

ANNEX D – MAPPING OF ISCED TO YEARS

Table D.1 Mapping of ISCED to years

	Completed ISCED level 1 (primary education)	Completed ISCED level 2 (lower secondary education)	Completed ISCED levels 3B or 3C (upper secondary education providing direct access to the labour market or to ISCED 5B programmes)	Completed ISCED level 3A (upper secondary education providing access to ISCED 5A and 5B programmes) and/or ISCED level 4 (non-tertiary post-secondary)	Completed ISCED level 5A (university level tertiary education) or ISCED level 6 (advanced research programmes)	Completed ISCED level 5B (non-university tertiary education)
OECD						
Australia	6	10	11	12	15	14
Austria	4	9	12	13	17	15
Belgium ¹	6	9	12	12	17	15
Canada	6	9	12	12	17	15
Chile	6	8	12	12	17	16
Czech Republic	5	9	11	13	16	16
Denmark	7	10	13	13	18	16
Estonia	6	9	12	12	16	15
Finland	6	9	12	12	16.5	14.5
France	5	9	12	12	15	14
Germany	4	10	13	13	18	15
Greece	6	9	11.5	12	17	15
Hungary	4	8	10.5	12	16.5	13.5
Iceland	7	10	13	14	18	16
Ireland	6	9	12	12	16	14
Israel	6	9	12	12	15	15
Italy	5	8	12	13	17	16
Japan	6	9	12	12	16	14
Korea	6	9	12	12	16	14
Luxembourg	6	9	12	13	17	16
Mexico	6	9	12	12	16	14
Netherlands	6	10	13	12	16	15
New Zealand	5.5	10	11	12	15	14
Norway	6	9	12	12	16	14
Poland	a	8	11	12	16	15
Portugal	6	9	12	12	17	15
Slovak Republic ²	4	9	12	13	18	16
Slovenia	4	8	11	12	16	15
Spain	5	8	10	12	16.5	13
Sweden	6	9	11.5	12	16	14
Switzerland	6	9	12.5	12.5	17.5	14.5
Turkey	5	8	11	11	15	13
United Kingdom (exclud. Scotland)	6	9	12	13	16	15
United Kingdom (Scotland)	7	9	11	13	17	15
United States	6	9	a	12	16	14
Partners						
Albania	6	9	12	12	16	16
Argentina	6	10	12	12	17	14.5
Azerbaijan	4	9	11	11	17	14
Brazil	4	8	11	11	16	14.5
Bulgaria	4	8	10	12	17.5	15
Colombia	5	9	11	11	15.5	14
Costa Rica	6	9	11	12	14	16
Croatia	4	8	11	12	17	15
Hong Kong-China	6	9	11	13	16	14
Indonesia	6	9	12	12	15	14
Jordan	6	10	12	12	16	14.5
Kazakhstan	4	9	11.5	12.5	15	14
Latvia	4	8	11	11	16	14
Liechtenstein	5	9	11	13	17	14
Lithuania	3	8	11	11	16	15
Macao-China	6	9	11	12	16	15
Malaysia	6	9	11	13	15	16
Montenegro	4	8	11	12	16	15
Peru	6	9	11	11	17	14
Qatar	6	9	12	12	16	15
Romania	4	8	11.5	12.5	16	14
Russian Federation	4	9	11.5	12	15	a
Serbia	4	8	11	12	17	14.5
Shanghai-China	6	9	12	12	16	15
Singapore	6	8	10	11	16	13
Chinese Taipei	6	9	12	12	16	14
Thailand	6	9	12	12	16	14
Tunisia	6	9	12	13	17	16
United Arab Emirates	5	9	12	12	16	15
Uruguay	6	9	12	12	17	15
Viet Nam	5	9	12	12	17	a

1. In Belgium, the distinction between universities and other tertiary schools doesn't match the distinction between ISCED 5A and ISCED 5B.

2. In the Slovak Republic, university education (ISCED 5A) usually lasts five years and doctoral studies (ISCED 6) lasts three more years. Therefore, university graduates will have completed 18 years of study and graduates of doctoral programmes will have completed 21 years of study.