



# Compulsory Education in Europe 2013/14

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## Country codes

<u>European Countries</u>	
<b>BE</b>	Belgium
<b>BE fr</b>	Belgium – French Community
<b>BE de</b>	Belgium – German-speaking Community
<b>BE nl</b>	Belgium – Flemish Community
<b>BG</b>	Bulgaria
<b>CZ</b>	Czech Republic
<b>DK</b>	Denmark
<b>DE</b>	Germany
<b>EE</b>	Estonia
<b>IE</b>	Ireland
<b>EL</b>	Greece
<b>ES</b>	Spain
<b>FR</b>	France
<b>HR</b>	Croatia
<b>IT</b>	Italy
<b>CY</b>	Cyprus
<b>LV</b>	Latvia
<b>LT</b>	Lithuania
<b>LU</b>	Luxembourg
<b>HU</b>	Hungary
<b>MT</b>	Malta
<b>NL</b>	The Netherlands
<b>AT</b>	Austria
<b>PL</b>	Poland
<b>PT</b>	Portugal
<b>RO</b>	Romania
<b>SI</b>	Slovenia
<b>SK</b>	Slovakia
<b>FI</b>	Finland
<b>SE</b>	Sweden
<b>UK</b>	The United Kingdom
<b>UK-ENG</b>	England
<b>UK-WLS</b>	Wales
<b>UK-NIR</b>	Northern Ireland
<b>UK-SCT</b>	Scotland
<u>Candidate countries</u>	
<b>IS</b>	Iceland
<b>TR</b>	Turkey
<u>EFTA countries</u>	
<b>LI</b>	Liechtenstein
<b>NO</b>	Norway
<b>CH</b>	Switzerland

## Student's age-groups and duration of compulsory education, 2013/14

	Full-time									Part-time	Duration of full-time (years)
	Starting age				Ending age					Ending age	
	4	5	6	7	14	15	16	17	18		
BE fr			6			15				18	9
BE de			6			15				18	9
BE nl			6			15				18	9
BG				7			16			na	9
CZ			6			15				na	9
DK			6				16			na	10
DE (12 Länder)			6			15				18	9
DE (5 Länder)			6				16			19	10
EE				7			16			na	9
IE			6				16			na	10
EL		5				15				na	10
ES			6				16			na	10
FR			6				16			na	10
HR			6		14					na	8
IT			6				16			na	10
CY		4 years + 8 months				15				na	10 years + 4 months
LV		5					16			na	11
LT				7			16			na	9
LU	4						16			na	12
HU		5					16	(18)		na	11 (13)
MT		5					16			na	11
NL		5							18	na	13
AT			6			15				na	9
PL		5					16			18	11
PT			6						18	na	12
RO			6				16			na	10
SI			6			15				na	9
SK			6				16			na	10
FI				7			16			na	9
SE				7			16			na	9
UK-ENG		5					16			17	11
UK-WLS		5					16			na	11
UK-NIR	4						16			na	12
UK-SCT		5					16			na	11
IS			6				16			na	10
TR		5 years + 6 months				17 years + 6 months				na	12
LI			6			15				na	9
NO			6				16			na	10
CH (4 cantons)			6			15				na	9
CH (8 cantons)		5				15				na	10
CH (14 cantons)	4					15				na	11

## **Germany**

- 12 *Länder*: Baden-Wuerttemberg, Bayern, Hamburg, Hessen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Niedersachsen, Nordrhein-Westfalen (at Gymnasium), Rheinland-Pfalz, Saarland, Sachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt and Schleswig-Holstein.
- 5 *Länder*: Berlin, Brandenburg, Bremen, Nordrhein-Westfalen (at other lower secondary education institutions apart from Gymnasium) and Thuringen.

## **Hungary**

Under the Public Education Act of 2011, education will be compulsory only until the age of 16. The change is being phased in: the lower age limit (16) applies to students in grade 10 and below; the higher school leaving age (18) continues to apply to students in the grades above.

## **Switzerland**

- 4 cantons: Graubünden, Ticino, Uri and Valais.
- 8 cantons: Appenzell Ausserrhoden, Appenzell Innerrhoden, Lucerne, Nidwalden, Obwalden, Schaffhausen, Schwyz and Zug.
- 14 cantons: Aargau, Bern, Basel-Landschaft, Basel-Stadt, Fribourg, Geneva, Glarus, Jura, Neuchâtel, St. Gallen, Solothurn, Thurgau, Vaud and Zurich.

