

Online Guide to

# Educational Systems



Around the World—Yemen



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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](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

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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.

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## 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		E	H	I	I	K	M		O	O	O	
						D		F			J	L						
								G			L	M						
												N						

## CREDENTIALS OR DOCUMENTATION

### Secondary

- A Intermediate School Certificate: nine years, requiring age 6
- B Vocational Training Certificate (Two-Year): two years, requiring credential **A** for admission
- C Vocational Training Certificate (Three-Year): three years, requiring credential **A** for admission (or one year after credential **B**)
- D General Secondary Education Certificate (*Al-Thanawiyya*): three years, requiring credential **A** for admission

### Postsecondary

- E Technical Diploma/ Certificate of Technician: two years, requiring credential **C** or **D** for admission (post-secondary vocational training that does not allow for access to further tertiary studies)
- F Teacher's Certificate: two years, requiring credential **D** for admission (academic qualification for pre-primary and primary/basic school teachers, completed at teacher-training institutions)
- G Diploma/ Intermediate Diploma: two years, requiring credential **D** for admission (completed at universities)
- H Associate's Degree: three years, requiring credential **D** for admission (completed at community colleges: first-year focuses on upgrading skills)
- I Bachelor's degree/ *Licence* (Licentiate): four or five years, requiring credential **D** for admission (or two to three years after credential **G** or **H**)
- J Bachelor of Engineering: five years, requiring credential **D** for admission
- K Bachelor of Medicine/ Diploma in Medicine: six years, requiring credential **D** for admission
- L Higher Diploma/ Specialist Diploma/ Graduate Diploma/ Preparatory Diploma: one year, requiring credential **I** for admission
- M Master's degree: two years, requiring credential **I** for admission (or one year after credential **L**)
- N Master of Engineering: one year, requiring credential **J** for admission
- O Doctorate: three to four years, requiring credential **M** or **N** for admission

## GRADING SCALES

<b>Secondary</b>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Description</u>
	630 - 700%	Distinction
	561 - 629%	Very Good
	491 - 560%	Good
	421 - 490%	Fair
	350 - 420%	Pass
	0 - 349%	Failure

<b>Postsecondary</b>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Description</u>
	88 - 100%	Distinction
	78 - 87%	Very Good
	63 - 77%	Good
	48 - 62%	Pass
	00 - 47%	Failure

## POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION RECOGNITION BODY

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research [www.yemen.gov.ye/portal/mohe](http://www.yemen.gov.ye/portal/mohe)  
(Arabic)

Ministry of Technical Education and Vocational Training  
[http://www.mtevt.info/site\\_en/index.asp](http://www.mtevt.info/site_en/index.asp) (English)

## RESOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Printed

Santiago, A. "Yemen." *The New Country Index: Volume II*. Culver City, CA. International Education Research Foundation, Inc., forthcoming.

### Online

American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers – Electronic Database for Global Education (AACRAO – EDGE): <http://www.aacraoedge.aacrao.org/>  
(accessible by subscription)

America-Mideast Educational and Training Services, Inc. (AMIDEAST):  
<http://www.amideast.org/yemen>

International Association of Universities. World Higher Education Database:  
<http://www.unesco.org/iau/onlinedatabases/index.html>

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. "National Strategy for the Development of Higher Education in Yemen." UNESCO, 2005. Web PDF. August 26, 2010.

The National Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom (UK NARIC):  
[www.naric.org.uk](http://www.naric.org.uk) (accessible by subscription)

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