

STRUCTURE OF EDUCATION SYSTEM

Basic Education Completion Certificate

Secondary

Pre-higher education:

Duration of compulsory education:

Age of entry: 7

Age of exit: 19

Structure of school system:

Basic First Stage

Type of school providing this education: Natchalno utchilische (form I to IV)

Length of program in years: 4

Age level from: 7 to: 10

Certificate/diploma awarded: Grade IV Leaving Certificate

Basic Second Stage

Type of school providing this education: Progimnazialno utchilichte (form V to VIII)

Length of program in years: 4

Age level from: 10 to: 14

Certificate/diploma awarded: Basic Education Completion Certificate

Secondary

Type of school providing this education: Gimnazii (form IX to XII)

Length of program in years: 4

Age level from: 14 to: 19

Certificate/diploma awarded: Diploma za Zavurcheno Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Completed Secondary Education)

Secondary

Type of school providing this education: Profilirani Gimnazii (form IX to XII)

Length of program in years: 5

Age level from: 15 to: 19

Certificate/diploma awarded: Diploma za Zavurcheno Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Completed Secondary Education)

Vocational Secondary

Type of school providing this education: Professionalni gimnazii I/ili teknikumil

Length of program in years: 4

Age level from: 15 to: 19

Certificate/diploma awarded: Diploma za Zavurcheno Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Completed Secondary Education) and Certificate of Professional Qualification.

Vocational Secondary

Type of school providing this education: Professionalni utchilichta

Length of program in years: 4

Age level from: 15 to: 19

Certificate/diploma awarded: Diploma za Zavurcheno Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Completed Secondary Education) and Certificate of Professional Qualification

School education:

Basic education comprises two stages: basic education first stage from form I to form IV and basic education second stage from form V to form VII. School children who have successfully completed

the first stage of basic education are awarded a Form IV Leaving Certificate. Completion of basic education is attested by a final certificate for the completion of basic education at the end of form VII. Secondary education lasts for four or five years after completion of the basic education course and is provided in three types of schools: comprehensive (general secondary) schools, profile-oriented schools, vocational (technical and vocational-technical) schools. Studies lead to the Diploma za Zavurcheno Sredno Obrazovanie and to a certificate of professional qualification awarded by professional schools.

Higher education:

Higher education is provided by universities and specialized higher schools. Some universities are private. Higher education is regulated by the Law on Higher Education 1995 (latest amendments 2004) and the Law on Scientific Degrees and Titles (latest amendments 2000).

Main laws/decrees governing higher education:

Decree: Higher Education Act and subsequent amendments Year: 1995