦ *Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítvány*.

Szaktanulásképző iskolai bizonyítvány

Country: Hungary

Grammatical variants: Szaktanulásképző iskolai bizonyítványok, szaktanulásképző 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*.

Szaktanulásképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány

Country: Hungary

Grammatical variants: Szaktanulásképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítványok, szaktanulásképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány*

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Vocational training certificate, awarded by vocational education institutions (*szaktanulásképző iskola*) to pupils normally aged 17 who have passed the ♦ *Szakmai vizsga* examination. The certificate confers on its holders the occupational title ♦ *Szaktanulás* and gives access to the occupation concerned and/or to upper secondary education (evening classes).

Szakoklevél

Country: Hungary

Grammatical variants: Szakoklevelek, 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 breveté

Country: France

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Synonym for *Agent technique breveté*.

Technicien supérieur

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 *Dyplom ukończenia szkoły policealnej* (in post-secondary schools with courses lasting two to two-and-a-half years). The title may also be obtained in adult education.

Tecnico

Country: Italy

Grammatical variants: Tecnici

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 professionale*.

Técnico Auxiliar en (+)

Country: Spain

Grammatical variants: Técnica/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 específica 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:** Tehniki/nice, tehnik*/tehnica***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

(Τελικές εξετάσεις)

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 skúška* 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

(Τίτλος 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 ♦ *Título 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

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

Country: Finland

Grammatical variants: Todistukset, todistuks*

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded at the end of vocational upper secondary education. The qualification obtained is the **✦ Ammatillinen perustutkinto**. 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

(Удостоверение 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 noslējuma pārbaudījums

Country: Latvia

Grammatical variants: Valsts noslējuma pārbaudījumi, valsts noslējuma pārbaudījumu

Level: ISCED 3 and 4

Explanatory note: Final state examination held at the end of 3–4 years of vocational secondary education (*profesionālā 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.

- At the end of basic education, it consists of written and oral examinations in mathematics, the language of tuition and its literature, and Latvian in the case of pupils in minority education programmes, as well as written tests in one foreign language, history and social sciences, natural sciences, and an examination in sports.

- At the end of general (upper) secondary education it contains written and oral examinations in Latvian language and literature, a compulsory subject corresponding to the education programme, a subject set by the school, and two examinations in a subject selected by the pupil as well as no more than four tests in compulsory subjects. The Ministry of Education and Science specifies annually the final examinations and tests that should be held in the case of general (upper) secondary education, with normally at least five examinations. In most cases examinations are organised in the form of ♦ *Centralizētais eksāmens* and those who pass the *Valsts pārbaudījums* and whose assessment in all subjects is satisfactory, receive the ♦ *Apliecība par pamatzglītību* (in basic education) or ♦ *Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību* (in upper secondary education).
- 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 līmeņa 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*.

Veterinärexamen

Country: Sweden

Grammatical variants: Veterinärexamina

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

(Βεβαίωση)

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

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 ► *Avgangsprøve* 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.

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, Billedkunstutdanning*.

Vmbo-certificaat

Country: The Netherlands

Grammatical variants: Vmbo-certificaten

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* preizkus***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 (*Obrtna 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/a*, depending on the field concerned. Holders of the title *magistr/a* 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 diplomy, 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 ♦ *Štátna 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 ♦ *Magister* (+), ♦ *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 *štátna 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

magister or *inžinier*. It confers on its holder the title of ♦ *Bakalár*.

- Diploma awarded to students who have already obtained the title of *magister* and passed the ♦ *Rigorózná skúška* examination. It confers on them the title of ♦ *Doktor* (+) in the field of natural sciences, pharmacy, human sciences and arts, law, education, and theology except in the case of catholic theology. The diploma gives access to the labour market or to advanced study and research.
- Diploma awarded to students who have already obtained the title of *magister* or *inžinier* and successfully completed 3 or 4 years of advanced study and research. It testifies that its holders have obtained the highest academic title of *doktor*.

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

Vysvědčení o absolutoriu

Country: Czech Republic

Grammatical variants: Vysvědčení* o absolutoriu

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Certificate testifying to success in the ♦ *Absolutorium* at the *vyšší odborná škola* (an institution for technical tertiary education) and *konzervatoř* (conservatoire).

Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce

Country: Czech Republic

Grammatical variants: Vysvědčení* o maturitní 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.
- Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the *maturitní zkouška* examination after 2 years of extension courses at post-secondary level (*nástavbové studium*). The content and organisation of the courses are similar to those in vocational or technical upper secondary schools.

The certificate is a basic qualification for entry to university or non-university tertiary education.

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.

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.
- Certificate testifying to successful completion of the *státní rigorózní 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 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 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.

Vysvědčení o závěrečné zkoušce

Country: Czech Republic

Grammatical variants: Vysvědčení* o závěrečné zkoušce

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the ♦ *Závěrečná 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 skúškach, 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 skúškach, 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.

Výuční list

Country: Czech Republic

Grammatical variants: Výuční listy, výuční* list*

Level: ISCED 2 and 3

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils who pass the ♦ *Závěrečná zkouška* examination in vocational fields 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*).

Výučný list

Country: Slovakia

Grammatical variants: Výučné listy, výučn* list*

Level: ISCED 3

Explanatory note: Vocational proficiency certificate awarded by schools at the end of vocational and specialised upper secondary education to pupils who pass the ♦ *Záverečná skúška* examination. The certificate is always accompanied by the ♦ *Vysvedčenie o záverečnej skúške* certificate. It gives access to the labour market, indicating the trade or occupation for which its holder is qualified.



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: *Studentexamen*.

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 ♦ *Ammattilinen opistoasteen tutkinto*.

Yrkeshögskoleexamen

Country: Finland

Grammatical variants: -examina

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Swedish term for ♦ *Ammattikorkeakoulututkinto*.

Yrkesinriktad påbyggnadsexamen

Country: Finland

Grammatical variants: -examina

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Swedish term for ♦ *Erikoistutkinto*.



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 ♦ *Spričevalo o zaključnem izpitu* 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.

Zaključno spričevalo

Country: Slovenia

Grammatical variants: Zaključna spričevala, zaključn* spričeval*

Level: ISCED 2

Explanatory note: Certificate awarded to pupils on completion of the 9-year school for compulsory education, after they have passed the ♦ *Zaključno preverjanje in ocenjevanje znanja*. The certificate indicates their achievements in all subjects, and gives access to all types of upper secondary education.

Záróvizsga

Country: Hungary

Grammatical variants: Záróvizsgák, záróvizsga*

Level: ISCED 5

Explanatory note: Examination held on completion of non-university and university tertiary education, which has to be taken in order to obtain the ♦ *Főiskolai oklevél* or ♦ *Egyetemi oklevél* diploma. Set by each institution in accordance with its curriculum, the examination consists of the preparation and defence of a dissertation, written and oral examinations and, in certain cases, a practical test (e.g. for teachers). Candidates are assessed by a state board of examiners, one of whom is from outside the institution concerned.

Závěrečná skúška

Country: Slovakia

Grammatical variants: Závěrečné skúšky, závěrečn* skúšk*

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 leaving certificate ♦ *Vysvedčenie o záverečnej skúške*, which is accompanied by a vocational proficiency certificate

♦ **Výučný list.** 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, závěrečn* zkouš*

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 Hochschulelehrgangs*. 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 ♦ *Abiturprüfung* 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, Sonderschulen, 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*.

Part II – Summary tables

Belgium (French Community)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1	Examen cantonal	Certificat d'Études de Base (●)	
ISCED 2		Certificat d'Études de Base (●)	
ISCED 3		Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire du Deuxième Degré (CESDD) (Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Inférieur (CESI)) (●) Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur (CESS) (●) Certificat d'Études (CE) Certificat de Qualification (CQ 6) (●)	
ISCED 4	Examen d'Aptitude à accéder à l'Enseignement Supérieur	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur (CESS) (●) Certificat d'Études (CE) Certificat de Qualification (CQ 7) (●) Diplôme d'Aptitude à accéder à l'Enseignement Supérieur (DAES)	
ISCED 5	Examen spécial d'admission aux études universitaires de 1er cycle en sciences appliquées	Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur (AESI) Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur (AESS) Architecte Candidature en (+) Certificat d'aptitude pédagogique (CAP) (●) Certificat d'aptitude pédagogique approprié à l'Enseignement supérieur (CAPAES) (●) Diplôme d'études approfondies (DEA) Diplôme d'études complémentaires (DEC) Diplôme d'études spécialisées (DES) Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées (DESS) Diplôme de spécialisation Doctorat en (+) Graduat en (+) (●) Ingénieur (+) (●) Licence en (+) Maîtrise en (+)	Agrégé/e de l'enseignement secondaire inférieur (Régent/e) (AESI) Agrégé/e de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur (AESS) Architecte Candidat/e en (+) Docteur en (+) Gradué/e en (+) (●) Ingénieur (+) (●) Licencié/e en (+) Maître en (+)

Belgium (French Community) (continued)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 6		Agrégation de l'enseignement supérieur Doctorat en (+)	Agrégé/e de l'enseignement supérieur Docteur en (+)

(●) Applicable also to adult education (only qualifications and titles awarded in education for *promotion sociale* (adult education) are referred to).

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*.

Belgium (German-speaking Community)

Mainstream education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1	Abschlussprüfung der Grundschulbildung (●) Kantonalprüfung (●)	Abschlusszeugnis der Grundschule	
ISCED 2	Prüfung zum Erwerb des Abschlusszeugnisses der Unterstufe des Sekundarunterrichts (●)	Abschlusszeugnis der Grundschule Abschlusszeugnis der Unterstufe des Sekundarunterrichts Stufenzeugnis der zweiten Stufe Studienzeugnis des zweiten Jahres des berufsbildenden Sekundarunterrichts	
ISCED 3	Prüfung zum Erwerb des Abschlusszeugnisses der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts (●)	Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts Abschlusszeugnis der Sekundarschule Befähigungsnachweis des sechsten Jahres des Sekundarunterrichts	
ISCED 4			
ISCED 5		Diplom (+)	
ISCED 6			

(●) Applicable also to adult education

Special educational needs

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 3		Befähigungsnachweis	

Belgium (Flemish Community)

Mainstream education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1		Eindattest van het deeltijds kunstonderwijs (●) Getuigschrift basisonderwijs (■)	
ISCED 2		Getuigschrift (+) (■) Getuigschrift van het deeltijds kunstonderwijs (+) (Getuigschrift DKO) (●) Oriënteringsattest A (A-attest) Oriënteringsattest B (B-attest) Oriënteringsattest C (C-attest)	
ISCED 3		Attest (●) Attest van regelmatige leverbijwoning Attest voor verworven bekwaamheden Certificaat (+) (●) Deelcertificaat (+) (●) Diploma secundair onderwijs (Diploma SO) (●) Getuigschrift (+) (■) Getuigschrift over de basiskennis van het bedrijfsbeheer (●) Getuigschrift van het deeltijds kunstonderwijs (+) (Getuigschrift DKO) (●) Kwalificatiegetuigschrift van het deeltijds beroepsonderwijs (Kwalificatiegetuigschrift DBSO) Oriënteringsattest A (A-attest) Oriënteringsattest B (B-attest) Oriënteringsattest C (C-attest) Studiegetuigschrift (●) Studiegetuigschrift derde graad deeltijds beroepssecundair onderwijs Studiegetuigschrift tweede graad deeltijds beroepssecundair onderwijs	

Belgium (Flemish Community) (continued)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 4		Attest (●) Attest van regelmatige lesbijwoning Certificaat (+) (●) Deelcertificaat (+) (●) Diploma in de verpleegkunde Kwalificatiegetuigschrift van het deeltijds kunstonderwijs (+) (Kwalificatiegetuigschrift DKO) (●) Studiegetuigschrift (●)	
ISCED 5		Apotheker Architect Arts (Dokter) Baccalaureus Certificaat (+) (●) Deelcertificaat (+) (●) Dierenarts Gediplomeerde in de aanvullende studies van (+) (GAS(+)) Gediplomeerde in de gespecialiseerde studies van (+) (GGS (+)) Gediplomeerde in de voortgezette studies van (+) (GAS(+)) Gediplomeerde in de voortgezette studies van (+) (GGS (+)) Gegradueerde in de (+) (Graduaat) (●) Ingenieur Kandidaat in de (+) Licentiaat in de (+) Meester (+) Tandarts	Apotheker Architect Arts (Dokter) Baccalaureus Dierenarts Gediplomeerde in de aanvullende studies van (+) (GAS(+)) Gediplomeerde in de gespecialiseerde studies van (+) (GGS(+)) Gediplomeerde in de voortgezette studies van (+) Gegradueerde in de (+) (Graduaat) Ingenieur Kandidaat in de (+) Licentiaat in de (+) Meester (+) Tandarts
ISCED 6		Doctoraatsgetuigschrift	Doctor in de (+)

(●) Applicable also to adult education

(■) Applicable also to SEN

Belgium (Flemish Community) (continued)

Special educational needs

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1		Attest voor het (+)	
ISCED 2		Attest van gedane studies Attest van verworven vaardigheden Attest voor het (+) Getuigschrift van verworven vaardigheden	
ISCED 3		Attest van gedane studies Attest van verworven vaardigheden Attest voor het (+) Getuigschrift van alternerende beroepsopleiding Getuigschrift van verworven vaardigheden	

Adult education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 5		Attest Getuigschrift van pedagogische bekwaamheid (GPB)	

Note:

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.

Czech Republic

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2	Závěrečná zkouška	Výuční list	
ISCED 3	Maturitní zkouška Závěrečná zkouška	Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce Vysvědčení o závěrečné zkoušce Výuční list	
ISCED 4	Maturitní zkouška	Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce	
ISCED 5	Absolutorium Státní rigorózní zkouška Státní závěrečná zkouška	Diplom Vysokoškolský diplom Vysvědčení o absolutoriu Vysvědčení o státní rigorózní zkoušce Vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce	Bakalář (Bc., BcA.) Diplomovaný/ná specialista/ka v oboru (DiS.) Doktor/ka (+) (JUDr., MUDr., MVDr., PharmDr., PhDr., RNDr., ThDr.) Inženýr/ka (Ing., Ing.arch.) Licenciát teologie (ThLic.) Magistr/a (MgA., Mgr.)
ISCED 6	Státní doktorská zkouška	Vysokoškolský diplom Vysvědčení o státní doktorské zkoušce	Doktor/ka (+) (Ph.D, Th.D.)

Notes:

The *Závěrečná zkouška* (examination) and *Výuční list* (qualification) at *Učiliště* correspond to ISCED level 2C.

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).

Denmark

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2	Folkeskolens afgangsprøve Folkeskolens udvidede afgangsprøve	Afgangsbasis fra Folkeskolen	
ISCED 3	Afsluttende fagprøve Højere Forberedelseksamen (HF) Højere Handelseksamen (HHX) Højere Teknisk Eksamen (HTX) Studentereksamen (●) Svendeprøve	Bevis for Højere Forberedelseksamen Bevis for Højere Handelseksamen Bevis for Højere Teknisk Eksamen Skolebevis Studentereksamensbevis (●) Svendebevis Uddannelsesbevis	
ISCED 4			
ISCED 5		Bachelorgrad Bevis for (+) Billedkunstnergrad Diplomeksamen (Musik) Eksamensbevis som (+) Kandidatgrad Konservatorgrad Professionsbachelorgrad	Bachelor (+) (B.Sc., B.A.) Billedkunstner Candidatus (+) (Cand. (+), Kandidat) Diplomingeniør Konservator Professionsbachelor (+)
ISCED 6		Doktorgrad Ph.d.-grad	Doktor (+) (Dr. (+)) Philosophiae doctor (Ph.d.)

(●) Applicable also to adult education

Germany

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2		<p>Abgangszeugnis</p> <p>Erweiterter Hauptschulabschluss (Erweiterter Berufsbildungsreife)</p> <p>Erweiterter Realschulabschluss (Erweiterter Sekundarabschluss I, Qualifizierter Realschulabschluss)</p> <p>Fachoberschulreife (Sekundarabschluss I)</p> <p>Hauptschulabschluss (Sekundarabschluss I)</p> <p>Mittlerer Schulabschluss (Mittlerer Abschluss, Mittlerer Bildungsabschluss, Qualifizierter Sekundarabschluss I, Realschulabschluss, Wirtschaftsschulabschluss)</p> <p>Qualifizierender Hauptschulabschluss (Qualifizierter Hauptschulabschluss)</p>	
ISCED 3	<p>Abiturprüfung</p> <p>Ausbildungsabschlussprüfung</p> <p>Berufliche Abschlussprüfung</p>	<p>Abgangszeugnis</p> <p>Abitur</p> <p>Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule</p> <p>Allgemeine Hochschulreife</p> <p>Berufsbildungsreife</p> <p>Berufsqualifizierender Abschluss</p> <p>Erster allgemein bildender Schulabschluss (Berufsreife, Berufsbildungsreife)</p> <p>Facharbeiterbrief</p> <p>Fachgebundene Hochschulreife</p> <p>Fachhochschulreife</p> <p>Fachoberschulreife (Sekundarabschluss I)</p> <p>Gesellenbrief</p> <p>Kaufmannsgehilfenbrief</p> <p>Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife</p> <p>Zeugnis der Fachgebundenen Hochschulreife</p> <p>Zeugnis der Fachhochschulreife</p>	

Germany (continued)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 4			
ISCED 5	Diplomprüfung Hochschulprüfung Kirchliche Abschlussprüfung Konzertexamen (Konzertreifeprüfung, Künstlerische Reifeprüfung) Künstlerische Abschlussprüfung Lizentiatenprüfung Magisterprüfung Meisterklassenexamen Meisterprüfung Staatliche Abschlussprüfung Staatsprüfung (Staatsexamen)	Bachelor (+) (B.A., B.Sc.) Diplomgrad Lizentiatengrad Magistergrad Master (+) Meisterbrief	Bachelor (+) (B.A., B.Sc.) Diplom (+) (Dipl. (+)) Lizentiat (Lic. theol.) Magister (+) (M.A., M.Sc.) Master (+) Meisterschüler
ISCED 6	Promotion	Doktorgrad	Doktor (+) (Dr. (+))

Estonia

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2	Põhikooli lõpueksamid	Põhikooli lõputunnistus	
ISCED 3	Gümnaasiumi lõpueksamid Riigieksamid Koolieksamid	Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus Riigieksamitunnistus Lõputunnistus põhihariduse baasil kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta	
ISCED 4		Lõputunnistus keskhariduse baasil kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta	
ISCED 5	Lõpueksam Bakalaureuseksam Magistrieksam	Diplom Bakalaureusekraad Magistrikraad	Bakalaureus Magister
ISCED 6		Doktorikraad	Doktor

Greece

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1		Titlos spoudon (Τίτλος σπουδών)	
ISCED 2		Apolytirio gymnasiou (Απολυτήριο γυμνασίου)	
ISCED 3	Apolytiries exetaseis (Απολυτήριες εξετάσεις) Panelladikes exetaseis (Πανελλαδικές εξετάσεις) Proagogikes exetaseis (Προαγωγικές εξετάσεις)	Apolytirio eniaiou lykeiou (Απολυτήριο ενιαίου λυκείου) Apolytirio technologikou epaggelmatikou ekraedeftiriou (Απολυτήριο τεχνολογικού επαγγελματικού εκπαιδευτηρίου) Vevaeosi (Βεβαίωση)	Ptychiouchos technologikou epaggelmatikou ekraedefteriou (Πτυχιούχος τεχνολογικού επαγγελματικού εκπαιδευτηρίου)
ISCED 4		Diploma epaggelmatikis katartisis (Δίπλωμα επαγγελματικής κατάρτισης)	
ISCED 5		Diploma (+) (Δίπλωμα) Metaptychiako diploma eidikefsis (+) (Μεταπτυχιακό δίπλωμα ειδίκευσης) Ptychio (+) (Πτυχίο)	Ptychiouchos (+) (Πτυχιούχος)
ISCED 6		Didaktoriko diploma (+) (Διδακτορικό δίπλωμα)	Didaktor (+) (Διδάκτωρ)

Spain

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2		Certificado acreditativo del grado elemental de (+) Certificado de Escolaridad Graduado en Educación Secundaria Graduado en Educación Secundaria Obligatoria Graduado Escolar Técnico Auxiliar en (+)	Graduado en Educación Secundaria Graduado en Educación Secundaria Obligatoria Graduado Escolar Técnico Auxiliar en (+)
ISCED 3	Pruebas de Acceso a la Universidad (PAU)(Selectividad) Prueba General de Bachillerato (PGB)	Bachiller Certificado académico del ciclo elemental de las enseñanzas de idiomas Certificado de aptitud del ciclo superior de las enseñanzas de idiomas Técnico en (+) Técnico Especialista en (+) Título profesional del grado medio de (+)	Bachiller Técnico en (+) Técnico Especialista en (+)
ISCED 4			
ISCED 5		Arquitecto Arquitecto Técnico Diplomatura en (+) Ingeniería en/de (+) Ingeniería Técnica en/de (+) Licenciatura en (+) Maestro (+) Técnico Superior en (+) Título Superior en (+)	Arquitecto Arquitecto Técnico Diplomado en (+) Ingeniero en/de (+) Ingeniero Técnico en/de (+) Licenciado en (+) Maestro (+) Técnico Superior en (+) Titulado Superior en (+)
ISCED 6		Doctorado en (+)	Doctor en (+)

Note:

Although titles and diplomas in Spain are awarded by the educational institutions concerned, it is either the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports or the competent authority in each Autonomous Community that issues them.

France

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2		Brevet	
ISCED 3		Baccalauréat Brevet d'études professionnelles (BEP) Brevet de technicien (BT, BTA) Certificat d'aptitude professionnelle (CAP) Certificat de fin d'études secondaire (CFES) Certificat de formation générale (CFG) Diplôme d'accès aux études universitaires (DAEU)	Agent technique breveté (Technicien breveté) Bachelier/ère
ISCED 4			
ISCED 5		Agrégation Architecte diplômé par le Gouvernement Brevet de technicien supérieur (BTS) Certificat d'aptitude au professorat de l'enseignement secondaire (CAPES) Certificat d'aptitude au professorat des écoles (CAPE) Certificat de capacité (+) Diplôme d'État d'audioprothésiste Diplôme d'État de docteur (+) Diplôme d'État de sage-femme Diplôme d'études spécialisées (DES) Diplôme d'études spécialisées complémentaires (DESC) Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées (DESS) Diplôme d'études universitaires générales (DEUG) Diplôme d'études universitaires scientifiques et techniques (DEUST) Diplôme de fin de deuxième cycle des études médicales (DF2CEM) Diplôme de master Diplôme de recherche technologique (DRT)	Architecte diplômé par le Gouvernement Docteur en (+) Ingénieur Ingénieur-maître Licencié/e en (+) Technicien supérieur

France (continued)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 5 (continued)		Diplôme des grandes écoles Diplôme national de technologie spécialisée (DNTS) Diplôme universitaire de technologie (DUT) Ingénieur Licence Licence professionnelle Magistère Maîtrise (+)	
ISCED 6		Diplôme d'études approfondies (DEA) Diplôme de master Doctorat (+) Habilitation à diriger des recherches	Docteur en (+)

Ireland

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2	Junior Certificate examination	Junior Certificate National foundation certificate (●)	
ISCED 3	Leaving Certificate examination	Leaving Certificate National vocational certificate level 1 (●)	
ISCED 4		National vocational certificate level 2 (●) National vocational certificate level 3 (●)	
ISCED 5		Bachelor's degree Graduate Diploma HETAC Diploma Higher diploma in education (H.Dip.Ed.) Master's degree National Certificate (+) (Cert, NC) National Diploma (+) (ND, Dip.)	Bachelor of (+) (B.Eng., B.Sc., BA, BBS) Master of (+)
ISCED 6		Doctorate	Doctor (+) (Ph.D.)

(●) Applicable also to adult education

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.

Italy

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1	Esame di idoneità Esame di licenza elementare Esame integrativo	Diploma di licenza elementare	
ISCED 2	Esame di idoneità Esame di licenza media Esame integrativo	Diploma di licenza media	
ISCED 3	Esame di idoneità Esame di licenza di maestro d'arte Esame di qualifica Esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore Esame integrativo	Diploma di maestro d'arte Diploma di qualifica Diploma di superamento dell'esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di studio di istruzione secondaria superiore (+)	Diplomato dell'istruzione secondaria superiore Maestro d'arte Operatore Perito Tecnico
ISCED 4		Certificato di Specializzazione Tecnica Superiore	Tecnico Specializzato
ISCED 5	Esame di diploma universitario Esame di laurea Esame di laurea specialistica Esame di profitto Esame di specializzazione Esame integrativo	Diploma di Accademia di Belle Arti Diploma di Laurea (+) (DL, Laurea) Diploma di Laurea Specialistica (+) (DLS) Diploma di Specializzazione (DS) Diploma Superiore per le Industrie Artistiche Diploma Universitario (DU) Master di I livello Master di II livello	Diplomato universitario (+) Dottore/ssa in (+) (Dott./Dott.ssa, Laureato) Dottore/ssa specialista in (+) (Dott./Dott.ssa specialista) Specializzato in (+)
ISCED 6		Dottorato di Ricerca (DR)	Dottore/ssa di Ricerca

Cyprus

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1		Apolytirio (Απολυτήριο) Apolytirio dimotikou scholeiou (Απολυτήριο δημοτικού σχολείου)	
ISCED 2	Telikes exetáseis (Τελικές εξετάσεις)	Apolytirio (Απολυτήριο) Apolytirio gymnasiou (Απολυτήριο γυμνασίου)	
ISCED 3	Eisagogikes exetáseis (Εισαγωγικές εξετάσεις)	Apolytirio (Απολυτήριο) Apolytirio eniaaeou lykeiou (Απολυτήριο ενιαίου λυκείου)	
ISCED 4			
ISCED 5		Anotero diploma (Ανώτερο δίπλωμα) Diploma (Δίπλωμα) Master (+) (Μάστερ) Metartychiako diploma (Μεταπτυχιακό δίπλωμα) Pistopoiitiko spoudon (Πιστοποιητικό σπουδών) Ptychio (+) (Πτυχίο) (Bachelor)	Ptychiouchos (+) (Πτυχιούχος)
ISCED 6		Didaktoriko diploma (+) (Διδακτορικό δίπλωμα)	Didaktor (+) (Διδάκτωρ)

Latvia

Mainstream education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1		Apliecība par profesionālās ievirzes izglītības ieguvu	
ISCED 2	Centralizēts eksāmens Kvalifikācijas eksāmens Valsts pārbaudījums	Apliecība par pamatzglītību (■) Apliecība par profesionālās ievirzes izglītības ieguvu Apliecība par profesionālo pamatzglītību Liecība (■) Pamatzglītības sertifikāts (■) Profesionālās kvalifikācijas apliecība Sekmju izziņa	
ISCED 3	Centralizēts eksāmens Centralizēts profesionālās kvalifikācijas eksāmens Kvalifikācijas eksāmens Valsts noslēguma pārbaudījums Valsts pārbaudījums	Apliecība par profesionālās ievirzes izglītības ieguvu Apliecība par profesionālās pilnveides izglītības ieguvu Atestāts par arodizglītību Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību (■) Diploms par profesionālo vidējo izglītību Liecība (■) Profesionālās kvalifikācijas apliecība Sekmju izziņa Vispārējās vidējās izglītības sertifikāts	
ISCED 4	Centralizēts profesionālās kvalifikācijas eksāmens Kvalifikācijas eksāmens Valsts noslēguma pārbaudījums	Profesionālās kvalifikācijas apliecība Sekmju izziņa	
ISCED 5	Gala pārbaudījums Valsts pārbaudījums	Augstākās profesionālās izglītības diploms Augstākās profesionālās kvalifikācijas diploms Bakalaura diploms (+) Bakalaura (+) Diploms par pirmā līmeņa profesionālo augstāko izglītību Maģistra diploms (+) Maģistrs (+)	
ISCED 6		Doktora diploms (+)	Doktors (+)

(■) Applicable also to SEN

Latvia (continued)

Adult education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 3		Apliecība par profesionālās pilnveides izglītības ieguvu	

Note:

Apliecība par profesionālās pilnveides izglītības ieguvu currently relates mainly to ISCED 3, but may in principle be implemented at all levels (ISCED 2-6).

Lithuania

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1		Pradinio išsilavinimo pažymėjimas	
ISCED 2		Kvalifikacijos pažymėjimas Pagrindinio išsilavinimo pažymėjimas	
ISCED 3	Brandos egzaminai	Brandos atestatas Profesinio mokymo diplomas	
ISCED 4		Profesinio mokymo diplomas	
ISCED 5		Aukštesniojo mokslo diplomas Aukštojo mokslo diplomas Bakalauro diplomas Magistro diplomas Rezidentūros pažymėjimas (+)	Bakalauro laipsnis (+) (Bakalauras) Profesinė kvalifikacija Magistro laipsnis (+) (Magistras)
ISCED 6		Daktaro mokslo laipsnio diplomas Meno licenciatų diplomas	Daktaro mokslo laipsnis (+) (Daktaras) Meno licenciatas (Menininkas)

Luxembourg

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1	Examen d'admission à l'enseignement secondaire général		
ISCED 2		Certificat d'aptitude technique et professionnelle (CATP) Certificat de fin de scolarité	
ISCED 3	Examen de fin d'apprentissage Examen de fin d'études du technicien Examen de fin d'études secondaires Examen de fin d'études secondaires techniques	Certificat d'aptitude technique et professionnelle (CATP) Certificat d'Initiation Technique et Professionnelle (CITP) Certificat de Capacité Manuelle (CCM) Certificat de réussite de 5 années d'études de l'enseignement secondaire Certificat du cycle moyen de l'enseignement secondaire technique Diplôme d'Éducateur Diplôme d'État d'infirmier/ère Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires techniques Diplôme de technicien	
ISCED 4		Brevet de maîtrise (Maîtrise) Brevet de technicien supérieur (BTS)	
ISCED 5		Certificat (+) Certificat d'études pédagogiques Diplôme d'éducateur gradué Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées (DESS) Diplôme d'Ingénieur industriel Diplôme de Premier Cycle Universitaire (DPCU) Diplôme Universitaire de Technologie (DUT)	Éducateur gradué Ingénieur industriel
ISCED 6			

Hungary

Mainstream education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1		Általános iskolai bizonyítvány	
ISCED 2	Felvételi vizsga	Általános iskolai bizonyítvány	
ISCED 3	Érettségi vizsga Felvételi vizsga Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő vizsga Szakmai vizsga	Gimnáziumi bizonyítvány Gimnáziumi érettségi bizonyítvány Szakképző iskolai képesítő bizonyítvány Szakközépiskolai bizonyítvány Szakközépiskolai érettségi-képesítő bizonyítvány Szakközépiskolai képesítő bizonyítvány Szakmunkásképző iskolai bizonyítvány Szakmunkásképző iskolai-képesítő bizonyítvány	Szakmunkás
ISCED 4			
ISCED 5	Felvételi vizsga Szakmai vizsga Zárávizsga	Egyetemi oklevél Felsőfokú szakképesítést igazoló bizonyítvány Főiskolai oklevél Szakoklevél	Doktorátus Doktori cím (+) (Dr. (+)) Okleveles (+)
ISCED 6	Doktori szigorlat	Doktori fokozat	Doktori cím (+) (Dr. (+))

Adult education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1		Felnőttek általános iskolai bizonyítvány	
ISCED 2		Felnőttek általános iskolai bizonyítvány	

Special educational needs

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1		Gyógypedagógiai általános iskolai bizonyítvány	
ISCED 2		Gyógypedagógiai általános iskolai bizonyítvány	

Malta

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1	Junior lyceum examination		
ISCED 2	Secondary education certificate examination (SEC examination)	School leaving certificate Secondary education certificate (SEC)	
ISCED 3	Matriculation certificate examination	Certificate in (+) Foundation level 1 certificate in (+) Intermediate level 2 certificate in (+) Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology Certificate in Foundation Studies (+) (MCAST Certificate in Foundation Studies (+)) Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology Certificate/Diploma (+) (MCAST Certificate/Diploma (+)) Matriculation certificate	
ISCED 4		Advanced diploma level 3 (+) Diploma in (+) Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology Certificate/Diploma (+) (MCAST Certificate/Diploma (+))	
ISCED 5		Diploma in (+) Postgraduate certificate/diploma (+) Bachelor's degree Master's degree	Doctor (+) Magister Juris Master (+) (MA, MSc) Licentiate
ISCED 6		Doctorate	Doctor (+)

The Netherlands

Mainstream education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1	Eindtoets Basisonderwijs (CITO-toets)		
ISCED 2	Centraal examen Deelstaatsexamen Eindexamen (●) Eindexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Eindexamen vmbo, vmbo-eindexamen) Examen middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Examen mbo, mbo-examen) Extranei-examen Schoolexamen Staatsexamen Staatsexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Staatsexamen vmbo)	Certificaat middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Certificaat mbo, mbo-certificaat) Certificaat staatsexamen Certificaat staatsexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Certificaat staatsexamen vmbo) Certificaat voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Certificaat vmbo, vmbo-certificaat) (●) Diploma middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Diploma mbo, mbo-diploma) Diploma staatsexamen Diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Diploma staatsexamen vmbo) Diploma voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Diploma vmbo, vmbo-diploma) Schoolverlatersverklaring	
ISCED 3	Centraal examen Deelstaatsexamen Eindexamen (●) Eindexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Eindexamen havo, havo-eindexamen) (●) Eindexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (Eindexamen vwo, vwo-eindexamen) (●) Examen middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Examen mbo, mbo-examen) Extranei-examen Schoolexamen Staatsexamen Staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Staatsexamen havo) Staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (Staatsexamen vwo)	Certificaat middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Certificaat mbo, mbo-certificaat) Certificaat staatsexamen Certificaat staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Certificaat staatsexamen havo) Certificaat staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (Certificaat staatsexamen vwo) Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Diploma havo, havo-diploma) Diploma middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Diploma mbo, mbo-diploma) Diploma staatsexamen Diploma staatsexamen hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Diploma staatsexamen havo) Diploma staatsexamen voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (Diploma staatsexamen vwo)	

The Netherlands (continued)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 3 (continued)		Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (Diploma vwo, vwo-diploma) Schoolverlatersverklaring	
ISCED 4	Examen middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Examen mbo, mbo-examen) Extranei-examen	Certificaat middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Certificaat mbo, mbo-certificaat) Diploma hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Diploma havo, havo-diploma) Diploma middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Diploma mbo, mbo-diploma) Diploma voorbereidend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs (Diploma vmbo, vmbo-diploma) Diploma voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (Diploma vwo, vwo-diploma) Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen	
ISCED 5	Afsluitend examen Extranei-examen Propedeutisch examen	Getuigschrift van het afsluitend examen Getuigschrift van het propedeutisch examen	Bachelor (+) (B. (+)) Baccalaureus (+) (Bc. (+)) Doctorandus (Drs) Ingenieur (Ing., Ir.) Master (+) (M. (+)) Meester (Mr.) (Meester in de rechten)
ISCED 6	Promotie	Doctoraat	Doctor (Dr)

(●) Applicable also to adult education

Note:

Graduates decide whether they will use the international *Master* title or the Dutch title (*doctorandus* (drs.), *meester* (mr.), *ingenieur* (ir.))

Adult education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 2	Deeleindexamen		
ISCED 3	Deeleindexamen	Certificaat hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs (Certificaat havo, havo-certificaat) Certificaat voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (Certificaat vwo, vwo-certificaat)	

Austria

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2		Abschlusszeugnis der Hauptschule	
ISCED 3	Abschlussprüfung der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule Berufsreifeprüfung Diplomprüfung Lehrabschlussprüfung Reifeprüfung Studienberechtigungsprüfung	Abschlussprüfungszeugnis der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule Abschlusszeugnis der berufsbildenden mittleren Schule Abschlusszeugnis der Berufsschule Abschlusszeugnis der Polytechnischen Schule Berufsreifeprüfungszeugnis Diplom (+) Prüfungszeugnis Reifeprüfungszeugnis Studienberechtigungszeugnis	
ISCED 4	Diplomprüfung Reife- und Diplomprüfung	Diplom (+) Diplomprüfungszeugnis Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis	Ingenieur/in
ISCED 5	Abschlusskolloquium Abschlussprüfung Bakkalaureatsprüfung Diplomprüfung Diplomprüfung für das Lehramt (+) Magisterprüfung	Abschlusszertifikat Abschlussprüfungszeugnis Bakkalaureatsprüfungszeugnis Diplom (+) Diplomprüfungszeugnis Magisterprüfungszeugnis Zertifikat Zeugnis über die Diplomprüfung für das Lehramt (+)	Akademische/r (+) Bakkalaureus/rea (+) (Bakk. (+)) Diplom-Ingenieur/in (DI, Dipl.-Ing.) Diplompädagoge/in Magister/tra (+) (Mag. (+))
ISCED 6	Rigorosum	Rigorozenzeugnis	Doktor/in (+) (Dr. (+))

Poland

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1	Test na zakończenie szkoły podstawowej (●)	Świadectwo ukończenia szkoły podstawowej (●)	
ISCED 2	Egzamin na zakończenie gimnazjum (●)	Świadectwo ukończenia gimnazjum (●)	
ISCED 3	Egzamin dojrzałości (Matura) (●) Egzamin z nauki zawodu (●) Egzamin z przygotowania zawodowego (●)	Świadectwo dojrzałości (Świadectwo maturalne) (●) Świadectwo ukończenia liceum ogólnokształcącego (●) Świadectwo ukończenia liceum profilowanego (●) Świadectwo ukończenia liceum technicznego (●) Świadectwo ukończenia liceum uzupełniającego (●) Świadectwo ukończenia liceum zawodowego (●) Świadectwo ukończenia technikum uzupełniającego (●) Świadectwo ukończenia zasadniczej szkoły zawodowej (●) Świadectwo ukończenia technikum zawodowego (●)	Robotnik wykwalifikowany (●) Technik (●)
ISCED 4	Egzamin z nauki zawodu (●) Egzamin z przygotowania zawodowego (●)	Dyplom ukończenia szkoły policealnej (●)	Robotnik wykwalifikowany (●) Technik (●)
ISCED 5	Egzamin dyplomowy Egzamin magisterski	Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych	Inżynier (Inż.) Lekarz (+) Licencjat Magister (+) (Mgr, Mgr inż.)
ISCED 6	Egzamin doktorski Kolokwium habilitacyjne	Dyplom doktora Dyplom doktora habilitowanego	Doktor (Dr) Doktor habilitowany (Dr hab.)

(●) Applicable also to adult education

Portugal

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2	Prova de aptidão profissional (PAP) Prova global	Diploma de ensino básico Diploma de qualificação profissional de nível 2	
ISCED 3	Exame de equivalência à frequência Exame final de âmbito nacional Prova de aptidão profissional (PAP) Prova extraordinária de avaliação (PEA) Prova global	Diploma de estudos secundários Diploma de qualificação profissional de nível 3	
ISCED 4		Diploma de especialização tecnológica (DET)	
ISCED 5		Bacharelato Carta Magistral Diploma de conclusão da parte curricular do Mestrado Licenciatura Mestrado	Arquitecto Bacharel Enfermeiro Engenheiro Licenciado Mestre
ISCED 6	Prova de doutoramento Provas complementares	Carta Doutoral Doutoramento	Doutor

Slovenia

Mainstream education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1	Nacionalni preizkus znanja po 1. obdobju Nacionalni preizkus znanja po 2. obdobju	Letno spričevalo (●) Obvestilo o rezultatih preverjanja znanja Spričevalo o izobraževanju na domu	
ISCED 2	Skupinsko preverjanje znanja Zaključno preverjanje in ocenjevanje znanja (●)	Letno spričevalo (●) Obvestilo o doseženem uspehu pri preverjanju znanja Potrdilo o izpolnjeni osnovnošolski obveznosti Spričevalo o izobraževanju na domu Spričevalo o končani osnovni šoli (●) Zaključno spričevalo (●)	
ISCED 3	Diferencialni izpit (●) Matura (●) Poklicna matura (●) Sprejemni preizkus (Sprejemni izpit) (●) Vmesni preizkus Zaključni izpit (●)	Letno spričevalo (●) Maturitetno spričevalo (●) Potrdilo o opravljenem izpitu iz maturitetnega predmeta (●) Potrdilo o opravljenem vmesnem preizkusu Spričevalo o poklicni maturi (●) Spričevalo o zaključnem izpitu (●)	Naziv poklicne/strokovne izobrazbe (●) Tehnik/nica (+) (●)
ISCED 5	Diferencialni izpit (●) Diplomski ipit (●) Sprejemni preizkus (Sprejemni izpit) (●)	Diploma (●) Diploma višje šole (●)	Akademski/ka (+) (Akad. (+)) (●) Diplomirani/na (+) (Dipl. (+)) (●) Doktor/ica (+) (Dr. dent. med., Dr. med., Dr. vet. med.) Inženir/ka (+) (Inž. (+)) (●) Magister/tra farmacije (Mag. farm.) Magister/trica umetnosti (Mag.) (●) Magister/trica znanosti (Mag.) (●) Naziv poklicne/strokovne izobrazbe (●) Profesor/ica (+) (Prof. (+)) (●) Specialist/ka (+) (Spec. (+)) (●) Strokovni naslov (●) Univerzitetni/na diplomirani/na (+) (Univ. dipl. (+)) (●) Znanstveni naslov (●)

Slovenia (continued)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 6		Diploma	Doktor/ica znanosti (Dr.) Znanstveni naslov

(●) Applicable also to adult education

Note:

Since the year 2002, the *priloga k diplomi* (Diploma Supplement) has been an integral part of the *diploma*. The Supplement is prepared in accordance with the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region, and the recommendations of the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO-CEPES.

Adult education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 3	Strokovni izpit	Certifikat o nacionalni poklicni kvalifikaciji Potrdilo o (+) Potrdilo o opravljenem strokovnem izpitu	Nacionalna poklicna kvalifikacija
ISCED 4	Delovodski izpit Mojstrski izpit Poslovodski izpit	Spričevalo o delovodskem izpitu Špričevalo o mojstrskem izpitu Spričevalo o poslovodskem izpitu	Delovodja/dkinja (+) Mojster/trica (+) Naziv poklicne/strokovne izobrazbe Poslovodja/dkinja (+)
ISCED 5	Strokovni izpit	Certifikat o nacionalni poklicni kvalifikaciji Potrdilo o (+) Potrdilo o opravljenem strokovnem izpitu	Nacionalna poklicna kvalifikacija

Slovakia

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2			
ISCED 3	Maturitná skúška Záverečná skúška	Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške Vysvedčenie o záverečnej skúške Výučný list	
ISCED 4	Maturitná skúška		
ISCED 5	Absolventská skúška (Absolutórium) Rigorózna skúška Štátna skúška	Absolventský diplom Vysokoškolský diplom (+) Vysvedčenie o štátnej skúške	Bakalár (Bc.) Doktor (+) (JUDr., MDDr., MUDr., MVDr., PaedDr., PharmDr., PhDr., RNDr., ThDr.) Inžinier (+) (Ing., Ing.arch.) Magister (+) (Mgr., Mgr.art.)
ISCED 6	Dizertačná skúška	Vysokoškolský diplom (+)	Doktor (+) (ArtD., PhD, ThDr.) Licenciát teológie (ThLic.)

Finland

Mainstream education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2		Peruskoulun päättötodistus (●) (Avgångsbetyg från grundskolan)	
ISCED 3	Ylioppilastutkinto (●) (Studentexamen)	<p>Ammatillinen perustutkinto (+) (●) (Grundexamen)</p> <p>Lukion päättötodistus (●) (Gymnasiets avgångsbetyg)</p> <p>Todistus oppisopimuskoulutuksesta (●) (Betyg över läroavtalsutbildning)</p> <p>Todistus toisen asteen ammatillisista opinnoista (Betyg över avlagd yrkesexamen på andra stadiet)</p> <p>Todistus yhdistelmäopinnoista (Betyg över kombinationsstudier)</p> <p>Ylioppilastutkintotodistus (●) (Studentexamensbetyg)</p>	Ylioppilas (●) (Student)
ISCED 4		Ammatillinen opistoasteen tutkinto (Yrkesexamen på institutnivå)	
ISCED 5		<p>Ammattikorkeakoulun jatkotutkinto (Påbyggnadsexamen vid yrkeshögskola)</p> <p>Ammattikorkeakoulututkinto (+) (Yrkeshögskoleexamen) (●)</p> <p>Arkkitehdin tutkinto (Arkitektexamen)</p> <p>Diplomi-insinöörin tutkinto (Diplomingenjörsexamen)</p> <p>Erikoistumistutkinto (Yrkesinriktad påbyggnadsexamen, specialisering examen)</p> <p>Farmaseutin tutkinto (Farmaceutexamen)</p> <p>Kandidaatin tutkinto (+) (Kandidatexamen)</p> <p>Lisensiaatin tutkinto (+) (Licentiatexamen)</p> <p>Maisterin tutkinto (+) (Magisterexamen)</p> <p>Oikeusnotaarin tutkinto (Rättsnotarieexamen)</p> <p>Proviisorin tutkinto (Provisorexamen)</p>	<p>Arkkitehti (Arkitekt)</p> <p>Diplomi-insinööri (DI) (Diplomingenjör)</p> <p>Farmaseutti (Farmaceut)</p> <p>Kandidaatti (+) (Kandidat)</p> <p>Lisensiaatti (+) (Licentiat)</p> <p>Maisteri (+) (Magister)</p> <p>Proviisori (Provisor)</p>
ISCED 6		Tohtorin tutkinto (+) (Doktorsexamen)	Tohtori (+) (Doktor)

(●) Applicable also to adult education

Finland (continued)

Adult education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 3		Ammattitutkinto (+) (Yrkesexamen) Näyttötutkinto (+) (Fristående examen)	
ISCED 4		Erikoisammattitutkinto (+) (Specialyrkesexamen)	

Sweden

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2		Slutbetyg från grundskolan	
ISCED 3		Slutbetyg från gymnasieskolan	
ISCED 4		Kvalificerad yrkesexamen (●)	
ISCED 5		Agronomexamen Arkitektexamen Barnmorskeexamen Civilingenjörsexamen Högskoleexamen Högskoleingenjörsexamen Juris kandidatexamen Kandidatexamen (+) Konstnärlig högskoleexamen Kvalificerad yrkesexamen (●) Lantmästarexamen Läkarexamen Lärarexamen Magisterexamen med ämnesbredd Magisterexamen med ämnesdjup Psykologexamen Psykoterapeutexamen Receptarieexamen Sjuksköterskeexamen Social omsorgsexamen Socionomexamen Veterinärexamen	Kandidat (+) Magister (+)
ISCED 6		Doktorsexamen (+) Licentiatexamen (+)	Doktor (+) Licentiat (+)

(●) Applicable also to adult education

Note:

The Diploma Supplement already accompanies a big number of diplomas in Sweden. *Kvalificerad yrkesexamen* can, depending on course, be either ISCED 5B or 4C.

United Kingdom (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

Mainstream education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 0	Baseline assessment (WLS, NIR) Foundation stage profile (ENG)		
ISCED 1	Baseline assessment (WLS, NIR) Foundation stage profile (ENG) National Curriculum Assessment (End of Key Stage Assessment) (ENG, WLS) Northern Ireland Curriculum Assessment (End of Key Stage Assessment) Transfer Tests (NIR)		
ISCED 2	National Curriculum Assessment (End of Key Stage Assessment) (ENG/WLS) Northern Ireland Curriculum Assessment (End of Key Stage Assessment)		
ISCED 3		Advanced Extension Award (AEA) (●) Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education (AVCE, VCE A level) (Vocational A level) (●) BTEC First Diploma (●) BTEC National Award (●) BTEC National Certificate (●) BTEC National Diploma (●) City and Guilds Certificates and Diplomas (●) Entry Level Certificate (Certificate of Achievement) (●) Free-standing Mathematics Qualification (FSMQ) (●) General Certificate of Education Advanced level (A level, GCE A level, A2) (●) General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary level (GCE AS level, AS level) (●) General Certificate of Education Advanced Supplementary Examination (GCE AS examination) (●) General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (●) General National Vocational Qualification (GNVQ) (●)	

United Kingdom (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) (continued)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 3 (continued)		Key Skills Qualification (●) London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examinations Board qualifications (●) National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) (●) OCR Vocationally-Related Certificate (●) Part One General National Vocational Qualification (Part One GNVQ) (●) Technical Certificate (●)	
ISCED 4			
ISCED 5		Bachelors degree (BA, Bed, BMBS, BSc) Certificate of Higher Education (+) (CertHE) Diploma of Higher Education (+) (DipHE) Foundation degree (+) (FD) Graduate Certificate/Diploma (+) Higher National Certificate (+) (HNC) Higher National Diploma (+) (HND) Masters degree (MA, MB, MBA, MEng, MPhil, MSc, LLM) Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma (+)	BA, BEd, BMBS, BSc, etc. CertHE (+) DipHE (+) FD Grad Cert (+), Grad Dip (+) HNC (+) HND (+) MA, MB, MBA, MEng, MPhil, MSc, LLM, etc. PG Cert (+) eg PGCE, PG Dip (+)
ISCED 6		Doctorate	Doctor of (+) (PhD, DPhil, EdD, etc.)

(●) Applicable also to adult education

Adult education

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1		National Adult Literacy and Numeracy Qualifications	
ISCED 3		National Adult Literacy and Numeracy Qualifications	

United Kingdom (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) (continued)

National Specifications

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/>

United Kingdom (Scotland)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1	National testing		
ISCED 2	National testing	Access (●) Intermediate 1 (●) Intermediate 2 (●) National Certificate Module Scottish Group Award (SGA) Standard Grade (●)	
ISCED 3		Access (●) Advanced Higher (Certificate of Sixth Year Studies) (●) General Scottish Vocational Qualification (GSVQ) Higher (●) Intermediate 1 (●) Intermediate 2 (●) Standard Grade (●)	
ISCED 4		Advanced Higher (Certificate of Sixth Year Studies) (●) General Scottish Vocational Qualification (GSVQ) Higher (●) Intermediate 1 (●) Intermediate 2 (●) National Certificate Module Scottish Group Award (SGA) Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ)	
ISCED 5		Bachelors degree (BA, Bed, BMBS, BSc) Certificate of Higher Education (+) (CertHE) Diploma of Higher Education (+) (DipHE) Graduate Certificate/Diploma (+) Higher National Certificate (+) (HNC) Higher National Diploma (+) (HND) Masters degree (MA, MB, MBA, MEng, MPhil, MSc, LL.M) Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma (+)	BA, BEd, BMBS, BSc, etc. CertHE (+) DipHE (+) Grad Cert (+), Grad Dip (+) HNC (+) HND (+) MA, MB, MBA, MEng, MPhil, MSc, LL.M, etc. PG Cert (+) eg PGCE, PG Dip (+)

United Kingdom (Scotland) (continued)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 6		Doctorate	Doctor of (+) (PhD, DPhil, EdD, etc.)

(●) Applicable also to adult e ducation

Note:
Further information concerning the Scottish Group Award is available on www.scotland.gov.uk/education/nationalqualifications/.

Iceland

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2	Samræmd lokapróf		
ISCED 3	Stúdentspróf Sveinspróf	Stúdentsprófsskírteini Sveinsbréf	Stúdent Sveinn
ISCED 4		Meistarabréf (+) Meistaránám í iðn	Meistari
ISCED 5	BA-próf BEd-próf BS-próf Diplóma-próf Kandidatspróf Meistarapróf	BA-gráða BEd-gráða BS-gráða Diplóma Kandidatsgráða Meistaragráða	Bachelor of fine arts (B.F.A) Bachelor of music (B.MUS) Bachelor of arts (BA) Bachelor of education (BEd) Bachelor of science (BS) Cand. (+) Kandidat (+) Master of (+) (MA, MBA, MEd, MPA, MPAed, MS, MSW)
ISCED 6	Doktorspróf	Doktorsgráða	Doktor (+) (Dr.phil.)

Liechtenstein

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2	Abschlussprüfung der Oberschule Abschlussprüfung der Realschule	Abschlusszeugnis der Oberschule Abschlusszeugnis der Realschule	
ISCED 3	Berufsmaturitätsprüfung (Berufsmaturität) Lehrabschlussprüfung Maturaprüfung (Matura)	Berufsmaturitätszeugnis Lehrbrief Maturazeugnis	
ISCED 4			
ISCED 5	Bachelor-Prüfung Magisterprüfung (Magisterexamen) Master-Prüfung Nachdiplomprüfung Prüfung zum Abschluss eines Hochschullehrgangs	Baccalaureat Bachelor of (+) Bachelor-Urkunde (Bachelor-Diplom) Diplom-Architekt Diplomierter (+) NDS Fachausweis Master of (+) Master-Urkunde (Master-Diplom) Nachdiplom Zertifikat	Bachelor of (+) Magister Artium (MA) Master of (+)
ISCED 6			Doktor der Philosophie (Dr.phil.)

Norway

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2	Avgangsprøve	Vitnemål	
ISCED 3	Fagprøve Svenneprøve	Årskursbevis Delkompetansebevis Eksamen fra videregående opplæring Fagbrev Fagkarakterbevis Modulbevis Svennebrev Vitnemål	
ISCED 4			
ISCED 5		Bachelor i (+) Candidatus (+) (Cand. (+)) Candidatus magisterii (Cand. mag.) Designkandidat Diplomeksamen Examinatus oeconomiae (Exam. oecon) Fiskerikandidat Høgskolekandidat Hovedfagskandidat Høyere avdelings eksamen Høyere revisoreksamen Idrettskandidat Kandidat (+) Kandidat i musikk Kommunalkandidat Kunsthøgskolekandidat Kunsthøgskolelig utdanning Licentiat (+) (Lic. (+)) Magister artium (Mag. Art)	Bachelor i (+) Candidatus (+) (Cand. (+)) Candidatus magisterii (Cand. mag.) Designkandidat Examinatus oeconomiae (Exam. oecon) Fiskerikandidat Høgskolekandidat Hovedfagskandidat Idrettskandidat Kandidat (+) Kandidat i musikk Kommunalkandidat Kunsthøgskolekandidat Licentiat (+) (Lic. (+)) Magister artium (Mag. Art) Maritim kandidat Master i (+) Master of (+) (MA, MBA, MIB, M.Phil., M.Sc.) Sivilarkitekt (Siv.ark)

Norway (continued)

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 5 (continued)		Maritim kandidat Master i (+) Master of (+) (MA, MBA, MIB, M.Phil., M.Sc.) Praktisk-pedagogisk utdanning Praktisk-teologisk utdanning Sivilarkitekt (Siv.ark) Sivilingeniør (Siv.ing.) Siviløkonom (Siv.øk.) Vitnemål (+)	Sivilingeniør (Siv.ing.) Siviløkonom (Siv.øk.)
ISCED 6		Doctor (+) (Dr. (+)) Ph.d.	Doctor (+) (Dr. (+)) Ph.d.

Note:

The same rules apply to **adults** as in the case of younger pupils or students, so each qualification, examination or title may also be obtained by them.

Bulgaria

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1		Udostoverenie za zavurchen IV clas (Удостоверение за завършен IV клас)	
ISCED 2		Svidetelstvo za profesionalna kvalifikasia (Свидетелство за професионална квалификация) Svidetelstvo za zavurcheno osnovno obrazovanie (Свидетелство за завършено основно образование)	
ISCED 3	Durjaven zrelosten izpit za pridobivane na profesionalna kvalifikatzia (Държавен зрелостен изпит за придобиване на професионална квалификация) Durjaven zrelosten izpit (Държавен зрелостен изпит)	Diploma za zavurcheno sredno obrazovanie (Диплома за завършено средно образование) Svidetelstvo za pravospodobnost, izdavano za profesii upravniavaneto na koito iziskva pravospodobnost (Свидетелство за правоспособност, издавано за професии, упражняването на които изисква правоспособност) Svidetelstvo za profesionalna kvalifikasia (Свидетелство за професионална квалификация)	
ISCED 4			
ISCED 5	Durjaven izpit (Държавен изпит)	Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie (Диплома за завършена степен на висшето образование)	Bakalavur (Бакалавър) Magistur (Магистър) Specialist po (+) (Специалист по)
ISCED 6		Diploma za zavurchena stepen na vischeto obrazovanie (Диплома за завършена степен на висшето образование)	Doktor (Доктор) Dr. (Д-р)

Romania

	Examinations	Qualifications	Titles
ISCED 1			
ISCED 2	Examen de capacitate	Certificat de capacitate Foaie matricolă	
ISCED 3	Examen de absolvire Examen de bacalaureat Probă practică	Atestat profesional Certificat de absolvire Diplomă de absolvire Diplomă de bacalaureat Diplomă de merit Foaie matricolă	
ISCED 4	Examen de absolvire	Certificat de absolvire Foaie matricolă	
ISCED 5	Examen de absolvire Examen de diplomă Examen de licență	Certificat de absolvire Certificat de studii universitare de lungă durată Certificat de studii universitare de scurtă durată Diplomă de absolvire Diplomă de arhitect diplomat Diplomă de inginer diplomat Diplomă de licență Foaie matricolă	Arhitect diplomat Inginer diplomat Licențiat
ISCED 6	Colocviu Dizertație Teză de doctorat	Diplomă de doctor Diplomă postuniversitară de specializare Diplomă de studii academice postuniversitare Diplomă de Master Diplomă de studii aprofundate	Doctor (Dr.) Master (Magister)

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