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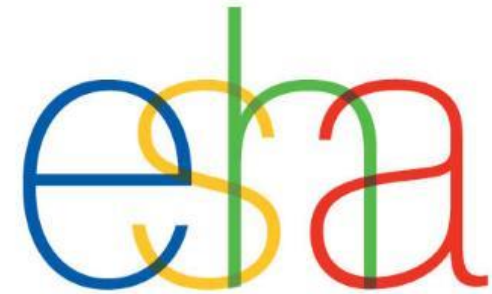
EDUCATION SCHOOL SYSTEM OF SLOVENIA

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SLOVENIAN SCHOOL SISTEM



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Overview of school system in Slovenia

Slovenian education system is organized into several levels of education:

Pre-school education, age 1-5

Pre-school education is optional, and encompasses the centre-based early general pre-school education and care. Children can enrol as early as at the age of 11 months and attend it until they start basic school.

Compulsory basic education, age 6-14

Compulsory basic education is organized in a single-structure nine-year basic school attended by pupils aged 6 to 15 years.

Upper secondary education, age 15-18

Upper secondary education takes 2 to 5 years (typical age of students: 15-19).

Educational programmes include: GENERAL UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION,

VET - vocational: SHORT CYCLE 2 YEARS, VOCATIONAL 3Y, TECHNICAL 4Y,
VOCATIONAL -TECHNICAL 3 +2 Y

Tertiary education, years 2-5

Tertiary education includes short-cycle higher vocational education 2Y and higher education study programmes.

First cycle higher education programmes encompass professional and academic study programmes (typical age of students: 19-22).

Short-cycle higher vocational education is provided by higher vocational colleges that offer two-year vocational education (typical age of students: 19-21).

The first, second and third cycle study programmes are offered by public or private universities and single higher education institutions.

The third segment of education, tertiary education, is provided by both public and private institutions. It consists of higher post-secondary vocational education and higher education. Higher post-secondary vocational education is provided by higher vocational colleges, while higher education is provided by faculties, academies and independent higher education institutions

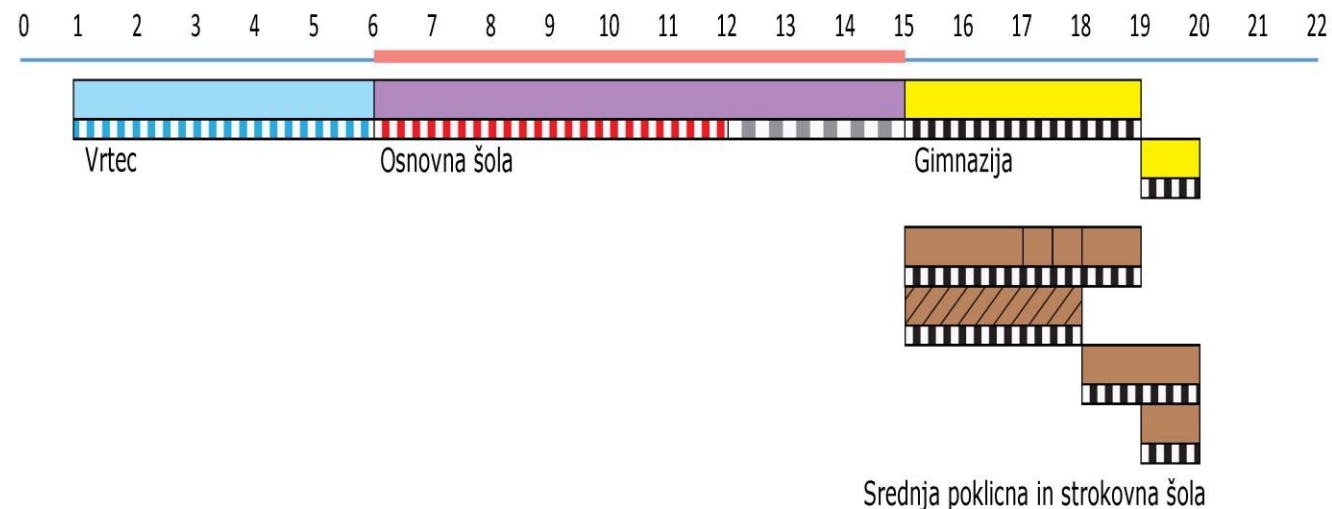
Adult education

Adult education is marked by its considerable diversity of programmes and institutions.

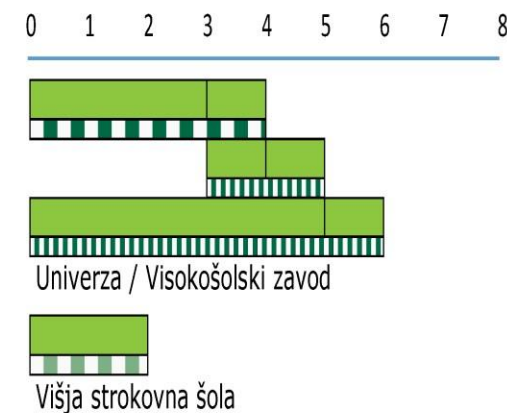


Slovenia - 2021/22

Age of students



Programme duration (years)



Early childhood education and care (for which the Ministry of Education is not responsible)

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Primary education

Single structure

Secondary general education

Secondary vocational education

Post-secondary non-tertiary education

Tertiary education (full-time)

Allocation to the ISCED levels:

ISCED 0

ISCED 1

ISCED 2

ISCED 3

ISCED 4

ISCED 5

ISCED 6

ISCED 7

Compulsory full-time education/training

Additional year

Combined school and workplace courses

Compulsory part-time education/training

Study abroad

Compulsory work experience - its duration

→ Years

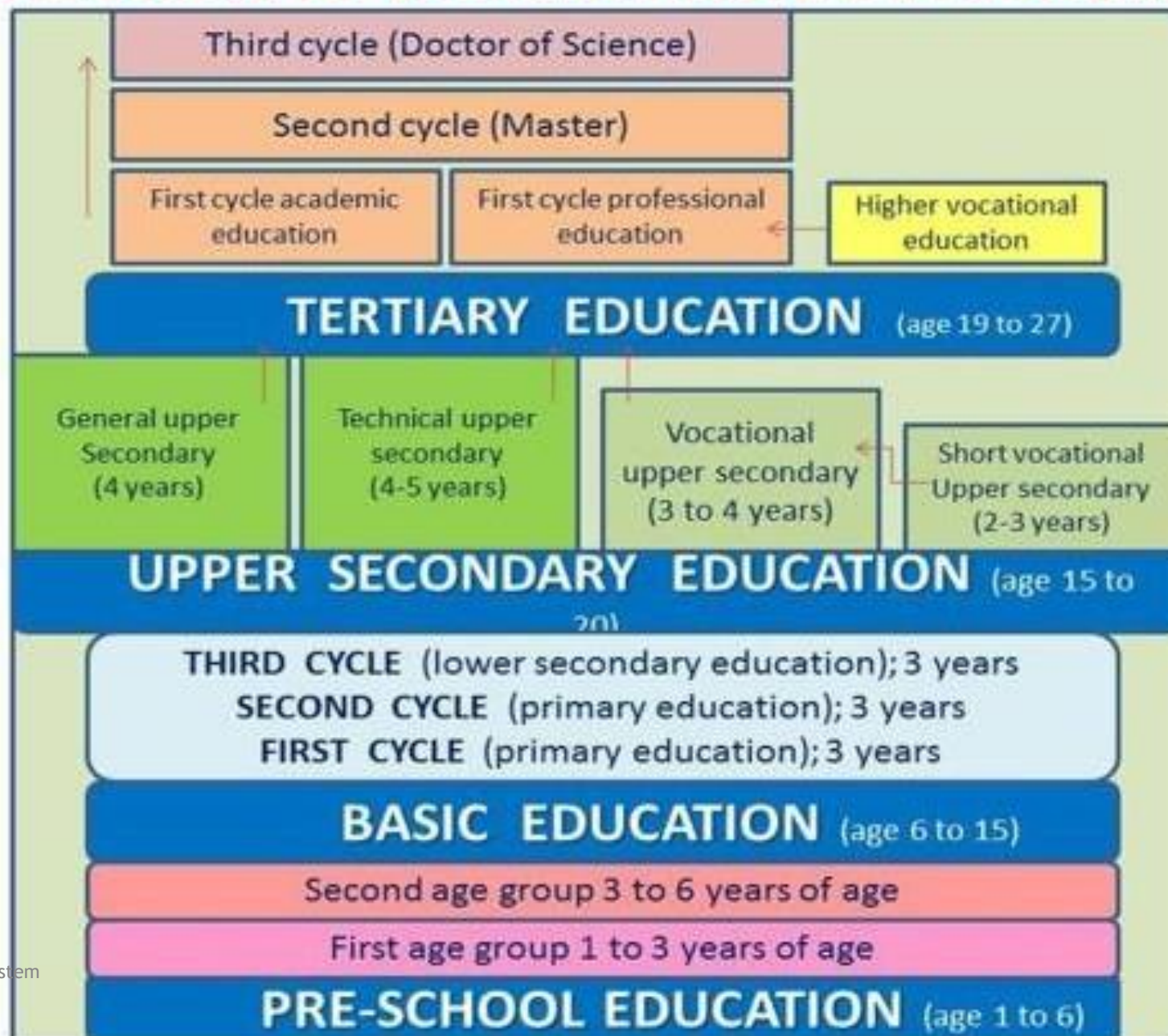
Programme being phased out during (year)

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STRUCTURE OF EDUCATION SYSTEM IN SLOVENIA



OVERVIEW OF PROFESSIONS in the school

EDUCATION STAFF IN SLOVENIA, Source:

<https://www.gov.si/assets/ministrstva/MIZS/Dokumenti/ENIC-NARIC-center/The-Education-System-in-the-Republic-of-Slovenia-2018-19.pdf>

- ▶ Preschool teachers, second teachers in the first grade and teachers of professional subjects in vocational and technical education shall hold an educational qualification of no less than bachelor's degree programme.
- ▶ Teachers in schools, counsellors, school librarians and other education staff shall have a master's degree.
- ▶ Preschool teacher assistants in kindergartens, laboratory assistants and teachers of practical lessons and skills in vocational and technical education shall have no less than upper secondary technical education.



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- ▶ Higher education teaching: faculty includes assistant professors, associate professors, full professors and lecturers; in professional higher education study programmes teaching may be pursued by lecturers and senior lecturers.
- ▶ Candidates for election to the title of assistant professor, associate professor or full professor shall have a doctorate of science; in the field of art, the candidates shall have an recognized artistic production.
- ▶ Candidates for other teaching titles shall have no less than a master's degree. Moreover, all candidates shall attest their pedagogical skills.



CONTEXT OF THE SCHOOL LEADER, position of the job, roles and responsibilities

School leader - school head has the mandate of 5 years job position with elections of School Council.

Head teacher must have qualification for the teacher in the school he/she heads and needs to pass the head teacher exam, which you take at Slovenian Institute for education after 1-year education course in HR management, financial management and the legal management.

In Slovenia, a head teacher has both pedagogical and business responsibilities in the school.



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL LEADERS

The Principal's performance is evaluated annually at the level of the School Council, and if performance standards are not met, the School Council has the option to dismiss the Principal before the end of his/her 5-year term of office.



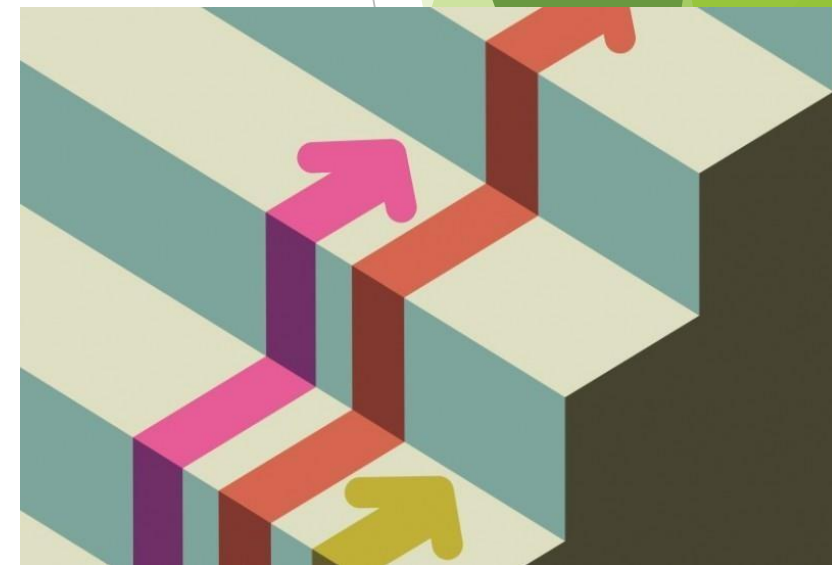
CAREER AND PROFESSIONALISATION PATH TO BECOME A SCHOOL LEADERS



Slovenia has a 3-part system of titles in education (mentor, advisor, counsellor).

A head teacher must have at least the title of mentor, which is obtained on the basis of at least 5 years of experience with specific achievements in the field of education.

As told before principal needs to have at least education for a professional staff at school, national examination and head teacher exam.



PRIVATE/PUBLIC SECTOR IN EDUCATION

- ▶ In the Republic of Slovenia, the education system is organised mainly as a **public service** rendered by public and **private institutions** and private providers holding a concession who implement officially recognised or accredited programmes.
- ▶ By law, public schools are secular and the school space is autonomous; in public schools, political and confessional activities are prohibited.
- ▶ By law, it is allowed to establish private educational institutions that provide their own programmes, thus one may opt for education in line with one's worldview.

yesterday's discussion

- ▶ Special Educational Needs (SEN) 8,5- 9,5 % of pupils have SEN.
- ▶ Primary schools and kindergartens are financed by the municipality, the principal has no financial autonomy.
- ▶ Secondary school principals have a budget for teachers' salaries, for equipment, for material costs ... for everyone - economic freedom.
- ▶ The budget is depends of number of student and type of school.
- ▶ 2864 act should be known to the principal for the operation of the school (education, safety at work, labor relations, public procurement, GDPR, ...)

yesterday's discussion

- ▶ Principal - must teach if it is a small school. If he wants he can teach for a maximum of 5 hours.
- ▶ All employees are civil servants.
- ▶ Problems: small differences between teacher's salary and principal's salary.
- ▶ Strong union.
- ▶ The government does not support principals, does not listen to our salaries or working conditions.

Useful links:

- ▶ Ministry of Education, Science and Sport
- ▶ Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia (SURS)
- ▶ For further information, see Institutions page
- ▶ OECD country profile; Education Policy Outlook Country Profile Slovenia (pdf)
- ▶ Education System in Slovenia

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/national-policies/eurydice/content/slovenia_en