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Austria

- Area: 83,872 km²
- Inhabitants: appr. 8 million
- Capital: Vienna (1.8 million inhabitants)
- Official language: German, 6 minority languages
- Religion: 78 percent Roman Catholics
- Republic: elections every 5 years
- 9 federal states

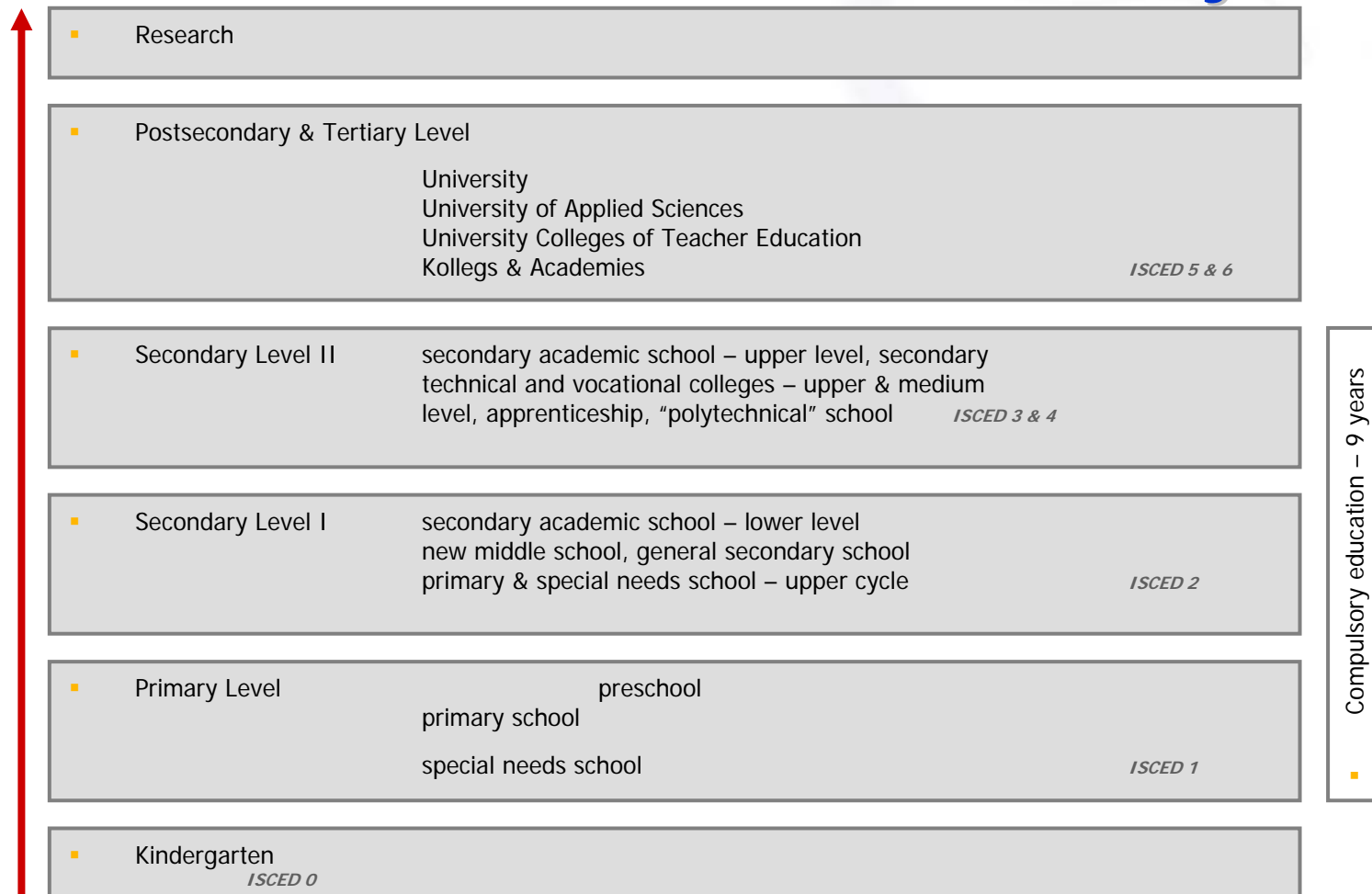


The Austrian educational system

- **Compulsory schooling (9 years)**
Public schools are free of charge
- **Higher Education Sector**
 - Universities
 - Universities of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschulen)
 - University Colleges of Teacher Education



The Austria educational system



The Universities

- Universities – maintained by the state (21)
- Private Universities – with state accreditation (12)
 - **Free access** to the majority of the university studies (some courses have limited access/entrance exams)
 - University entrance: Reifeprüfung/Matura (secondary school leaving certificate or professional qualification examination)



Universities of Applied Sciences (20) (Fachhochschulen)

- compulsory entrance examination
- some charge tuition fees (363.36 euros per semester)
- more practice-oriented education
- offer full-time and part-time study programmes



University Colleges of Teacher Education (17)

- Train teachers for compulsory schools
- Education lasts 6 semesters; concludes with a “Bachelor of Education” (BEd.) degree and the corresponding teaching qualification
- Following the bachelor programme you can study a master programme at a university or university of applied sciences



The Bologna Process



- **Aim** – to create a European Higher Education Area (EHEA) based on international cooperation and academic exchange
- Bologna Process- 1999
- **The EHEA wants to:**
 - Facilitate mobility of students, graduates and staff
 - Prepare students for their future careers
 - Offer broad access to high-quality higher education

What are the reforms all about?

- Introduction of a system of easily understandable and comparable degree (supported by the Diploma Supplement)
- Creation of a three level study system (Bachelor – Master – PhD)
- Introduction of a credit system according to the ECTS Model
- Curriculum - Learning Outcomes

What are the reforms all about?

- Promotion of mobility of students, researchers, teaching and administrative staff
- Recognition of foreign degrees
- Quality assurance
- Promotion of the European Dimension in Higher Education
- Creation of a European Higher Education and Research Area



Change of degree Programmes

- **Currently two systems in Austria**
- **“Old” system:**
 - Diploma Degree programmes (Diplomstudien), ECTS credits: 240 to 360
 - Doctor, ECTS credits: at least 120 ECTS
- **Bologna: Three cycle system**
 - Bachelor, ECTS credits: 180
 - Master, ECTS credits: 60 to 120
 - PdD, at least 3 years (ECTS not obligatory)

Diploma Supplement

- Facilitate recognition and foster comparability of degrees

