Estonia

**Basic School Leaving Certificate**

**Certificate of Vocational Education**

**Doctoral degree**

**Master’s degree**

**Bachelor’s degree**

**Diploma of professional higher education**

**Vocational courses based on basic education** (VET studies at EQF level 4, initial and further)

**Vocational courses based on secondary education** (VET studies at EQF level 5, initial and further)

**Certificate of Vocational Secondary Education**

**Vocational educational institution**

**University**

**Institution of professional higher education/ university college**

**Theoretical starting age**

See PDF version/Notes for more information on formal vocational education in Estonia.
Key

Starting/ending age of compulsory education

Recognized exit point of the education system

Typical student flow

Transfer from a programme to another

Programme designed for part-time attendance

Vocational/Professional orientation (according to national definition at the tertiary level)

Single structure education (integrated ISCED levels)

May be provided within one school structure

Transfer at crossing lines is not possible

Name of diploma, degree or certificate

Reference year (school year 2017/2018 in the northern hemisphere)

*Theoretical starting ages* refer to the ages as established by law and regulation for the entry to a programme, actual starting ages may vary depending on the programme.
Note on Estonian education system

Formal vocational education in Estonia uses the EQF qualification scale and is identified to ISCED levels. However, these programmes do not have a specific requirement of age. Vocational education studies leading to EQF levels 2 and 3 (initial, without basic education requirement) and levels 4 and 5 (initial and further education with specific EQF level requirement) are represented below.

Further national definitions of degrees and qualifications beyond the ISCED classification can be found here:

* the system of taking account of previous study results and professional experience