

## ISCED Level Mapping for the Educational System in the Netherlands and Belgium

ISCED	Explanation	Netherlands	Belgium
<b>ISCED 0</b>	Pre-primary education is defined as the initial stage of organised instruction. It is school- or centre-based and is designed for children aged at least 3 years.	Peuterspeelzaal, 3-5 jaar	Kleuteronderwijs 2.5 - 5 jaar
<b>ISCED 1</b>	This level begins between 5 and 7 years of age, is compulsory in all countries and generally lasts from four to six years.	Basisonderwijs, 5-12 jaar	Basisonderwijs 6-12 jaar
<b>ISCED 2</b>	This continues the basic programmes of the primary level, although teaching is typically more subject-focused. Usually, the end of this level coincides with the end of full-time compulsory education.	Voortgezet onderwijs of middelbaar onderwijs VMBO (4 verschillende niveau's). HAVO – eerste 4 jaar VWO (gymnasium of atheneum) – eerste 4 jaar LWOO leerwegondersteunend onderwijs of praktijkonderwijs (12 -15 of 16 jaar)	Secundair onderwijs van de 1ste graad 13-14 jaar
<b>ISCED 3</b>	This level generally begins at the end of compulsory education. The entrance age is typically 15 or 16 years. Entrance qualifications (end of compulsory education) and other minimum entry requirements are usually needed. Instruction is often more subject-oriented than at ISCED level 2. The typical duration of ISCED level 3 varies from two to five years.	VWO (voltooid of in de laatste 1-2 jaar) HAVO (voltooid of in het laatste jaar) MBO (alleen assistent opleiding) 15 of 16 – 17 of 18 jaar	Secundair onderwijs van de 2de en 3de graad 15-18 jaar ASO: Algemeen secundair onderwijs BSO: Beroepssecundair onderwijs KSO: Kunstsecundair onderwijs TSO: Technisch secundair onderwijs Secundair volwassenenonderwijs (voorheen: secundair onderwijs voor sociale promotie)
<b>ISCED 4</b>	These programmes straddle the boundary between upper secondary and tertiary education. They serve to broaden the knowledge of ISCED level 3 graduates. Typical examples are those designed to prepare pupils for studies at ISCED	MBO (3/4 jaar) Eerste jaar van het HBO voltooid Specialistenopleiding	Postsecundair onderwijs 1 of 2 jaren volgend op 3de graad secundair onderwijs Ondernemersopleiding

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	level 5 or for direct labor market entry.		(beroepskennis) (Syntra)
<b>ISCED 5</b>	Entry to these programmes normally requires the successful completion of ISCED level 3 or 4. This level includes tertiary programmes with an academic orientation (type A) which are largely theoretically based and tertiary programmes with an occupational orientation type B) which are typically shorter than type A programmes and geared for entry into the labor market.	WO HBO Master	Hoger onderwijs Hogescholenonderwijs van twee cycli Hoger beroepsonderwijs van het volwassenenonderwijs Professioneel gerichte bachelor Academisch gerichte bachelor Master
<b>ISCED 6</b>	This level is reserved for tertiary studies that lead to an advanced research qualification (Ph.D. or doctorate).	Doctoraat	Hoger onderwijs Doctoraat