Oversight Dutch educational system before 1 August 1997

Primary Education
8 years, age 4 - 12

Basic Secondary Education

Pre-University Education
(VWO) 6 years, age 12 - 18

Secondary General Education
(HAVO) 5 years, age 12 - 17

Junior Secondary Pre-Vocational Education
(MAVO) 4 years, age 12 - 16

Junior Secondary General Education
4 years, age 12 - 16

Senior Secondary Vocational Education, Long Course
(Lang-MBO) 3 - 4 years

Senior Secondary Vocational Education, Intermediate Course
(Tussen-MBO) 2 - 4 years

Senior Secondary Vocational Education, Short Course
(Kort-MBO) 2 years

Tertiary Apprenticeship
Max. 2 years

Secondary Apprenticeship
Max. 2 years

Foundation Apprenticeship
1 - 3 years

Adult Education

Academic Higher Education
(University) (WO) 4 years

Higher Professional Education
(HBO) 4 years

Post-Initial Higher Education

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