THE SWISS EDUCATION SYSTEM

ISCED 8
ISCED 7
ISCED 6
ISCED 4
ISCED 3 + 35
ISCED 2
ISCED 1
ISCED 020

ISCED | International Standard Classification of Education 2011

1 Two years of kindergarten or the first two years of a first learning cycle: included in compulsory education in the majority of cantons
2 Lower secondary level: 4-year scuola media in the Canton of Ticino (pursuant to exception clause in Art. 6 HarmoS Agreement). Transition to Baccalaureate Schools possible after 10th school year
3 Vocational education and training (apprenticeship): training in a host company + instruction at a VET school + branch courses. For certain professions, a VET diploma can be obtained in a full-time school programme (e.g. in trade or IT schools).
4 Federal examination / Federal diploma of higher education = ISCED 6
   Advanced federal examination / Advanced federal diploma of higher education = ISCED 7

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