Theoretical starting age
Germany
2012
ISCED 6
25
Doctorate
Year 5
Year 4
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
ISCED 5A
Master's
Master's
Year 2
Year 1
Year 2
Year 1
Bachelor's
Bachelor's
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
ISCED 5B
19
University
University of applied sciences
Qualification of health sector programme
Master, craftsmen, technician and equivalent
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
Year 2
Year 1
Health sector programme
Trade and technical school (including social programme)
ISCED 4
19
Year 2
Year 1
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
Specialised vocational high school
Dual system (second cycle)
ISCED 3
18
16
12th
11th
10th
13th
12th
11th
13th
12th
11th
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
Year 1
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
Upper secondary education (general) at Gymnasium/Gesamtschule
Upper secondary education (general) at vocational school
Dual System (first cycle)
Basic vocational training programme
Specialised vocational school Occupational qualification
Adult education
ISCED 2
10
10th
9th
8th
7th
6th
5th
10th
9th
8th
7th
6th
5th
10th
9th
8th
7th
6th
5th
Gymnasium/Gesamtschule
Realschule
Hauptschule
Special needs education
ISCED 1
6
4th
3rd
2nd
1st
Primary school
ISCED 0
3
Kindergarten
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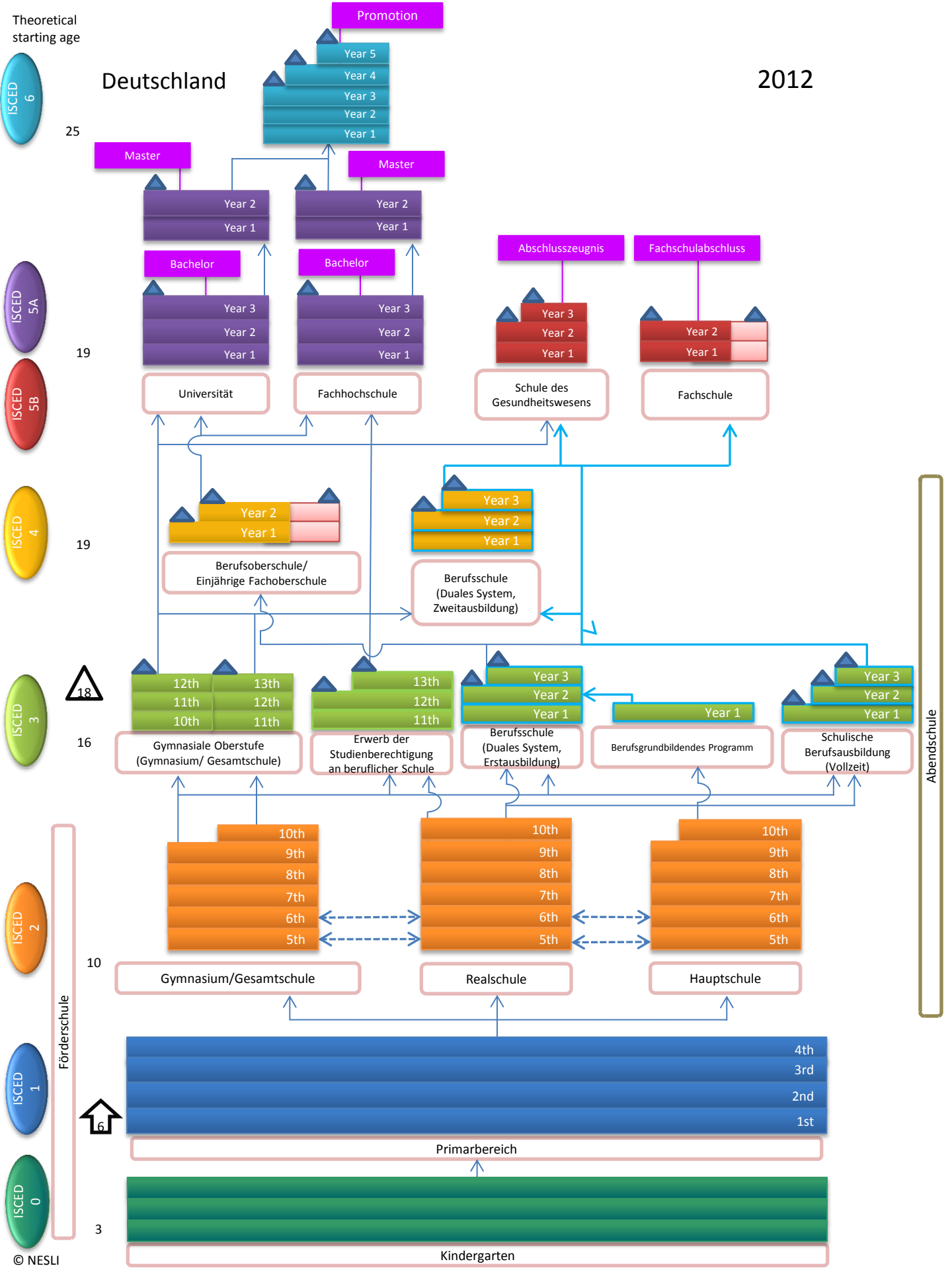
Theoretical starting age
Deutschland
2012
ISCED 6
ISCED 5A
ISCED 5B
ISCED 4
ISCED 3
ISCED 2
ISCED 1
ISCED 0
25
19
19
18
16
10
6
3
Promotion
Year 5
Year 4
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
Master
Master
Year 2
Year 1
Year 2
Year 1
Bachelor
Bachelor
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
Abschlusszeugnis
Fachschulabschluss
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
Year 2
Year 1
Universität
Fachhochschule
Schule des Gesundheitswesens
Fachschule
Year 2
Year 1
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
Berufsoberschule/ Einjährige Fachoberschule
Berufsschule (Duales System, Zweitausbildung)
12th
11th
10th
13th
12th
11th
13th
12th
11th
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
Year 1
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
Gymnasiale Oberstufe (Gymnasium/ Gesamtschule)
Erwerb der Studienberechtigung an beruflicher Schule
Berufsschule (Duales System, Erstausbildung)
Berufsgrundbildendes Programm
Schulische Berufsausbildung (Vollzeit)
Abendschule
10th
9th
8th
7th
6th
5th
10th
9th
8th
7th
6th
5th
10th
9th
8th
7th
6th
5th
Gymnasium/Gesamtschule
Realschule
Hauptschule
Förderschule
4th
3rd
2nd
1st
Primarbereich
Kindergarten
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Key

Starting/ending age of compulsory education

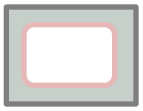
Recognized exit point of the education system

Student flow

Transfer from a programme to another

Programme designed for part-time attendance

Vocational Programme



Single structure education (Integrated ISCED levels)

May be provided within one school structure