Austrian Educational System

At university and higher education level, there are three kinds of educational institutions where someone who has passed the school leaving examination can take up studies from the age of 18 onwards. Upon graduation from a school for intermediate vocational education, vocational education for healthcare professions, or a secondary school leaving exam in order to qualify for admission to university or other institution of higher education.

From the age of 14 onwards, students can attend the upper cycle of an academic secondary school at level ISCED 3G, which is also offered, usually from the age of 17 onwards. A graduate of PVS pre-vocational school (ISCED level 3V and 4V, vocational) is also offered, usually from the age of 17 onwards. A graduate of PVS pre-vocational school (ISCED level 3V and 4V, vocational) is also offered, usually from the age of 17 onwards.

In Austria, it is customary for children up to the age of 6 to attend kindergarten, which according to the ISCED scheme, is classified as ISCED level 0. From age 6 to 10, students attend primary school (ISCED level 1), with special school also continuing to, and including, ISCED level 2.

The ISCED levels 3 to 5 also contain additional information on the specialisation of the respective educational entity. G denotes general education, while V refers to vocational education.

ISCED (2011): This is the general classification of the education system according to UNESCO and is short for International Standard Classification of Education. This scheme classifies the various education programmes of the Austrian education system into 8 levels.

There is a glossary in the bottom right corner, for example of terms like:

- MA, MBA, ...: Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration
- BEd, ...: Bachelor of Education
- MA, MSc, ...: Master of Arts, Master of Science
- Dr., PhD, ...: Doctor of Philosophy

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