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National Pre-school education

The goals of pre-school education are:

- Facilitating a smooth transition from home to school, preparing children to primary education and inculcating social norms.
- Caters to children 3 to 6 years old
- It takes place in school centers
- Teacher training has been become a policy since 1995

ISCED 0
- Duration 3 years (3-6 years-old)
- Centre based

National Primary education

The goals of primary education are:

- Centered around functional literacy and numeracy, the ability to communicate effectively.
- Begins at age 6
- It lasts 6 years long
- It is the beginning of compulsory education
- Certificate awarded at the end of the 6 years is called Primary school certificate.
- It also addresses to special education children

ISCED 1
- Duration 6 years
- Primary School Certificate (PSC)

National Secondary education

- It begins at age 12. It has 2 cycles.
- Subject-based teaching is introduced.

After cycle one (grade 2) of secondary education, there are 3 possible types of diplomas. At the end of cycle 1, students will have the foundation for life-long learning.

1. The National Junior Certificate (NJC)
 - a. Entry requirement: Primary school certificate
 - b. Duration: 2 years
 - c. The curriculum is designed to enable pupils to acquire general knowledge.
 - d. Upon completion, it leads to cycle 2 of secondary education.

ISCED 2 - General
Destination: A

2. Basic Technical Education Certificate
 - a. Entry requirement: Primary school certificate
 - b. Duration: 4 years
 - c. It gives access to Middle Technical Education (MTE) (Note: MTE is an ISCED 3B programme. According to ISCED 1997, only ISCED 2A (not 2B or 2C) can lead to 3B programmes; therefore the destination for the Basic Technical Education Certificate is A)

ISCED 2 – Vocational
Destination: A

3. Certificate of Proficiency
 - a. Entry requirement: completion of primary education is required.
 - b. Duration: 2 years
 - c. Vocational training
 - d. Graduates from this training go directly to the labour market.

ISCED 2 - Vocational
Destination: C

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Cycle 2 is more diversified, as there are 4 possible types of diplomas.

1. The Senior Secondary Certificate (SSC)
 - Entry requirement: National Junior Certificate (NJC)
 - Duration: 4 years
 - It has a diversified curriculum
 - Upon completion, it leads to higher education programmes.

**ISCED 3 –
General**
Destination: A

2. Middle Technical Education Certificate
 - Entry requirement: NJC
 - Duration: 2 years
 - It prepares technicians in agriculture, industry and commerce
 - The core curriculum focuses on vocational subjects
 - This programme gives access to the National Technical Diploma (NTD)

**ISCED 3 –
Vocational**
Destination: B

3. Vocational/Technical Certificate
 - Entry requirement: NJC
 - Duration: 3 years
 - Normal starting age is 16 years old
 - The primary goal is to produce the technical manpower for commerce, industry, agriculture and health care.

**ISCED 3 –
Vocational**
Destination: C

4. Pre-school teacher training diploma
 - Entry requirement: NJC
 - Duration: 2 years
 - Prepares teachers for pre-school teaching

**ISCED 3 –
General**
Destination: C

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National Higher education

Higher education is provided by universities, colleges of education, as well as institutes that prepare students for professional programs such as accounting, law, architecture and mass communication.

The following programs have the Senior Secondary Certificate (SSC) as an entry requirement:

- Technical/Vocational education
 - Duration: 1 year
 - Curriculum is vocational oriented
 - The program may give access to the National Technical Diploma (NTD)

ISCED 4
Vocational, Destination: A

- Remedial programmes, Pre-Degree programmes
 - Duration: 2 years

ISCED 4
General, Destination: A

(Note: based on the limited information provided here, the orientation for this programme would in fact be general; although it would be useful to find more information about its content.)

- School of Nursing
 - Duration: 2 years
 - The school provides only one programme
 - Graduates can find a job in national hospitals or health centers **(Note: There are also cases where Nursing programmes might be classified as ISCED 5B programmes – In this case, we should look for more information on the content of the programme and its position in the national education structure.)**

ISCED 4
Vocational, Destination: B

- Bachelor in Sciences, in Education, in Arts
 - Duration: 4 years

ISCED 5A, 1st Degree

- National Certificate Education (NCE)
 - Entry requirement: Senior Secondary Certificate
 - Duration: 3 years
 - Prepares for teaching profession in primary and secondary general education

ISCED 5B, 1st Qualification

Other programmes in the country include:

- Master in Philosophy (MPHIL)
 - Entry requirement: Bachelor
 - Duration: 1 year

ISCED 5A, 2nd, Research

- Master in Arts, Sciences, Education (MA)
 - Entry requirement: Bachelor
 - Duration: 2 years

ISCED 5A, 2nd

- National Technical Diploma (NTD)
 - Entry requirement: Middle Technical Education Certificate (MTC)
 - Duration: 2 years
 - It includes service trades, hotel and restaurant trades , transport, communications and beauty programs.

ISCED 5B, 1st

- Ph.D.: requires a Masters degree, 4 years + long
 - Duration: 4 years + long

ISCED 6