At university and higher education level, there are three kinds of educational institutions where someone who has passed the school leaving examination can take up studies from the age of 18 onwards.

1. **Universities**
   - Doctoral programme (ISCED 8)
   - Master programme (ISCED 7)
   - Bachelor programme (ISCED 6)

2. **Fachhochschulen**
   - Master programme (ISCED 7)
   - Bachelor programme (ISCED 6)

3. **University Colleges of Teacher Education**
   - Master programme (ISCED 7)
   - Bachelor programme (ISCED 6)

At ISCED level 5V (vocational), the student can attend a post-secondary VET course for the duration of 4 semesters and continuing education courses at tertiary educational institutions.

Upon graduation from a school for intermediate vocational education, vocational education for healthcare professions, or school for intermediate vocational education in nursing, the student can enrol from the age of 18 onwards, after passing the school leaving examinations or a university entrance qualification exam (

After successfully passing the school leaving examination (called the *Matura*), usually from the age of 18 onwards, students can attend the upper cycle of an academic secondary school at level ISCED 3G (academic level 4). In some cases, such as for health professions and lower general education, the student can also opt for level 3V or 4V, vocational level 4. A graduate of PVS pre-vocational school (ISCED level 3V), PVS general education school (ISCED level 3G, *Polytechnische Schule*) or special school (ISCED level 3G, *Spezialschule*) is also offered, usually from the age of 17 onwards. A graduate of these PVS pre-vocational schools has the same admission requirements to universities and other institutions of higher education as a graduate of PVS general education school.

The ISCED levels 3 to 5 also contain additional information on the specialisation of the respective educational entity. G denotes general education, while V refers to vocational education.

**ISCED (2011):** This is the general classification of the education system according to UNESCO and is short for International Standard Classification of Education. This scheme classifies the various education programmes of the Austrian education system into 8 levels.

There is a glossary in the bottom right corner, for example of terms like:

- **ISCED:** International Standard Classification of Education (UNESCO), ISCED 2011
- **ISCED-level of programme**: 6 – general
- **V – vocational**

Some institutions mentioned include:

- **Dr., PhD**
- **Mag., Dipl.-Ing.**
- **BEd**
- **MEd, MSc, MA, MBA**
- **MA, MSc**
- **BA, BSc**
- **Postgraduate/Higher education entrance examination, Berufsförelementsprüfung**
- **Vocational school for apprentices up to 4 years (ISCED 3V)**
- **Pre-vocational school (ISCED 3G)**
- **Special (SEN) school (ISCED 1, 2)**

**Kindergarten (ISCED 0)**