

**Division of Austrian Education Levels in Accordance with International Standard
Classification of Education, Version 1997 (ISCED 1997)**

ISCED Level	Educational Sectors	Institutions of the Austrian educational system
ISCED 0	Pre-primary level	Kindergartens; preschools
ISCED 1	Primary level (School years 1-4)	Primary schools; special needs schools; other schools offering general education
ISCED 2	Lower secondary school (School years 5-8)	Lower level of academic secondary schools (AHS-Unterstufe); lower secondary schools (Hauptschule); special needs schools; other schools offering general education
ISCED 3	Upper secondary school (School years 9 and higher)	Upper level of academic secondary schools (AHS-Oberstufe); pre-vocational schools (polytechnische Schule); special needs schools; other schools offering general education; advanced-secondary vocational and teacher's training schools (without 4th and 5th year and without special types); middle-level vocational training schools (without special types); middle-level teacher training schools; compulsory vocational training schools; other vocational training schools
ISCED 4	Non-tertiary post-secondary level	4th and 5th year of vocational and teacher-training secondary schools; add-on courses, medium and advanced level special courses; schools for para-medical staff; schools for health and nursing care vocations
ISCED 5B	Non-university tertiary level	Post-secondary tertiary colleges; schools for master craftsmen, foremen, construction trades; vocational colleges; teacher's training colleges; abbreviated university studies
ISCED 5A/6	University tertiary level	Study at regular or art university (to obtain an initial academic degree or a second degree based on it); study at a Fachhochschule (university of applied sciences)
ISCED 9 (n.a.=not allocated)	Not allocated	

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