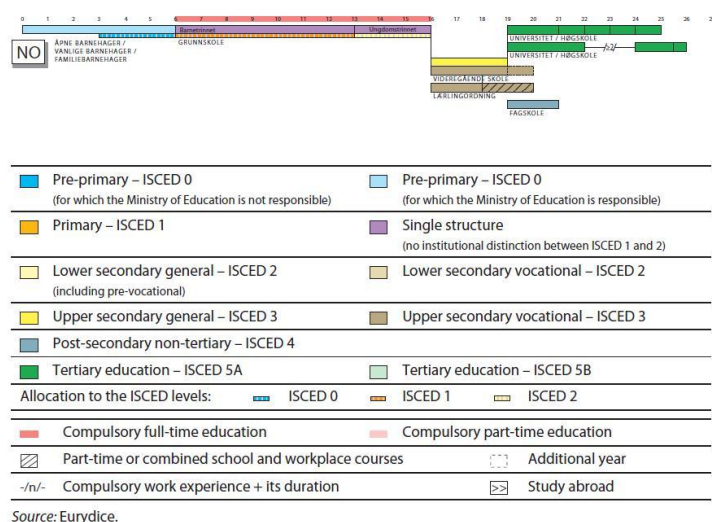


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Compulsory Education - Primary and Lower Secondary Education

Norwegian compulsory education covers both primary and lower secondary education. The duration of the compulsory education programme is 10 years (7 years primary education and 3 years lower secondary education). Children start school in the calendar year of their 6th birthday and finish their compulsory education in the calendar year of their 16th birthday.

Compulsory Education - Upper Secondary Education and Training

Upper secondary education and training comprises all education leading to qualifications above the lower secondary level and below the level of higher education.

Primary and secondary education is determined by the [Education Act](#) (on primary, lower secondary and upper secondary education), 1998 and [the National Curriculum, Knowledge Promotion](#), 2006, which includes the Core Curriculum, the Quality Framework, Subject Curricula and a Framework Regulating the Distribution of Periods and Subjects. Compulsory education is comprehensive.