

Compulsory Education in Europe

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	Full-time compulsory education		Part-time compulsory education	Duration of full-time compulsory education (in years)
	Starting age	Ending age	Ending age	
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 (majority of Länder)	6	15	18	9
DE (few 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
IT	6	16	na	10
CY	4 years and 8 months	15	na	10 years and 4 months
LV	5	16	na	11
LT	7	16	na	9
LU	4	15	na	11
HU	5	18	na	13
MT	5	16	na	11
NL	5	18	na	13
AT	6	15	na	9
PL	6	16	18	10
PT	6	15	na	9
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/WLS	5	16	na	11
UK-NIR	4	16	na	12
UK-SC	5	16	na	11
IS	6	16	na	10
LI	6	15	na	9
NO	6	16	na	10
TR	6	14	na	8

Source: Eurydice.

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