Structure of the Education System of Cyprus

Preschool 1 year
Nursery 1-2 years

Primary School 6 years

Lower Secondary Education (Gymnasium) 3 years

Optional Education

Mandatory Education

Partially Mandatory Education

Upper Secondary General Education (Lyceum) 3 years - Apolyterion

Upper Secondary Technical and Vocational Education (Technical School) 3 years - Apolyterion

Lower Secondary Education

Private Secondary Education 6 – 7 years

State provision

Private provision

Both state and private provision

Private Institutions of Higher Education (non-university), programmes accredited by the Cyprus Council of Educational Evaluation-Accreditation (SEKAP)

Vocational/academic programmes

Certificate (1 year), Diploma (2 years), Higher Diploma (3 years)

State Institutions of Higher Education (non-university) 1 – 3 years
Certificate/Diploma/Higher Diploma

Mediterranean Institute of Management (M.I.M) Postgraduate Diploma

Universities (State and Private Universities)

1st Cycle 4 years 240 ECTS Ptcycho or Bachelor

2nd Cycle 1-2 years 90 – 120 ECTS Magister Artium/ Scientiae or Masters

3rd Cycle 3 – 8 years (minimum residency 3 years) Doctorate

1st Cycle 4 years 240 ECTS Bachelor

2nd Cycle 1 – 2 years 90 – 120 ECTS Masters Degree