

# Education systems

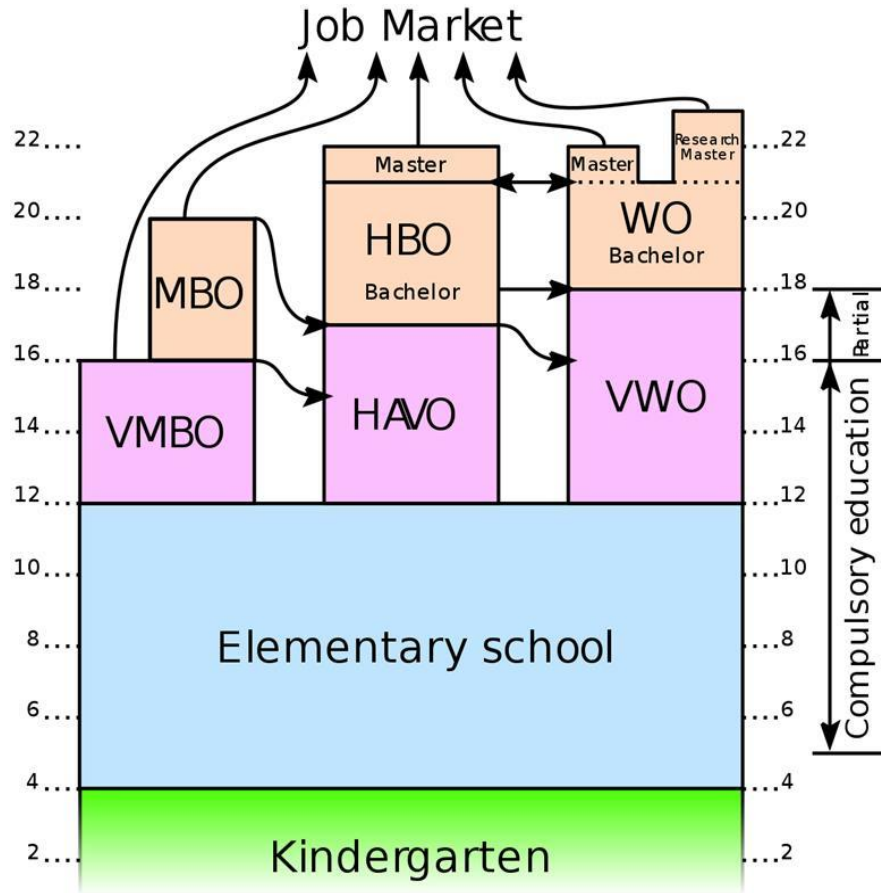
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<b>SCUOLA DELL'INFANZIA</b> (Kindergarten)	<b>SCUOLA PRIMARIA</b> (primary school)	<b>SCUOLA SECONDARIA DI PRIMO GRADO</b>  (lower secondary school)	<b>SCUOLA SECONDARIA DI SECONDO GRADO</b>  (upper secondary school)	<b>UNIVERSITA'- ALTA FORMAZIONE- LAVORO</b>
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Scuola materna includes children of age between 3 and 6 years old.

In this school the children learn to report with another child. This school isn't compulsory. Then elementary school includes children of age between 6 and 10 years old. In this school they learn to read, write and do subject like math, history, geographic, art and instruction religious.

Secondary school of first grad includes children of age between 10 and 13 years old. In this school the pupils deepen notions of the elementary school, and they do science, foreign language, technical subject and physical education. Next this school the students take an exam. If the students pass the exam, they will attend the secondary school of second grad. Secondary school of second grad includes students of age between 13 and 19 years old. In this school the students study different subject.



Elementary school lasts eight years starting from the age of 4. This type of education is free. The essential objectives are the knowledge, skills and understanding that all pupils must have obtained at the end of primary education.

At the age of 12, pupils move on to secondary school. This consists of professional and general programs or a combination of both:

- VMBO is aimed at pupils aged between 12 and 16 and is seen as the basic course for a general and pre-professional component. Therefore it does not offer a final education but provides the basis for subsequent professional training.
- HAVO lasts five years and is aimed at pupils aged 12-17. It provides general education and prepares pupils for higher vocational training.
- VWO is aimed at pupils aged 12-18 and lasts six years. It prepares students for university and the diploma obtained gives them access to higher education institutions.

MBO is the equivalent of college education. Designed to prepare students for skilled trades and technical professions.

HBO is the equivalent of college education and has a career orientation.

WO is the equivalent of university level training and has an academic orientation.