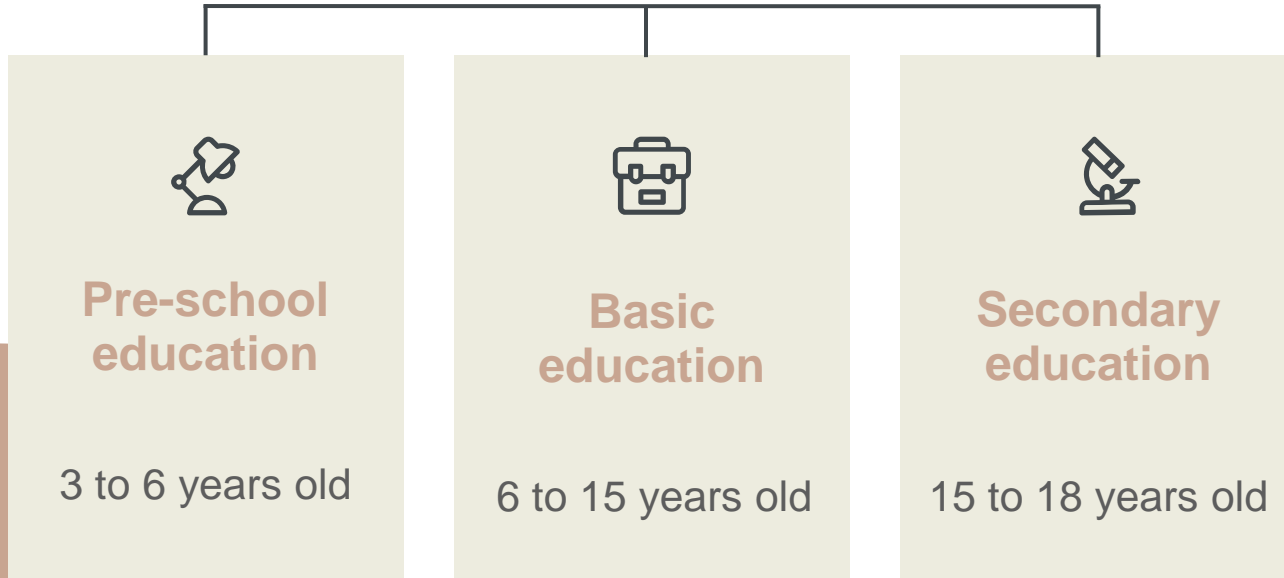
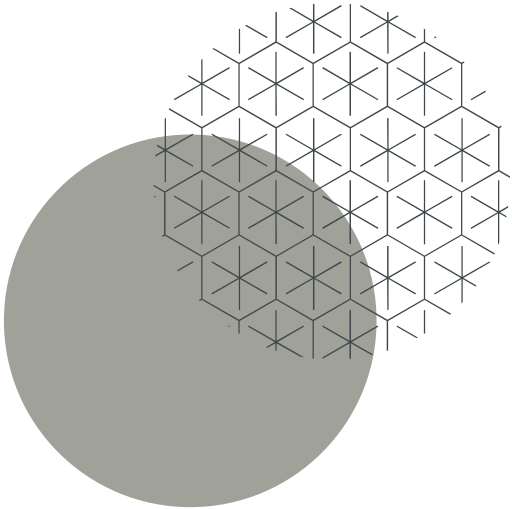




The Portuguese Education System

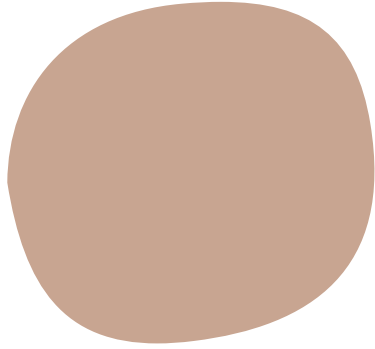
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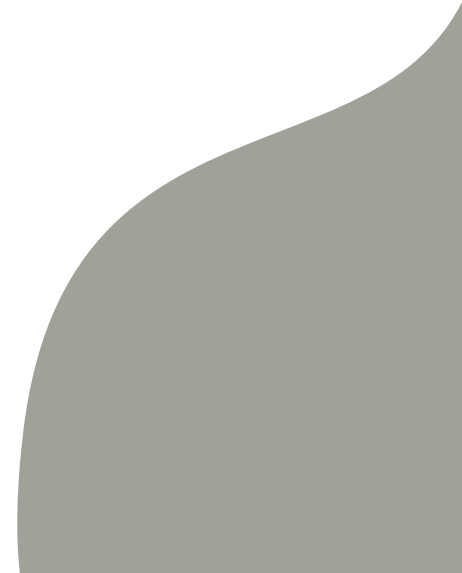
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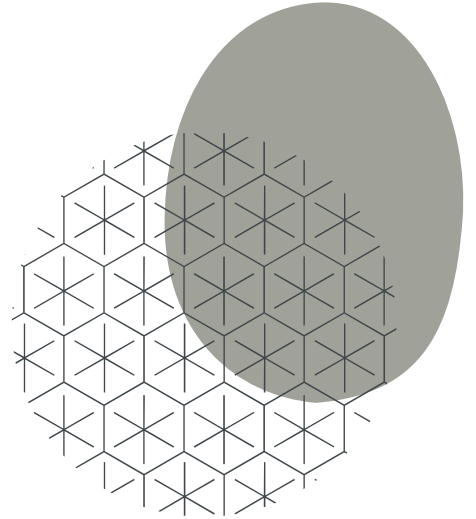
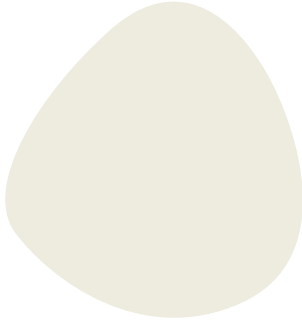


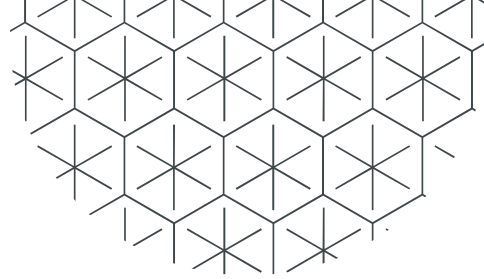
Pre-school education

Attending pre-school education is optional, recognising the primacy of families' role in children's education, and is universal for children from the year they celebrate their fourth birthday.



Basic Education





Basic Education

Basic education is **universal**, **compulsory**, **free** and lasts nine years.



Basic Education



The first cycle

Corresponds to the first four years of schooling

Grades 1^o to 4^o



The second cycle

Corresponds to the next two years

Grades 5^o and 6^o



The third cycle

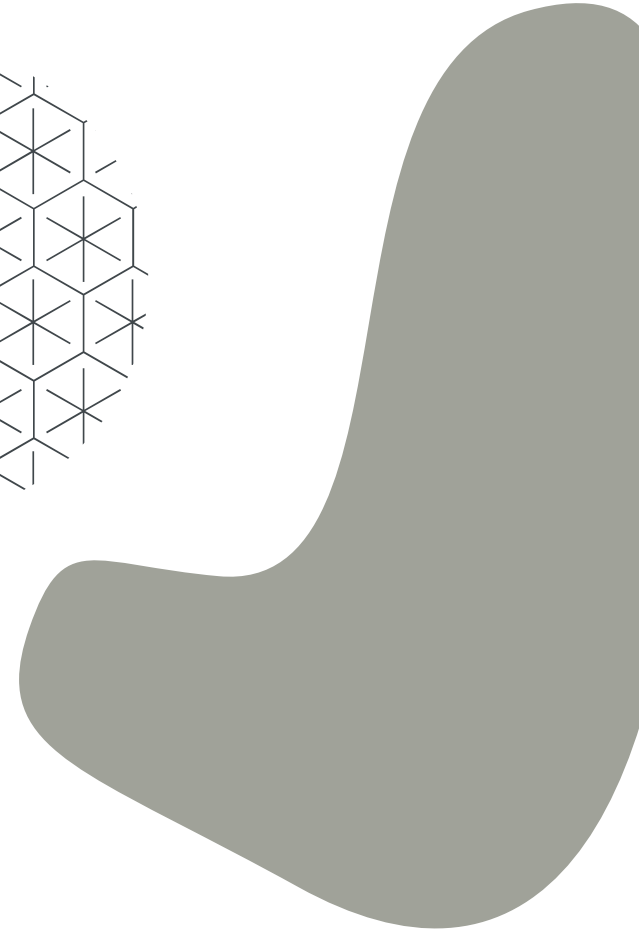
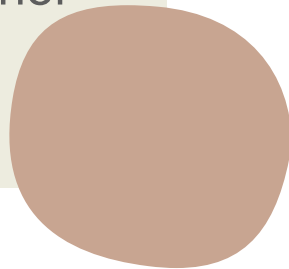
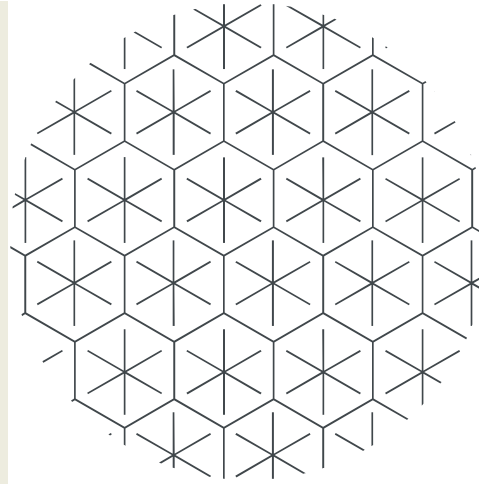
Lasts for three years and corresponds to lower secondary education

Grades 7^o to 8^o



Basic Education

The guiding principles of curriculum organisation and management aim to ensure a common general background education for all citizens, via the acquisition of **fundamental knowledge and skills** that allow further study.



Common basic education subjects taught

In Portugal

Portuguese

English

Geography

History

Natural Science

Mathematics

Arts

Computer Studies

Physical Education

Chemistry and Physics

French/ Spanish/ German

Citizenship

Religion (optional)

School option: Music (AEHN)



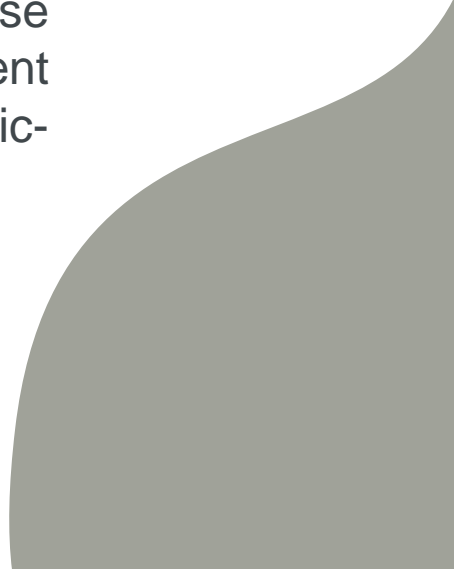
Secondary

Education



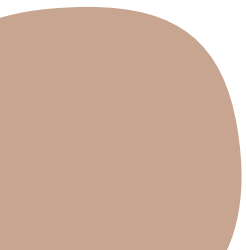
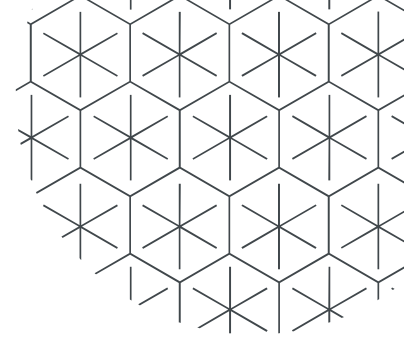
Secondary Education

After nine years of basic education, the Portuguese General Education system branches into different paths. In general, the biggest two are the Scientific-Humanistic courses and the Professional courses.



Compulsory general subjects in the 4 Scientific-Humanistic courses

Portuguese and Physical Education
(3 years - mandatory)
English and Philosophy
(2 years - mandatory)



Scientific-Humanistic Courses

Social and Human Sciences

- **Main subject:** History A
- **Specific subjects:** MACS, Foreign Language II/III and others (*two of these in 10th and 11th years*)
- **Optional subjects:** Geography, Sociology, Law, Psychology and others (*two of the in the 12th year*)

Sciences and Technologies

- **Main subject:** Mathematics A
- **Specific subjects:** Biology and Geology, Physics and chemistry, Descriptive Geometry and others (*two of these in 10th and 11th years*)
- **Optional subjects:** Chemistry, Physics, Biology, English, Philosophy A and others (*two of the in the 12th year*)

Scientific-Humanistic Courses

Socio-Economic Sciences

- **Main subject:** Mathematics A
- **Specific subjects:** Economics, History B and others (*two of these in 10th and 11th years*)
- **Optional subjects:** Sociology, Law, Sociology and others (*two of the in the 12th year*)

Visual Arts

- **Main subject:** Drawing A
- **Specific subjects:** History and Culture of Art, Descriptive Geometry and others (*two of these in 10th and 11th years*)
- **Optional subjects:** Art Atelier, Materials and Technologies and others (*two of the in the 12th year*)

Professional Courses

Instead of following the normal studies, Portuguese students can choose Professional Courses, which will give them different qualifications.

Some of the courses:


- Sports
- Health Assistant
- Commercial
- Multimedia
- Management
- Programming and Management of Computer Systems
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After finishing a professional Course:



Diplomas

Once the course is completed, you get two diplomas:

- one for finishing secondary school;
 - one with a certain level of professional qualification.
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Adult Education

Adult Education and Training Courses

- **Basic Education** (4th, 6th and 9th year)
- **Secondary Education** (10th to 12th year)
- **Professional option** (10th to 12th year)

RVCC - Recognition, Validation and Certification of Skills

- **RVCC** in Basic or Secondary Education, people will have to demonstrate technical knowledge in the profession they propose to certify





High-level education

After high school

High-level education

- Attend University;
- You can:
 - licentiate;
 - get a master's degree;
 - get a doctorate;
 - etc.

World of work

- Go straight into the working world;
- Usually pursued by people who took a professional course in high school.



High-level education



Selecting

To attend university you must apply to several options



Getting in

Your acceptance is dependant on your average, so getting in can be a challenge



Attending

Once successful you must attend classes and work hard towards your goals



Diploma

Obtaining your diploma is the last step, afterwards you are ready to start working

Course options

Lang.- Human.

- Journalism;
- Teaching;
- Psychology;
- Marketing;
- Turism;
- Law;

Sciences

- Engineering;
- Computer science;
- Medicine;
- Astronomy;
- Informatics;

Economy

- Accountant;
- Business;
- Finance;
- Marketing consultant;
- PR;

Arts

- Architecture;
- Design;
- Cinema;
- Music;
- Web design;
- Theatre;

Although these are not the only options, they are some of the most procured amongst portuguese students.

None of these options are specifically restricted to the category they're under, however, that is usually how they are pursued.

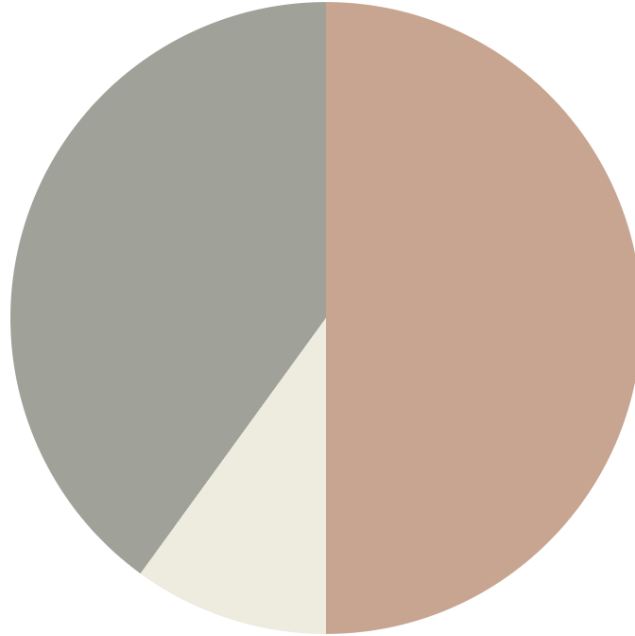
Education pursuit choices

Master's 40%

Second largest group of Portuguese university attending students.

Doctorate 10%

Consists of the smallest part of the high-learning population in Portugal



Licentiate 50%

Most of the Portuguese university students are licentiate.

World of work - characteristics

01 Who pursues it?

People who took a professional course in high school and don't intend on attending university.

02 Most pursued careers

- Tourism;
- Chef;
- Digital marketing;
- Web design;
- Health aide;
- Administrative and receptionist.