

Online Guide to

Educational Systems



Around the World—Indonesia



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Instructions for Using the *Online Guide to Educational Systems Around the World*

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These documents are updates to those in the 1999 publication *A Guide to Educational Systems Around the World* (which was an update to *The Handbook on the Placement of Foreign Graduate Students*, published in 1990 and colloquially known as the "Graduate Handbook.")

It is important to note that these documents do not replace either of the earlier publications, which should be used for credentials issued prior to 1999, the period those publications cover.

Readers familiar with the original version of *A Guide to Educational Systems Around the World* will note that these updates use the same format:

1. Each of these publications provides lists of credentials and other data that can be used both for undergraduate and graduate admissions.
2. "Advice for admissions officers" is intentionally not provided. We have attempted to avoid all types of subjective interpretation, relying instead on objective data. Users of these updates should use the information provided in conjunction with other resources to determine their own placement recommendations and possibility of transfer credit. Questions about credentials can be posted on the Admission and Credential Evaluation discussion forum on the Recruitment, Admissions, and Preparation Knowledge Community Web site:
http://www.nafsa.org/knowledge_community_network.sec/recruitment_admissions/admissions_and_credential/forums.

Please note that these updates should be supplemented by additional written materials that describe complete foreign educational systems, including data on specific institutions, and by professional training in the theory and practice of credential evaluation. Many of these resources are available from NAFSA, either as printed publications or on-line. The need for institution support for budgetary resources and training for undergraduate and graduate admissions personnel remains important, regardless of the increased availability of resources on the Web.

These publications were compiled by many authors using a standardized template and style. Although minor variations among entries do occur, the basic guidelines are explained as follows:

Educational Ladder

1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2
1 - 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
A B B

The year or half-year at which a credential is awarded is the point at which the corresponding credential letter is placed. In the example above, credential A is awarded after the 9th year of education. Note that the corresponding letter is placed directly below the number 9.

All *normal* possibilities of the total number of years of education that a credential might require are indicated on the ladder. This occurs for credential B, in which the credential can be awarded after either 12 or 13 total years of education. An explanation is provided in the description of the credential whenever a letter appears on the ladder more than once. There are a few cases when this multiple-listing style was not used; in these cases, there are explanatory comments.

An arrow (→) is used after a credential letter in cases where no maximum length of study for a particular program is specified, or where the study time is open-ended. For example, a doctor of philosophy degree program may require a minimum of three years of enrollment. The corresponding credential letter with an arrow will appear under the minimum number of total years of education required to earn the Ph.D.

Explanations About Documents

Credentials are divided into two categories: secondary and postsecondary. The decision to include the credential under one or the other category is not a subjective one—a credential is determined to be either secondary or postsecondary according to its designation by the country of origin, regardless of how individual institutions might perceive the level (and recommend transfer credit).

Numerical endnotes, placed directly after the complete list of credentials, are used when a lengthy explanation about a credential is necessary.

Foreign Terms and Words

Foreign terms are used whenever possible, and are translated literally, in most cases. Literal translations are used to avoid subjectivity. We have attempted to be consistent with translations across languages, though readers may notice some differences between countries because of preferences indicated by the submitters. Credential evaluators and admissions personnel should always rely on official foreign language documents, using translations only as guides.

Grading Information

Only the most common grading scales used in each country are listed. Evaluators understand that variations in grading are common and that one should always consult the grading information that may be provided on official transcripts. Rather than making grade equivalency statements, the submitter(s) of the update provided information regarding grading practices within the countries.

INDONESIA

YEARS OF EDUCATION →

1	→	6		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15		16		17		18		19		20		21		22		23		24
				A		B		C		F		G		H		I		K		L		O		P		Q												
								D						J					M																			
								E											N																			

CREDENTIALS OR DOCUMENTATION

Secondary

- A *Ijazah Sekolah Menengah Pertama* (Diploma) awarded by a *Sekolah Menengah Pertama* (Lower Secondary School) signifies completion of nine years of compulsory education, gives access to *Sekolah Menengah Atas* (Upper Secondary School).
- B *Ijazah Sekolah Menengah Atas* (Diploma) awarded by a *Sekolah Menengah Atas Program Akselerasi* (Upper Secondary School Accelerated Program) signifies completion of 11 years of education of which the last two years are accelerated to cover upper secondary materials regularly covered in three years, gives access to higher education.
- C *Ijazah Sekolah Menengah Atas* (Diploma) awarded by a *Sekolah Menengah Atas* (Upper Secondary School) signifies completion of 12 years of education, gives access to higher education.
- D *Ijazah Madrasah Aliyah* (Diploma) awarded by a *Madrasah Aliyah* (Islamic Upper Secondary School) signifies completion of 12 years of Islamic education, gives access to higher education
- E *Ijazah Sekolah Menengah Kejuruan* (Diploma) awarded by a *Sekolah Menengah Kejuruan* (Vocational Secondary School) signifies completion of vocational oriented upper secondary school.

Postsecondary

- F *Diploma I* (Diploma I) awarded after completion of one year of postsecondary vocational oriented education, requires credential **B**, **C**, **D** or **E** for admission.
- G *Diploma II* (Diploma II) awarded after completion of two years of postsecondary education, requires credential **B**, **C**, **D** or **E** for admission.
- H *Diploma III* (Diploma III) awarded after completion of three years of postsecondary education, may transfer to Strata 1/S1 (Stage 1) degree programs, requires credential **B**, **C**, **D** or **E** for admission.
- I *Diploma IV* (Diploma IV) awarded after completion of four years of postsecondary education, requires credential **B**, **C**, **D**, or **E** for admission.
- J *Sarjana Strata 1/S1* (Stage 1 Degree) four years academic and pre-professional degree programs, requires credential **B**, **C**, or **D** for admission.
- K *Sarjana Farmasi/S.Farm.* (Stage 1 Degree in Pharmacy) four and one-half-year program requiring credential **B**, **C**, or **D** for admission.
- L *Sarjana Kedokteran Dokter/S.Ked.dr, drg, drh* (Stage 1 Professional Degree in Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine) two years of residency program, requires credential **J** in its respective field for admission.
- M *Magister/Strata 2/S2* (Master/Stage 2 Degree), two-year program, requires credential **J** for admission.
- N *Magister Management/MM* (Master in Management), one-to-two-year program, requires credential **J**, **K**, or other Stage 1 degrees for admission.
- O *Doktor/DR/Strata 3/S3* (Doctor/Stage 3 Degree), two-year program, requires credential **M** or **N** for admission.
- P *Specialis I* (Specialist I), four-to-six year program in medical fields, requires credential **L** for admission.
- Q *Specialis II* (Specialist II), two-year program in medical fields, requires credential **P** for admission.

GRADING INFORMATION

Secondary

<u>Numerical</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Translation</u>
10. Sepuluh	Istimewa	Excellent
9. Sembilan	Sangat Baik/Baik Sekali	Very Good
8. Delapan	Baik	Good
7. Tujuh	Lebih Dari Cukup	Above Average
6. Enam	Cukup	Average
5. Lima	Hampir Cukup	Below Average
4. Empat	Kurang	Fail
3. Tiga	Kurang Sekali	Fail
2. Dua	Buruk	Fail
1. Satu	Buruk Sekali	Fail

Grading on the Diploma uses a scale of 0 – 10

Grading on Transcripts/Reports usually uses a scale of 0 – 100

Postsecondary Education

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Point</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Translation</u>
A	4	Istimewa/Sangat Baik	Excellent
B	3	Baik	Good
C	2	Cukup	Average
D	1	Kurang/Lulus Bersyarat	Poor/Passed Conditionally
E/F	0	Gagal/Tidak Lulus	Fail

RECOGNITION BODY

Badan Akreditasi Nasional-Sekolah/Madrasah (BAN S/M), National Accreditation Body-Schools/Islamic Schools, is the accreditation body for Kindergarten through Secondary School level.

Badan Akreditasi Nasional-Perguruan Tinggi (BAN-PT), National Accreditation Body-Higher Education, is the accreditation body for higher education institutions.

RESOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Print

Johnson, Karin, et al 1993 *Indonesia: A Study of the Educational System of the Republic of Indonesia and a Guide to the Academic Placement of Students in Educational Institutions in the United States*. PIER World Education Series.

Departemen Pendidikan Nasional (Ministry of National Education), Jl. Jend. Sudirman, Senayan, Jakarta 12041

Diknas P dan K Prop. Jawa Timur (Department of Education and Culture, East Java Province), Jl. Genteng Kali No. 33, Surabaya, Jawa Timur, Indonesia.

On-line

Ministry of National Education - <http://www.depdiknas.go.id/>

National Accreditation Body-Higher Education - <http://ban-pt.depdiknas.go.id>

National Accreditation Body-Schools/Islamic Schools - <http://www.ban-sm.or.id>

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