

# IT IS ALL ABOUT EDUCATION

It's a time of questions...



The National Education Institute Slovenia

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# OUR ROLE

- The **National Education Institute of the Republic of Slovenia** ([Slovene](#): ***Zavod Republike Slovenije za Šolstvo - ZRSS***) is the main public organisation in [Slovenia](#) which encourages development in the field of education in Slovenia up to pre-university - covering all kindergartens, elementary schools, secondary schools, music schools, and student boarding schools.
- The pedagogical counsellors research, innovate, offer recommendations and promote changes in practice, theory and legislation.







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# Preschool education

It is carried out by public and private kindergartens. Kindergartens include children from the age of one until they enter school. Preschool education is not compulsory.



# Nine-year elementary school

- Falls into three-year cycles.
- Children enrol in nine-year elementary school at the age of six.
- Basic music education in public and private schools, which also offer ballet and dance.



# Secondary education

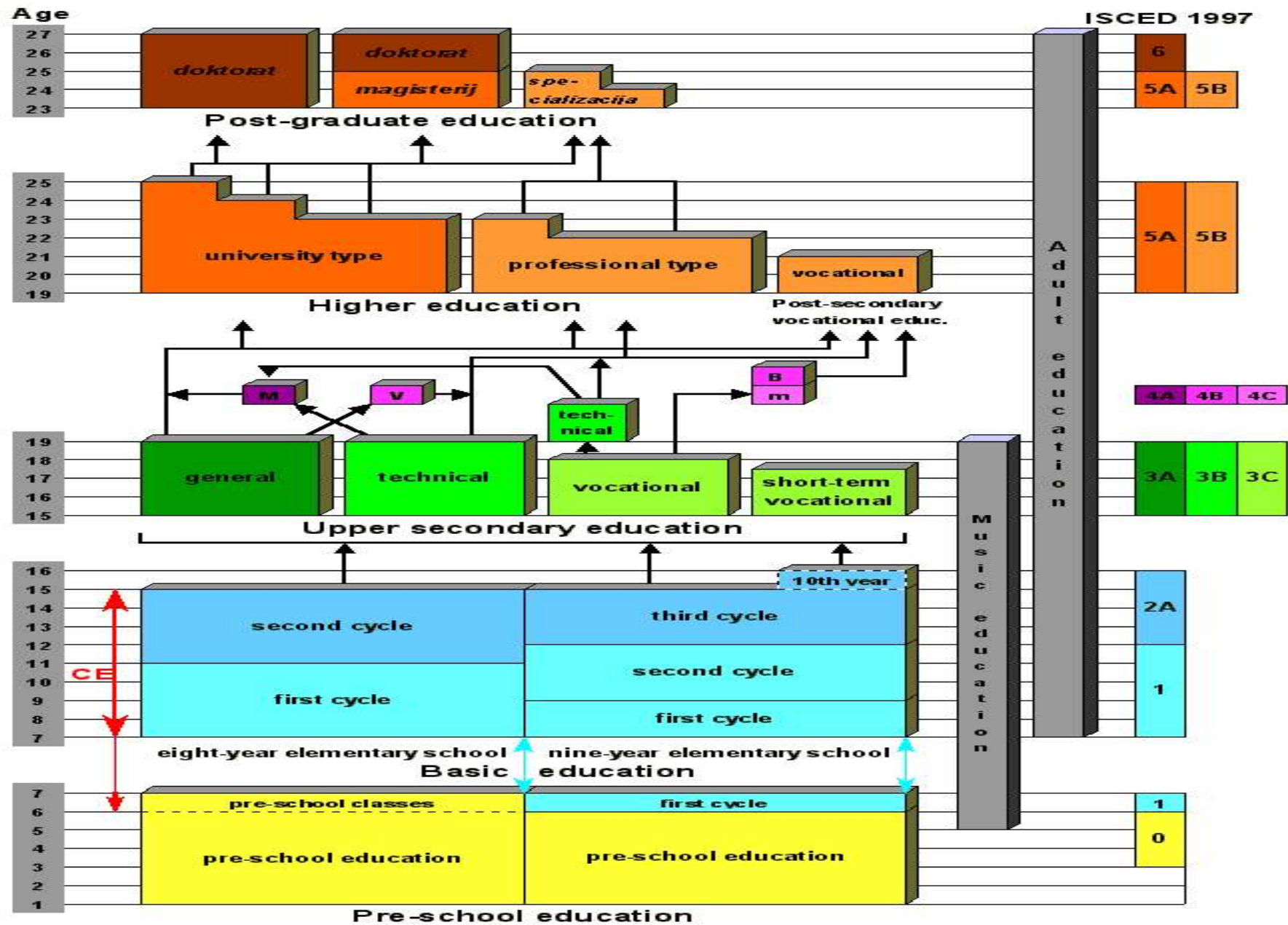
- 98% of the population aged 15-19 (non-compulsory).
- Vocational education (2/3 year programmes)
- Technical education (4 year programmes)
- General secondary education (matura examination – general condition for admission to university)
- Post-secondary vocational education (higher education – two-year programmes comparable to European programmes were adopted on the basis of the human resource requirements of the economy)





# Higher education

- University programmes
- Master's programmes
- Doctoral programmes
  
- **ADULTS** (network of people's universities)
- **MULTI-ETHNIC AREAS** (Italian ethnic group – education in Italian; Hungarian ethnic group – bilingual instruction)



**Legend:**  
**CE** - compulsory education      **M** - matura course      **V** - vocational courses  
**m** - master craftsman preparatory course      **B** - bridging exam for admission to post-secondary vocational education

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EDUCATION

- Elementary schools
- Elementary schools with adapted programme
- Educational institutions for children with special needs
- International schools for foreign citizens

Compulsory elementary education is free; elementary schools are established by municipalities.



# NATIONAL CURRICULUM

The national curriculum approved by the national Expert Council for General Education determines subjects and syllabi.

## Compulsory subjects:

- **First cycle** (the mother tongue, mathematics, art, music environmental studies, physical education)
- **Second cycle** (the mother tongue, mathematics, foreign language, art, music, society, geography, history, natural sciences, natural science and technics, technics and technology, home economics, physical education, class community)

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- **Third cycle** (the mother tongue, mathematics, foreign language, art, music, geography, history, civic education and ethics, physics, chemistry, biology, techics and technology, physical education, optional subjects, class community)
- **Extramural activity days (compulsory)** – culture, science, technical and sport days
- **Extended programme** (a choice of extra-curricular activities)
- **Special lessons** (for very talented children and for those with learning difficulties)

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- Special help for children with deficits in specific learning domains, and children **with disabilities** (deaf, blind and visually impaired, children with long-term illness or physical disability).
- Morning care and after-school care **classes** (the content of which is determined in the concept of work in after-school classes)

# ASSESSMENT, PROMOTION, REPORTS

- **Assessment is oral and written** (objectives and standards defined in the curricula); and also includes all other work produced by the children.
- **Grades are descriptive in the first cycle and numerical in the second and in the third cycle**
- **At the end of the academic year children receive a report with grades in individual subjects.**

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- **National test** (in grade 6 and 9 – feedback for the school, parents and children)

The results are stated in the report separately and do not affect the overall final grade.



There are two words that sum up the future of  
European education: Lifelong Learning

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