



Subsidized kindergarten fee

WHAT

You may be entitled to reduced kindergarten payment if your child is enrolled in a public or private kindergarten. The submission is granted for one year or until the change of circumstances. The amount of subsidy depends on your family's average monthly income, for details see (in Slovenian):

<http://csd-slovenija.org/sl/center/center-za-socialno-delo/see.page/znizano-placilo-vrtca>

WHO

At least one of the parents must be a holder of permanent residence in Slovenia and pay income taxes in Slovenia.

If you are receiving financial social help, you do not need to pay the fee.

HOW

You can file an application for kindergarten subsidy at the Social Work Centre (center za socialno delo). If your application is approved, the fee will be reduced starting with the month after you have submitted the application.

GOOD TO KNOW

You do not have to pay a kindergarten fee if:

- You are receiving financial social help.
- You have more children registered at the same time, you only pay 30% of the fee for the first child, while for the second or third child the service is free.
- The child is in a foster home.



WHERE

A list of Social Work Centres:

<https://www.scsd.si/seznam-centrov-za-socialno-delo.html>



Registration at the preschool education centre

WHAT

The admission to preschool education takes place at the institution (kindergarten), regardless of whether it is a public or private institution. You can register your child all year round. However, most applications are submitted in March for the subsequent school year that starts in September. When you file the application, you must enclose the child's health certificate.

Usually, parents apply for kindergarten in the municipality where they live.

You can also apply at any other municipality, but if there are more applications than there are vacancies in the kindergarten of your choice, a commission decides who should be admitted. Children with special needs and children from socially disadvantaged families with a certificate from the Social Work Centre have priority. The municipality can also give priority to children who live in the same municipal district.

When you want to put your child in family childcare and education, you can also directly contact the teachers who provide this service.

To register a child with special needs, contact the nearest Social Work Centre.

WHERE

- A list of kindergartens in Slovenia:

<http://www.maminajdi.si/moj-otrok/izobrazevanje-otrok/487-seznam-vrtcev-v-sloveniji-po-regijah>

- A list of private teachers in preschool education – Seznam varuhov predšolskih otrok na domu v Sloveniji (in Slovenian)

http://www.mizs.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_predsolsko_vzgojo_in_osnovno_solstvo/predsolska_vzgoja/seznam_vrtcev_in_varuhov_predsolskih_otrok_na_domu/

- A list of kindergartens with adjusted programme for children with special needs (development programme):



http://www.mizs.gov.si/fileadmin/mizs.gov.si/pageuploads/podrocje/posebne_potrebe/razvojni_odd._sol._leta.xls

- A list of Social Work Centres:

<https://www.scsd.si/seznam-centrov-za-socialno-delo.html>



Preschool education and childcare (Predšolska vzgoja in varstvo)

WHAT

Preschool education and childcare are of the optional nature and implemented mainly in public and private kindergartens. A complete childcare of preschool children includes meals, rest and nap time as well as various educational programmes.

Preschool education is not mandatory. Since providing preschool education is among the basic tasks of each municipality, kindergartens are founded and financed by municipalities.

The basic role of the kindergarten is to:

- Help parents provide a complete care of their children
- Improve the quality of life for families and children
- Create possibilities for a full development of the child

Kindergarten education is differentiated into two age periods:

- First period: children from 1 to 3 years of age
- Second period: children from 3 years of age to school-entry age

Kindergarten opening hours is generally from 5.30 or 6.00 a.m. to 4 or 4.30 p.m. Kindergartens are open every business day, while some also offer their services on Saturdays. The opening hours of a particular kindergarten should be looked up.

Each kindergarten defines its organization and opening hours in the annual work



plan.

Kindergartens offer different programmes that vary according to duration or organization.

- Daily and half-day programme: According to the daily programme, parents can leave the child in the kindergarten from six to nine hours in the morning or in the afternoon or alternatively, while the half-day programme includes childcare from four to six hours.
- Shorter programme: This is an annual program according to which parents can leave the child in kindergarten care for 240 to 720 hours.
- Family childcare and education: This type of programme is an option if you do not wish to enter your child in kindergarten. The care is provided in your home by a preschool teacher or assistant to a preschool teacher who is employed by a kindergarten or registered as a preschool education provider at the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport.

WHO

Children can enroll in preschool education and childcare when they are at least 11 months old and can remain there until they enter primary school.

HOW

The registration takes place directly at the educational institution.

WHEN

Kindergarten opening hours is from 5.30 or 6.00 a.m. to 4 or 4.30 p.m.



Kindergartens are open every business day, while some also offer their services on Saturdays.

GOOD TO KNOW

Children who are foreign citizens and legally reside in Slovenia can enroll in kindergarten under the same conditions as Slovenian citizens. Professionals in kindergarten take care of the integration of the child into the new learning environment and language.

For children with special needs, kindergarten with adjusted program is available. The child must go through the so-called placement procedure at the Social Work Centre before he/she enters kindergarten.

A list of kindergartens with adjusted programme for children with special needs (development programme):

<http://www.mizs.gov.si/fileadmin/mizs.gov.si/pageuplo>

WHERE

A list of kindergartens in Slovenia (in Slovenian):

http://www.mizs.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_predsolsko_vzgojo_in_osnovno_solstvo/predsolska_vzgoja/seznam_vrtcev_in_varuhov_predsolskih_otrok_na_domu

Vacancies in kindergartens (in Slovenian):

<https://paka3.mss.edus.si/registriweb/Default.aspx>

ATTENTION

Your child can stay in a care for no longer than 9 hours a day.



Additional professional help with Slovenian language learning for migrants in primary school

WHAT

Students who are not native Slovenian speakers receive additional lessons in the first two year of schooling in Slovenia. Before they enter primary school, they attend a 20-hour programme called introductory Slovenian course (uvajalnica). When they start attending regular class, they continue to attend additional Slovenian class (advanced Slovenian course) where they receive professional help for the next two years (nadaljevalnica).

WHO

Children are entitled to additional language courses for the first two years after entering the Slovenian education system.

HOW

When a child requires additional help in learning the Slovenian language, the school files a request for additional professional help at the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (Ministrstvo za izobraževanje, znanost in šport).



Support for participation in school activities

WHAT

Primary schools organize a variety of activities for the children, such as School Camp (Šola v naravi) – 2-5 days of education programme at a different location). Some of these programmes must be paid for by the parents. If the parents cannot pay the costs, the school provides support for them.

For the Swimming School in the 5th grade, costs are covered by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport.

For other activities, the school provides the money from the so-called school fund – a solidarity contribution.

WHO

Children who come from financially deprived background.

HOW

School encourages parents to pay a yearly contribution to the school fund. The contribution is optional and only those parents who can afford it pay for it. The collected money is used for the activities of children who come from financially deprived families.

GOOD TO KNOW

All primary schools put effort into enabling the participation in all organized regular educational programmes for all children.



WHERE

The school sends or gives you a bill (položnica).



School attendance and absence

WHAT

Primary school is compulsory, all pupils should attend school regularly.

WHO

All pupils.

HOW

If your child falls ill, you must inform the school by phone or email about the absence within 5 days after the absence, otherwise the school will call you. When the child returns to school, he/she must present a written letter by parents excusing his illness to the homeroom teacher.

If you plan an absence of the child (because of travelling, holidays, etc.), you must submit a written request to the school in advance. For an absence up to 5 days in a year, the homeroom teacher can decide if the student will be granted leave. For absences longer than 5 days, the school headmaster takes the decision.

WHEN

Unplanned absence – inform the school within 5 days after the absence.

Planned absence – a written request in advance.

WHERE

The primary school where your child is registered.





School holidays (šolske počitnice)

WHAT

School holidays are part of the school calendar:

Students have autumn, New Year, winter, 1 May and summer holidays.

Autumn holidays usually last one week and are organized around the national holidays (31 October, 1 November) which are included in autumn holidays.

New Year holidays last from 25 December until the end of the New Year festivities.

Winter holidays last one week and are divided alternatively into two periods between different statistical regions. The first period starts on the third Monday in February and the second the following Monday.

Primary school students from the Gorenjska, Goriška, Notranjsko-kraška, Obalno-kraška, Osrednjeslovenska and Zasavska statistical regions and the municipalities of the Southeastern Slovenia: Ribnica, Sodražica, Loški Potok, Kočevje, Osilnica and Kostel have their winter holidays during the first period in the school year starting with an odd number and during the second period in the school year starting with an even number.

Primary school students from the Southeastern Slovenia (except for the municipalities mentioned in the previous paragraph) and the Koroška, Podravska, Pomurska, Savinjska and Spodnje posavska statistical regions have their winter holidays during the first period in the school year starting with an even number and during the second period in the school year starting with an odd number.

The 1 May holidays begin on 27 April and last until the end of the 1 May national holidays.

The summer holidays last from the end of the school year until 31 August.



Children with special needs

WHAT

Children with special needs can attend either a primary school or a primary school with an adjusted programme. You can receive an estimate on appropriate education programmes by following a special 'guidance process'. During this process, a special commission will define the child's needs and recommend an adequate educational institution.

Children with special needs can also be integrated into regular education with adjusted classes and/or additional professional help provided that this is approved by the guidance commission.

The 'guidance process' is intended for children with special needs who require adequate educational programmes and various types of assistance in order to be successfully integrated in the childcare and education process.

Childcare and education of children with special needs includes the following programmes:

- Programme for preschool children with adjusted implementation and additional professional assistance
- Adjusted programme for preschool children
- Childcare and education programmes with adjusted implementation and additional professional assistance
- Adjusted childcare and education programmes with equal educational standards,
- Adjusted childcare and education programmes with lower educational standards
- Special childcare and education programme for children with mild, moderate and severe intellectual disability and other special programmes (hereinafter special childcare and education programmes),
- Educational programmes

Different forms of additional professional help are also available.



WHO

Children with special needs are children with intellectual disability, deaf and hard of hearing, blind and partially sighted or children with vision impairment, children with speech and language impairments, children with movement impairment, children with deficiencies in particular learning areas, chronically ill children, children with emotional and behavioural disorders and children with autism.

HOW

The childcare and education institution where your child is enrolled must file a request for the verification of the appropriateness of the given recommendation at the National Education Institute (Zavod Republike Slovenije za šolstvo) and notify the competent Social Work Centre (center za socialno delo). The Social Work Centre decides based on the documentation if they will start the process of entering the child with emotional and behavioural disorder in the institution.

WHEN

The guidance process is mandatory before entry in primary school. The application for this process can be submitted before the enrollment in the childcare and education programme, primary school and/or anytime during the child's participation in childcare and education programmes if a new estimate is required.

WHERE

The application for the guidance process is filed at the National Education Institute (*Zavod Republike Slovenije za šolstvo*) (in Slovenian):

https://www.zrss.si/o-nas/usmerjanje-otrok-s-pp_



Subsidized school meals and lunch (subvencionirana šolska malica in kosilo)

WHAT

Schools are required to provide school meals for their students. On school days, the school must provide break-time snacks for all students who apply. As an additional offer, the school can also provide breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Children from socially and economically disadvantaged families have the right to school meals at a reduced price. The beneficiaries of subsidized school snack and school lunch are students who are regularly educated, have applied for the school snack or school lunch and meet certain criteria.

WHO

Your child is entitled to subsidized school meals if:

- You are entitled to a child benefit.
- Your average household monthly income per person does not exceed 53% of the average net salary in Slovenia.

The benefit is given directly to the following categories of primary school and high school students:

- Students who are asylum seekers
- Students in foster care
- Students with special needs residing in a dormitory or institution for education and care of children with special needs who attend school outside of their dormitory or educational institution.

Your child is entitled to subsidized school lunch if your average household monthly income per person does not exceed 36% of the average net salary. The school lunch subsidy covers the full cost of the school lunch.



Before and after school care (Jutranje varstvo in podaljšano bivanje)

WHAT

Schools organize different forms of morning day-care in after-school class supervised by a qualified person.

- Morning day-care is provided to first-grade students and after-school class to students of first through sixth grade. Both include organized activities. Link (in Slovenian):

http://www.mizs.gov.si/fileadmin/mizs.gov.si/pageuploads/podrocje/os/devetletka/program_drugo/Podaljsano_bivanje.pdf

- Supplementary and remedial classes: Both programmes take place before or after the regular classes. Supplementary classes are provided for children who want to upgrade their knowledge in certain subjects and receive higher-level learning, for example to prepare for competitions. Remedial classes are provided to children who have difficulties in assimilating certain learning material and require additional help in developing their learning skills. Supplementary classes are organized for students who are exceeding certain learning standards in individual classes, while remedial classes are organized for students who need help learning.

For the children whose mother tongue is not Slovenian, additional Slovenian language lessons can be organized as well as lessons in their mother tongue and their culture. The education of the Roma community children, children who are third-country nationals and children without citizenship is subject to special regulations.

WHO

Morning day-care is provided for first-grade children. After-school class is provided for children of first through sixth grade.

Supplementary and remedial classes take place before or after class.

Supplementary classes are organized for students who want to assimilate the



learning material at an advanced level. Remedial classes are organized for students who have difficulty learning.

WHEN

The school informs parents of the planned morning day-care and after-school class at the beginning of the school year. Parents register their child for the chosen programme according to the dates provided by the school.



Transport to school

WHAT

In Slovenia, free transportation to primary school is organized for all children whose school is located more than 4 km from their home (if they are attending school within their school area).

WHO

All children who live more than 4 km from their school. Free transportation is also organized for:

- All children in the first year of schooling regardless the distance.
 - Children of all grades when the road safety authority recognizes that their safety on the way to school and back is at risk.
 - Children with special needs of all grades regardless of the distance to school.
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HOW

Transport is organized by the primary school.

ATTENTION

All children younger than 7 years who do not use the school transport service, should be escorted on their way to school and back by their parents, other close relatives or a guardian regardless of the distance.



Enrollment (vpis)

WHAT

Children who have reached six years of age before 31 August, are required to enter school on 1 September.

Foreign citizens have the right to primary school education under the same conditions as Slovenian citizens.

WHEN

The enrollment period begins in February for the following school year.

GOOD TO KNOW

If the child is an international protection beneficiary, the Ministry of the Interior (Ministrstvo za notranje zadeve) will inform the parents (legal representative or guardian) of the most appropriate school for the child. The enrollment process is performed by the school.

In order for the child to enroll, the school will need the information on the child's previous education.

Educational institutions will recognize the child's previous education based on the provided foreign documents. The process starts upon the applicant's request filed with a prescribed form at the educational institution in Slovenia where they wish to continue their education. Before the enrollment of the child in school, a meeting with the parents, legal representative or guardian must take place.

STEPS

STEP 1: Arrange a meeting at the primary school where you wish to enroll your child the following school year in February of the current school year. Parents



usually choose the school that is close to their home.

STEP 2: Complete the enrollment application at the school and provide your own and your child's personal information.

STEP 3: The school will issue an enrollment certificate three months before the beginning of the new school year in September.

WHERE

A list of all primary schools in Slovenia (in Slovenian):

http://www.mizs.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_predsolsko_vzgojo_in_osnovno_solstvo/osnovno_solstvo/seznam_os_v_sloveniji/



Description of the primary school system

WHAT

All children in Slovenia have the right to mandatory primary school education under the same conditions. Primary school education is implemented:

- In public schools (education in public schools is free-of-charge)
- In private schools
- As home schooling

Primary school education in Slovenia is organized as a unified nine-year primary school for students from six to fifteen years of age or until they complete their primary school education. It is provided by public and private primary schools, educational and childcare institutions for children with special needs and organizations for adult education for adults.

WHO

All children residing in Slovenia after they have reached six years of age.

Citizens of other EU member countries, Slovenian citizens without citizenship and international protection beneficiaries (refugees) can receive education under the same conditions as Slovenian citizens.

HOW

The child must be enrolled in the first year of primary school in the calendar year in which he has reached six years of age. Parents have the right to enroll the child in a public primary school in the school area where the child resides either permanently or temporarily and the school must accept the child. The child can be enrolled in a different primary school if the school agrees. Private primary schools, however, enroll children regardless of their residential area.



WHEN

Children are enrolled in the following school year in February of the current year directly at the school. Class is organized from 1 September to 24 June of the following year.

GOOD TO KNOW

Primary schools classes are taught in Slovenian. The language of the ethnic group in primary school is Italian, while in bilingual primary schools, classes are taught in Slovenian and Hungarian.

The education of the Roma community children, children who are third-country nationals and children without citizenship is subject to special regulations.

Children whose mother tongue is not Slovenian, have the right to additional Slovenian language lessons.

Children who are international protection beneficiaries receive a two-year Slovenian language course in the form of additional lessons at school.

Additional professional help with Slovenian language learning for immigrants in secondary school in the first and second year of schooling

WHAT

Students who are not native speakers of Slovenian are integrated in the class. If the level of Slovenian is not sufficient, they receive support in the form of additional language lessons.



WHO

Children are entitled to a professional language course in the first two years after they enter into the educational system in Slovenia.

HOW

When the school recognizes that you need additional help with language learning, they file an application at the Ministry for Education, Science and Sport (Ministrstvo za izobraževanje, znanost in šport) for you to receive additional professional support.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL HELP WITH SLOVENIAN LANGUAGE LEARNING FOR IMMIGRANTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE FIRST AND SECOND YEAR OF SCHOOLING

What

Students who are not native speakers of Slovene are integrated in the class. If the level of Slovene is not sufficient they receive support in form of additional language lessons.



Scholarships and grants

STATE SCHOLARSHIP

WHAT

In order to receive a state merit scholarship, secondary school and higher education students must comply with the following conditions:

- The student is a citizen of the Republic of Slovenia.
- The student meets the conditions of the Exercise of Rights from Public Funds Act (Zakon o uveljavljanju pravic iz javnih sredstev) regarding the average monthly income per person.
- The student is enrolled only in the first and second cycle of the Bologna Process study programme.
- The student is not in an employment relationship or registered as unemployed person.

A state merit scholarship for education abroad can be granted to Slovenian citizens for education at educational institutions that are accredited in accordance with state regulations of that country on the implementation of publicly valid (accredited) education programme.

WHERE

For minors, the application for a state merit scholarship can be submitted by the parents or legal representatives by providing a single application for the exercising of rights from public funds. You can file the application for the scholarship in person or by mail at the Social Work Centre (center za socialno delo) in the area of your permanent address. For more information, contact the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities (Ministrstvo za delo, družino, socialne zadeve in enake možnosti) at the following link (in Slovenian):

http://www.mddsz.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/trg_dela_in_zaposlovanje/stipendije/



ZOIS SCHOLARSHIP

WHAT

Zois scholarship is a monthly allowance granted to talented students. Its aim is to encourage their education and career development and it is granted to secondary school students, university students and students of adult education who are Slovenian citizens.

The Zois scholarship criteria include at least one exceptional achievement and adequate school or study results or other special criteria.

The Zois scholarship beneficiaries are required to apply for the scholarship every year for the following school year. The call for Zois scholarships is published annually in June. All current beneficiaries as well as first-time applicants must apply.

Where

You can submit your Zois scholarship application at the Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of the Republic of Slovenia (Javni štipendijski, razvojni, invalidski in preživninski sklad Republike Slovenije):

(in Slovenian) <http://www.sklad-kadri.si>

(in English) <http://www.sklad-kadri.si/en/>

<http://www.sklad-kadri.si/si/stipendije/zois/>

SHORTAGE OCCUPATION SCHOLARSHIP

WHAT

Shortage occupation scholarships are granted to secondary school students of secondary vocational and technical education who are enrolled in education programmes that are in short supply on the labour market.

A shortage occupation is an occupation for which employers cannot find enough employees. To receive a scholarship of the general type, you must be enrolled in an education programme for one of the occupations listed in the list of shortage occupations.

A public call for shortage occupation scholarships is published every year by the end of January at the latest by the Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of the Republic of Slovenia (Javni štipendijski, razvojni, invalidski in preživninski sklad Republike Slovenije) (in Slovenian).



<http://www.sklad-kadri.si/si/stipendije/deficitarne/>

WHERE

At the Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of the Republic of Slovenia (Javni študentski, razvojni, invalidski in preživninski sklad Republike Slovenije) (in Slovenian): <http://www.sklad-kadri.si/>, (in English) <http://www.sklad-kadri.si/en/>

COMPANY SCHOLARSHIP

WHAT

The purpose of the company scholarship is to connect employers with the students during their education. This allows companies to be more actively engaged in the education and development of future employees. Company scholarships are on average the highest scholarships granted in Slovenia.

As a general rule, the majority of company scholarships include, in addition to successful continuation and completion of education, the obligation of employment with the scholarship grantor after the completed education. This obligation generally also imposes a certain employment period, in most cases, the recipient of the scholarship is required to stay with the employer/scholarship grantor for at least the same length of time as the duration of scholarship. The employer and the recipient of the company scholarship can also agree on other obligations.

<http://www.sklad-kadri.si/si/stipendije/kadrovske-stipendije/>

WHERE

At the Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of the Republic of Slovenia (Javni študentski, razvojni, invalidski in preživninski sklad Republike Slovenije) (in Slovenian) <http://www.sklad-kadri.si/>, (in English) <http://www.sklad-kadri.si/en/>



Final exams

WHAT

At the end of secondary school, students have to complete a final exam to prove the knowledge they gained during the course of secondary education:

- General matura

General matura is the exam with which you finish the general upper-secondary educational programme – gimnazija. By successfully completing the general matura, you get the possibility to study at the university or at any other higher technical education programme.

- Vocational matura

Vocational matura is the exam with which you finish the secondary technical education programme.

Obtaining the vocational matura offers you the possibility to enter higher technical study programmes. By finishing an individual exam from the general matura, you may also enter certain university study programmes.

- School-leaving exam

By completing the school-leaving exam, you obtain the upper secondary or short-upper vocational education. That means that you have a profession and that you can start to work or to continue your education.

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HOW

You have to register to take the exam by the announced date. You can file the application at your school or at the school where you want to pass the exam. You can send the completed application form by mail or take it there personally.

Forms/applications are also available online at E-uprava (in Slovenian and English):
E-uprava <https://e-uprava.gov.si/si>



WHEN

The matura and vocational matura exams are usually held at the end of the school year in May and June, and also in August and September.

The school-leaving exam is held on spring, autumn and winter dates; the school committee announces a detailed arrangement of the examinations for each individual school by 31 January for the following school year.

WHERE

The matura, vocational matura and school-leaving exam are usually performed at your secondary school or at the school where you have completed your last year of education.

More information on final exams is available here:

National Examinations Centre (Republiški izpitni center) (in Slovenian)

https://www.ric.si/splosna_matura/splosne_informacije/



School holidays

WHAT

School holidays and national holidays:

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Subsidized school meals and lunch (subvencionirana šolska malica in kosilo)

WHAT

Schools are required to provide school meals for their students. Students from socially and economically disadvantaged families are entitled to school meals at a reduced price.

WHO

The beneficiaries of subsidized school snacks are students who are regularly educated, have applied for the school snack and meet certain criteria. Students entitled to subsidized school snacks regardless of the criteria also include those in foster care and asylum seekers. Students residing in childcare and education institutions for children and adolescents with special needs and schooled outside these institutions are entitled to a subsidy in the amount of the school snack price. More information is available at the following link (in Slovenian):

http://www.mizs.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_srednje_in_visje_solstv_o_ter_izobrazevanje_odraslih/srednjesolsko_izobrazevanje/prehrana/

HOW

The child must be registered for a school snack (and lunch) at the beginning of the school year. You are not required to apply additionally in order to receive a subsidy, it will be given automatically.

Parents have to apply for subsidized school snacks at the Social Work Centre (center za socialno delo) only if they have not received a valid child benefit



decision or state merit scholarship. More information is available at the following link (in Slovenian):

http://www.mizs.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_srednje_in_visje_solstvo_ter_izobrazevanje_odraslih/srednjesolsko_izobrazevanje/prehrana/



Subsidized transport to school

WHAT

All secondary school students are entitled to subsidized IJPP travel pass to travel from school and back. IJPP is a single travel pass that you can use on trains, intercity buses and also city buses in Ljubljana and Maribor. It enables you to freely choose the type of public transport for the intercity route that is specified on the application. You can buy a daily route ticket or a ticket for 10 routes if you do not travel daily, but only during the weekends.

WHO

Students who live at least 2 km away from their school. You must be enrolled in secondary school. The pass is also given to the participants of the educational programme for adults who are enrolled in one of the publicly valid vocational, secondary and higher technical educational programmes if they are younger than 27 years and are not employed or are registered as unemployed.

HOW

Apply for the travel pass at the beginning of the school year at your local train or bus station.

For more information on the conditions of subsidized public transport click on the following link (in Slovenian):

<https://e-uprava.gov.si/podrocja/izobrazevanje-kultura/visoka-in-visja-sola/subvencionirana-vozovnica.html>



WHEN

File the application at the beginning of the school year in September. You can use the subsidized pass during the school year, between 1 September and June.

GOOD TO KNOW

Physically impaired students are entitled to adjusted transport.



Enrollment in secondary school education

WHAT

The annual call for enrollment in secondary schools is published every year in February. Schools organize information days, during which students can learn more about the programmes offered by each school. Students must send their application to the school that they want to enroll the following school year starting in September by the given deadline.

WHO

Students from 15 to 19 years of age who meet the criteria of the enrollment.

If you are a foreigner and living in Slovenia, you can enroll in a secondary school under the same conditions as Slovenian citizens provided that:

- You are a citizen of a EU/EEA member country or Switzerland
- You are a citizen of a country that has concluded a bilateral education agreement with Slovenia
- You are educated based on the principle of reciprocity between countries
- You are an international protection beneficiary having the right to education in accordance with the Temporary Protection of Displaced Persons Act.

HOW

Make sure to send the application for the enrollment in the chosen secondary school by the given deadline. If the number of applications exceeds the number of vacancies, the school can limit the enrollment or add more places with the consent of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (Ministrstvo za izobraževanje, znanost in šport).

The selection process is carried out in two phases. The enrollment criteria are defined for each education programme separately.



GOOD TO KNOW

Candidates with special needs who meet the enrollment criteria of the chosen education programme to which they have applied and have a valid decision by the guidance commission based on which they can enter this programme are not part of the selection process.

Other foreigners can enroll in education programmes with vacancies after the enrollment of the candidates mentioned above.

Candidates can apply to only one programme at the chosen secondary school.

WHERE

The call for enrollment, application, selection and enrollment processes of regular education according to publicly applicable education programmes are governed by the Rules on secondary school enrollment (in Slovenian):

http://www.mizs.gov.si/fileadmin/mizs.gov.si/pageuploads/podrocje/ss/vpis/Pravilnik_vpis_srednje_6_2_08.pdf



Secondary school system in Slovenia

WHAT

Secondary school lasts from two to five years, while the vocational and matura examination courses last one year. Secondary school students are usually 15 years old when they enter secondary school education, which is not mandatory.

Secondary school education comprises the following education programmes:

- Short-term vocational education
- Secondary vocational education
- Upper secondary technical education
- Vocational course
- General upper secondary education – grammar school (*gimnazija*)
- Matura examination course.

Public secondary schools are free-of-charge, while private secondary schools may charge a tuition fee.

Secondary school education programmes are published in the annual call for enrollment.

Short-term vocational education

WHAT: The final examination certificate enables you to find employment or enroll in the first year of any secondary vocational or secondary technical education programme.

WHO: Students with completed primary school education or at least seven years of primary school.

Secondary vocational education

WHAT: A three-year programme that makes you qualified for a specific profession, which allows you to find employment. The programme consists of technical modules, practical classes at the school and practical training with the employer. The education is completed when you pass your final examination. This



education programme can be implemented as a regular or apprenticeship programme. More information on apprenticeship is provided under item 2.1.1.b Apprenticeship.

You can continue your education in two-year secondary technical programmes and receive secondary vocational education after having passed the vocational matura examination. Those who decide to find employment can receive secondary technical education after three years of work experience and after having passed the relevant master craftsman exam, foreman exam or shop manager exam. If you additionally pass exams in the general vocational matura subjects, you can continue your education at a higher vocational college.

With the Apprenticeship Act, the area of secondary vocational education expanded the scope of practical training with training with employers.

WHO: Students with completed primary school education or short-term vocational education programme.

Upper secondary technical education

WHAT: With this education programme, you become qualified for a specific profession, so that you can start working or continue education at the tertiary level. This programme includes school classes, technical modules, practical training and an open part for cooperation with companies. The education is completed when you pass the final exam (vocational matura examination). The programme lasts from three to four years.

With a completed upper secondary technical education, you can enroll directly in any of the higher technical education programmes and university technical education studies of the first cycle of the Bologna Process.

WHO: Students with completed primary school education or secondary vocational education programme.

General upper secondary education

WHAT: Grammar school is a four-year education programme at a secondary school level which will prepare you for university studies. There are several types of grammar school programmes:

- General programmes: general and classical grammar school
- Specialized programmes: technical grammar school, economic grammar school, art grammar school (with music, dance, fine arts, theatre and film programmes).



All programmes include mandatory and optional subjects as well as at least two foreign languages. General upper secondary education is completed with a general final exam called matura examination.

WHO: Any student with completed primary school education can enroll in this education programme. However, to enroll in the art grammar school (except for the theatre and film programme) and the grammar school offering sports programmes, you will need to meet special conditions.

Vocational course

WHAT: With this one-year vocational course, you can receive education at the secondary technical education level.

WHO: Students with completed four-year grammar school or secondary vocational education.

Matura examination course

WHAT: After you have completed secondary school education with the vocational matura examination and want to continue your education at the university, you can enroll in a matura examination course.

WHO: You can enroll in a matura examination course if you have completed:

- A three-year secondary vocational education
- The third year of grammar school, if you discontinued your education for at least one year
- Primary school education and examination at the level of the third year of grammar school
- Officially recognized private grammar school programme.

GOOD TO KNOW

The government will pay for the student's health insurance and grant a subsidy for school meals and transport depending on the social family status of each student.

The government is responsible for organizing a network of dormitories where students from distant and/or remote areas can reside during their education.

Even though secondary school education is free-of-charge, students are required to pay for their stay in the dormitory (approx. EUR 90 per month). They also pay for textbooks or they can borrow them. The government encourages the founding of



‘textbook funds’.

Most secondary schools are wheelchair accessible.

Student accommodation

HOUSING AND SUBSIDIZED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

What

There are different types of student accommodation in Slovenia:

- Student dormitories: International students have the option of staying in secondary school dormitory rooms with spare capacity. All the rooms are double, with a shared bathroom and shared kitchen. Access to the internet is available in all dormitories. The price of rooms depends on the type and size of the room. The average price per person per month in a double room is EUR 80 – 160. Beds are given to students on a “first come first serve” basis. If you are coming as a private international student, unfortunately, you do not have the option of staying in university student dormitories, except in Maribor.
- Private student dormitories: There are a couple private student dormitories in Ljubljana. You can contact them for accommodation in a single or a double room.
- Renting a private room or flat: The best option is to rent a private room in a shared student flat. In Ljubljana, for example, the price of a room is approximately EUR 150– 200, depending on whether it is a single or double room.
- House of Postgraduates in Ljubljana: This accommodation is available for students in postgraduate study programmes. It is situated 2 km north of the centre of Ljubljana.



Scholarships and grants

STATE SCHOLARSHIP (DRŽAVNA ŠTIPENDIJA)

What

This scholarship is granted only to students who are citizens of Slovenia or refugees in Slovenia. Both of them need to fulfil also other required criteria, such as age limitation, not being employed or running your own business, not being registered as unemployed person at the Employment Service of Slovenia and limitation of average monthly income per family member. The scholarship is granted for studies in the first or second cycle of the higher education program.

Where

You should file the application in September for the subsequent school year which starts in October. You can file the application also during the school year. Students must file the application to the Centre for Social Work. You can find the list of centres here (available only in Slovenian)::

<https://www.scsd.si/seznam-centrov-za-socialno-delo.html>

ZOIS FUND SCHOLARSHIPS (ZOISOVA ŠTIPENDIJA)

What

The aim of the Zois scholarship is promoting the development of gifted children so they would achieve the highest level of education. Scholarship is available to you if you're citizen of Slovenia or EU Member state and you reside in Slovenia, or you are a foreigner with permanent residence permit. To get the scholarship you need to meet some other criteria, such as grade average, national exam results, various achievements, etc.

Where

Call for applications for Zois scholarship is published each year in June.

Both current scholarship recipients as well as those, who wish to obtain this scholarship for the first



time, must submit their application. You must submit your application at the Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of Republic of Slovenia. You can find its contact information (in English) here: <http://www.sklad-kadri.si/en/info/contact/>

CORPORATE SCHOLARSHIPS (KADROVSKA ŠTIPENDJA)

What

The purpose of the corporate scholarships is to link employers and students; long term human resources planning enables businesses to become actively involved with education and development of future employees. Corporate scholarships are in average the highest of all scholarships available in Slovenia, but still many remain every year.

Where

Tertiary students can obtain information about available scholarships in various ways. You can obtain information through Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of Republic of Slovenia's "Exchange room". It is available (only in Slovenian) here: <http://www.sklad-kadri.si/si/izmenjevalnica/> You can also check the web pages of the regional development agencies or you can obtain information directly from the employers. Sometimes the scholarships are also advertised on their web sites, newspapers, etc.

SCOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY OF SLOVENIANS LIVING ABROAD IN SLOVENIA

What

Scholarships for study of Slovenians living abroad in Slovenia can be granted to members of Slovenian minorities in the neighbouring countries and Slovenians around the world for study at first- or second-cycle degree programs in Slovenia. Recipients of these scholarships are generally entitled to a subsidized lodging in student dormitories.

Where

Call for applications for this scholarship is published each year in summer.

Both current scholarship recipients as well as those, who wish to obtain this scholarship for the first time, must submit their application. You must submit your application at the Public Scholarship,



Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of Republic of Slovenia. You can find its contact information (in English) here: <http://www.sklad-kadri.si/en/info/contact/>



University holidays

WHAT

Universities are autonomous institutions and they determine days-off and holidays independently. The university year starts on 1 October and ends on 30 September.

- Christmas-winter holidays: between 25 December and 2 January.
- Sometimes, a semester break (one week) follows the winter exam period in the middle of February.
- First of May holidays: between 27 April and 2 May.
- Summer holidays follow the summer exam period: middle of July – end of August, then follows the fall exam period.



Subsidized student meals

WHAT

Higher education students in Slovenia are entitled to subsidized student meals in certain restaurants. This also applies to foreign students who study in Slovenia within the scope of international student exchange programmes. Students who are employed or registered as unemployed at the Employment Service of Slovenia (Zavod Republike Slovenije za zaposlovanje) are not entitled to subsidized student meals.

A beneficiary of subsidized student meals is a person with a student status enrolled in a professional college or higher education institution in the Republic of Slovenia who is not in an employment relationship, does not perform economic, occupational or agricultural activity or management function as the only or main occupation according to healthcare and health insurance regulations and does not receive a pension, except for survivor's pension. All foreign university students fulfilling their study obligations in the Republic of Slovenia under international exchange programmes are also entitled to subsidized student meals and the same conditions as applied to other students of professional colleges and higher education institutions in the Republic of Slovenia also apply to them.

The beneficiary of subsidized meals is entitled to one subsidized meal on every business day between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. and can use a maximum of two subsidies per day. Subsidies cannot be used between 15 July and 15 August.

The price of the meal paid by the student is calculated by subtracting the state subsidy amount of EUR 2.63 from the full price of the meal indicated by the provider in the public call.

HOW

You can apply for subsidized student meals at one of the Subsidized Student Meal Points. You have to apply every year at the beginning of the school year by



providing a valid enrollment certificate.

WHERE

A list of Subsidized Student Meal Points (only in Slovenian):

<https://www.studentska-prehrana.si/sl/points>. The website also includes a list of all restaurants offering subsidized student meals.



Admission of third-country students

WHAT

University admission or college admission is the process through which students enter tertiary education at universities and colleges. If you are a non-EU/EEA citizen or a Slovenian without Slovenian citizenship, you may apply for admission as a foreigner. Every year, universities and other higher education competent bodies announce vacancies for foreign students for their specific programmes.

WHO

Non-EU citizens or Slovenians without Slovenian citizenship who have finished 12 or 13 years of schooling (primary and secondary education) and have successfully passed the general or vocational matura examination (or equivalent from your country of origin) and/or they meet other requirements regarding enrollment in specific study programme. This also applies to you if you finished secondary education in Slovenia.

WHEN

There are special deadlines for foreigners. You can find the exact dates in the call for enrollment. You will receive a written notification of the admission procedure in May or June. The tests of special talents, abilities and skills are usually performed from the mid-May to beginning of June. Make sure not to miss the deadline for submitting the additional documentation (normally in mid-summer) or the deadline by which candidates are required to pass the Slovenian language exam, if required by your specific programme.



STEPS

STEP 1: The vacancies are announced in the call for enrollment at:
<http://portal.evs.gov.si/information-in-english>. The call is published at the beginning of February at the latest and it includes information on vacancies for foreign students.

STEP 2: Fill out the application through the eVŠ on-line portal:
<https://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava/>

Here are video instructions on registering and first login on the web portal eVŠ:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-oNCz0IIZK4>

Once you fill out the on-line application form, you must print, sign and send it by registered mail with all additional documents by the application deadline (the address is written on the upper left corner of the printed application form). If you have a digital certificate, you do not need to print the application, however, you must send the required documents by mail.

When you already have education certificates acquired abroad, you must send the translated and certified copies of the required documents.

STEP 3: In case of a limited enrollment, the selection process is generally executed by the end of August. You will receive the decision at the beginning of September. If you have been accepted, you are required to enroll at the faculty or academy by the end of September. If you have not been accepted, you have the right to file an appeal against the decision. Private faculties set their deadlines independently, therefore you need to look them up.

WHERE

You have to contact the university where you want to study directly. They will give you all the necessary information. The admission procedure for foreign citizens is well explained for each university here:



- University of Ljubljana – information guide for international students (in English):
<https://www.uni-lj.si/study/information/>
- University of Maribor – application and enrollment procedure (in English):
<https://www.um.si/en/Study/about/Pages/default.aspx>
- University of Primorska – information on enrollment (in English):
<https://www.upr.si/en/study/enrolment>
- University of Nova Gorica – information on admissions (in English):
<http://www.ung.si/en/study/admissions/>

ATTENTION

Foreign citizens can apply for all available places in doctoral degree programmes.



Enrollment of students from EU/EEA member countries

WHAT

The process of enrollment in university, faculty, professional college, short-cycle college or academy is a process all students wanting to enter tertiary education programmes must follow. If you are a citizen of a EU/EEA member country, you can enroll under the same conditions as the citizens of the Republic of Slovenia.

WHO

Citizens of EU/EEA member countries with 12 or 13 years of schooling (primary school and secondary school education) who have successfully completed the general or vocational matura examination (or equivalent education in their country of origin) or fulfill other enrollment requirements of specific study programmes.

WHEN

There is a number of enrollment dates.

Look up the deadlines given in the call for enrollment: date of tests of special talents, abilities and skills, deadline for submitting additional documentation (proof of completed education for the purpose of further education in Slovenia), deadline for passing the Slovenian language exam, if required by the programme, etc.

STEPS

STEP 1: Enrollment vacancies are published in the call for enrollment (in English): <http://portal.evsi.gov.si/information-in-english>. The call for enrollment is published in February or by the end of March and includes information on study



programmes, enrollment requirements, application deadlines and enrollment process.

STEP 2: Complete your application through the eVŠ portal (in Slovenian):
<https://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava/>

Video instructions on the registration and first login in the eVŠ portal (in Slovenian): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-oNCz0IIZK4>

After you have completed your e-application via the eVŠ web portal using a username and password, you need to print and sign it and then send it by the given deadline by registered mail along with all required documents (the recipients' address is indicated in the top left corner of the application). If you have a digital certificate (only Slovenian digital certificates apply), you do not need to print and send the application by registered mail (but you do need to send the required documentation specified in the call for enrollment).

If you already have the certificate of your completed education received abroad, you are required to send the translated and notarized copies of these documents. For more information, contact directly the higher education institutions where you wish to study.

STEP 3: In case of a limited enrollment, the selection criteria include the general secondary school results (3rd and 4th year) and the general results of the general or vocational matura examination. If one of the enrollment criteria includes certain talents, abilities or skills, the results of these tests are also considered.

WHERE

Contact directly the higher education institution where you wish to study. They will give you all necessary information. The registration and enrollment process for foreign students:

University of Ljubljana – information guide for international students (in English):



<https://www.uni-lj.si/study/information/>

University of Maribor – application and enrollment process (in English):

<https://www.um.si/en/Study/about/Pages/default.aspx>

University of Primorska – information on enrollment (in English):

<https://www.upr.si/en/study/enrolment>

University of Nova Gorica – information on admissions (in English):

<http://www.ung.si/en/>

Informacije treba dodati tudi za samostojne visokošolske zavode.

ATTENTION

If you are not a EU/EEA member country citizen but have a permanent residence in Slovenia or if you or your parents are Slovenian residents and are under international protection or are asylum seeker, you can enroll in education programmes under the same conditions as Slovenian citizens.



Tertiary education in Slovenia

WHAT

Higher education in Slovenia is organized in public and private higher education institutions (universities, faculties, art academies and professional colleges).

Public higher education institutions include:

University of Ljubljana,

University of Maribor,

University of Primorska and

Faculty of Information Studies, Novo mesto.

University of Nova Gorica has the status of a private higher education institution.

The main tasks of a university are education, scientific research and development. For the purpose of establishing a common European higher education environment, Slovenia began, in 2005, the introduction of a three-cycle higher education system called the Bologna reform process. Higher education study programmes are categorised into three groups:

- First cycle: professional higher education study programmes and university study programmes
- Second cycle: master study programmes and integrated master programmes
- Third cycle: doctorate study programmes.

Higher education:

Higher education includes two-year professional programmes of distinctively practical studies. Programmes are designed as a special form of tertiary education and are very occupation-focused. That is what distinguishes them from university studies. 40% of the programme includes practical training in companies. These programmes are intended for those who want to achieve higher education in order to work in the fields indicated in the occupational standard.



This programme is available to anyone with a completed general or vocational matura examination (or the final school-leaving exam or diploma before 2002). In addition, those who have passed a master craftsman exam, foreman exam or shop manager exam can also enroll provided that they have three year of work experience and they pass a vocational matura level exam in two subjects: Slovenian (in ethnically diverse regions also in Hungarian and Italian) and mathematics or foreign language. To enroll in programmes such as Photography, Media Production, Material Design or Social Network Organiser, students have to pass a special test of talent of artistic skills or psychophysical abilities. More information is available at the following link (in Slovenian):
http://www.mizs.gov.si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_srednje_in_visje_solstvo_ter_izobrazevanje_odraslih/visjesolsko_izobrazevanje/vpis/

Higher education takes place at universities, faculties, art academies and professional colleges:

- First cycle: professional higher education study programmes and university study programmes (lasting three to four years and corresponding to 180 to 240 credit points CT). Higher education studies are available to students with a completed matura examination. If you are in grammar school (gimnazija), you have to pass the general matura examination. If you are in a secondary vocational school, you have to pass the vocational matura examination and in order to be able to enroll in university, you must additionally pass an exam in one of the matura subjects (some of the university study programmes require the general matura examination).
- Second cycle: master study programmes (lasting one or two years and corresponding to 60 to 120 credit points). The general condition of enrollment in these programmes is a completed first-cycle study programme; however, individual programmes can have other additional conditions.
- Third cycle: doctorate study programmes (lasting three to four years and corresponding to 180 to 240 credit points). The general condition of enrollment in these programmes is a completed second-cycle study programme; however, individual programmes can have other additional conditions.

Higher education is either regular or part-time study.



Regular study: study at public higher education institutions and study programmes with concession at private higher education institutions can be tuition-free or include a tuition fee. Regular studies are intended for students who participate in the first-cycle and second-cycle study programmes for at least eight hours per day. Students can enroll in regular study programmes if they meet certain required conditions regardless of age and employment status. Study obligations are performed during the day. Regular study programmes at private higher education institutions in most cases include a tuition.

Part-time study: includes a tuition fee. These study programmes are intended primarily for students who want to both study and work, therefore they cannot fulfil their study obligations during the day. Study obligations are organized around work activities and are performed in the afternoon or on the weekends.

GOOD TO KNOW

More information on the organizations of studies in Slovenia, including the information on academic year, teaching methods, tests and exams, etc. is available at (in English):

http://www.mizs.gov.si/en/areas_of_work/directorate_of_higher_education/higher_education_system_in_slovenia/organisation_of_studies_in_slovenia/

The official website of higher education in Slovenia is the MIZŠ eVŠ portal (in Slovenian): <http://portal.evs.gov.si/razpisi-za-vpis>

More information on higher education in Slovenia is available at Study in Slovenia (in English): <http://studyinslovenia.si>

WHERE

List of all higher education institutions for the first, second and third cycle of education. A list of all higher education institutions with first-cycle, second-cycle and third-cycle study programmes (in Slovenian):

http://www.mizs.gov.si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_visoko_solstvo/sektor_za_visoko_solstvo/evs_evidenca_visokosolskih_zavodov_in_studijski_programov/ on (in Slovenian):



<http://portal.evs.gov.si/razpisi-za-vpis>

Apprenticeship (vajeništvo)

WHAT

An apprenticeship is a special form of vocational education programme where at least half of the education programme is implemented in the form of practical training with employers. On the other hand, programmes not including apprenticeship offer 22% of practical training.

An apprentice is not employed but performs work based on the apprenticeship agreement. The employer is the student's mentor who pays for their work. The apprentice has the same rights and duties as other students.

More about apprenticeship you can find in the Work section of Danube Compass.

WHO

Students enrolled in vocational schools can choose between a regular education programme and apprenticeship programme.

HOW

You must first enroll in a secondary vocational school and select a type of programme. A list of employers offering verified workplaces for apprentices is published by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia (Gospodarska zbornica Slovenije). After reaching an agreement with an employer, you then sign the apprenticeship agreement.



WHEN

When applying for secondary vocational education enrollment.

GOOD TO KNOW

The apprenticeship programme is currently still in the testing phase, so that the list of available occupations is limited depending on the region of your school.

WHERE

You can only choose among the employers listed on the list published by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (Ministrstvo za izobraževanje, znanost in šport) (in Slovenian):

http://www.mizs.gov.si/fileadmin/mizs.gov.si/pageuploads/podrocje/ss/Razpis_18-19/razpis/najave_ucnih_mest_2018_2019-2032018_-_vajenistvo.pdf

Courses for retirees

WHAT

If you are a retiree and you are interested in gaining new knowledge and skills, different types of formal and informal courses are available for you. You can choose between theoretical or more practical courses. Some of them are: foreign language courses at different levels, computer science, theatre, painting, gardening, history, rhetoric courses etc. Some courses are free of charge, some are payable, it depends on the course you are interested in and performing organization.



WHO

Retirees, but also older workers and workers in the pre-retirement period.

WHERE

Slovenian Third Age University is a national network of organizations that provides access to culture and education for personal growth and active aging. Members of the network offer different courses and are located all around Slovenia. For more information you can contact Slovenian Third Age University, National Association for Education and Social Inclusion, Poljanska cesta 6, 1000 Ljubljana; T: +386 1 433 2090,

<http://www.utzo.si/en/o-nas/> The list of the members (only in Slovenian) is in this link: <http://www.utzo.si/mreza-utzo/>

There are also other organizations in local communities that are not part of this network, but also perform courses for retirees. Intergenerational centres are located all around Slovenia and operated by different organizations. Slovenian philanthropy has more intergenerational centres around Slovenia. See more about their intergenerational cooperation here:

<http://www.filantropija.org/medgeneracijsko-sodelovanje-3/>



Vocational training

WHAT

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia – Institute for business education offers Education and training courses for adults that respond to demands on the labour market. The list of available vocations (only in Slovenian) is in this link: <http://www.cpu.si/poklicno-usposabljanje/>

WHERE

More information on vocational training is offered by Institute for Business Education (*Center za poslovno usposabljanje*), T: 015897650, <http://www.cpu.si/>



Secondary school programme for adults

WHAT

Formal education enables the acquisition of publicly recognized education or publicly recognized document. You can enroll in secondary school programmes for adults if you meet the required enrollment criteria. The following secondary school programmes are available:

- Short-term vocational education
- Secondary vocational education
- Upper secondary technical education
- Vocational-technical education
- General upper secondary education – grammar school (gimnazija)
- Matura examination course.

The programme is taught in Slovenian.

Foreign citizens with permanent residence in Slovenia (taxpayers in Slovenia) can enroll in official education programmes for adults under the same conditions as Slovenian citizens.

GOOD TO KNOW

In order to facilitate access to free information on adult education, the Slovenian Institute for Adult Education (*Andragoški center Republike Slovenije*) developed a network of 14 regional consultancy centres for adult education (*središča ISIO*) where you can obtain information, guidelines and assistance in helping you to decide if you want to participate in various forms and methods of learning and education in order to receive certain qualifications.

<http://www.sklad-kadri.si/en/human-resources-development/projects-2007-2013/co-financing-tuition-for-adults/>



WHERE

Secondary school programmes for adults are organized by secondary school, people's universities and other educational institutions. More information on adult education is available at the Slovenian Institute for Adult Education – SIAE (*Andragoški center Republike Slovenije*). More on SIAE (in Slovenian) <http://www.acs.si>, (in English): <http://www.acs.si/index.cgi?lang=4>



Primary school programmes for adults

WHAT

Formal education enables the acquisition of publicly recognized education or publicly recognized document. The primary school programme for adults is available to anyone without a completed primary school education. The programme is taught in Slovenian.

HOW

If you want to enroll in a primary school for adults, contact the relevant institutions. If you are registered as an unemployed person, ask your advisor at the Employment Service of Slovenia (Zavod Republike Slovenije za zaposlovanje). Primary school education for adults is tuition-free.

Foreign citizens with permanent residence in Slovenia (taxpayers in Slovenia) can enroll in official education programmes for adults under the same conditions as Slovenian citizens.

WHERE

Primary school education for adults is organized in primary schools for adults at People's Universities (ljudske univerze). Link to the website of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (Ministrstvo za izobraževanje, znanost in šport): http://www.mizs.gov.si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_predsolsko_vzgojo_in_osnovno_solstvo/osnovno_solstvo/

Assessment of education for the purpose of



finding employment

WHAT

If you're a foreigner seeking employment where certain level of education is required you will need to obtain The Assessment of education. In the assessment process the ENIC-NARIC centre issues an opinion which contains information on different elements of the assessed education, such as the educational qualification, the status of educational institution and educational programme, the field of education, the obtained title or degree, a short description of the educational system, a comparison with educational system in the Republic of Slovenia, etc. You can apply for the Assessment of education at ENIC-NARIC centre with form V. together with supplementary documents (original certificate of education).

WHERE

The competent institution is the ENIC-NARIC centre at the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (*Ministrstvo za izobraževanje, znanost in šport*), Kotnikova 38, 1000 Ljubljana, T: (01) 478 47 45,

(in

Slovenian): http://www.mizs.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_visoko_solstvo/enicnaric_center/vrednotenje_izobrazevanja/



National Vocational Qualification – NVQ (Nacionalna poklicna kvalifikacija – NPK)

WHAT

National Vocational Qualifications is an assessment that gives you an opportunity to validate knowledge and skills obtained through non-formal learning. You can obtain NVQ if:

- You are 18 or over, exceptionally also for younger students if they lose their student status and have relevant work experience.
- You acquired different vocational competences throughout your life, but did not have them assessed or awarded.
- You wish to be promoted in your professional career without obtaining a higher level of professional education or completing a formal education programme.

If you are registered in the unemployed persons register at the Employment service of Slovenia (Zavod Republike Slovenije za zaposlovanje), you may be eligible to take NVQ in the frame of the active employment policy.

WHERE

You can start the process of obtaining NVQ by submitting an application to a provider of NVQ – National Vocational Qualification, T: (01) 58 64 200, (01) 58 64 263, <http://www.npk.si/domov/>



Recognition and assessment of education

WHAT

If you want to continue your education in Slovenia, your previous education acquired in a foreign country must be recognized. You can apply for a process recognition of education (nostrification) in order to continue your education at the school/university of your choice by using the N form (in Slovenian):

http://www.mizs.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_visoko_solstvo/enicnari_c_center/priznavanje_izobrazevanja_za_namen_nadaljevanja_izobrazevanja/

WHERE

Education recognition for the purpose of further education in the Republic of Slovenia is an administrative procedure that starts at the educational institution where the document holder wants to continue his/her education (in Slovenian):

http://www.mizs.gov.si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_visoko_solstvo/enicnaric_center/

List of support services and projects regarding education

KINDERGARTEN

WHAT

Children who are foreign nationals and reside in Slovenia can enrol in kindergarten under the same conditions as Slovene nationals. Professionals in kindergarten take care of the integration of the child into the new learning



environment and language.

WHERE

List of kindergarten in Slovenia is available here:

<http://www.maminajdi.si/moj-otrok/izobrazevanje-otrok/487-seznam-vrtcev-v-sloveniji-po-regijah>

PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHAT

Migrant children are entitled to compulsory primary school under the same conditions as nationals of the Republic of Slovenia. Children who are asylum seekers have the right to subsidized school meals and school lunch. They are included in additional Slovenian language lessons programme for the period of two years after they enter the educational system in Slovenia.

WHERE

Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Masarykova 16, 1000 Ljubljana, T: +386 1 400 5400, E: [gp.mizs\(at\)gov.si](mailto:gp.mizs(at)gov.si), http://www.mizs.gov.si/en/areas_of_work/

SECONDARY SCHOOL

WHAT

If you're a foreign national and you reside in Slovenia you can enrol in secondary school under the same conditions as Slovene nationals if:

- you're a EU member country citizen
- you're a national of foreign country and you enrol on the base of bilateral exchange agreements
- You're a non-EU national and one of your parents is employee and a taxpayer in the Republic of Slovenia
- you're a beneficiary of international protection

Students are entitled to additional Slovenian language course. Students who are asylum seekers have the right to subsidized school meals.



WHERE

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HIGHER EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITY

WHAT

Migrants can apply at higher education programmes under the following conditions:

- EU member countries citizens may apply for enrolments that are intended for the citizens of the Republic of Slovenia,
- non-EU countries citizens and Slovenians without Slovenian citizenship may apply for spaces for foreigners,
- Beneficiaries of international protection and asylum seekers can join the educational programme under the same conditions as Slovenian nationals.

According to Slovene regulations, persons with international protection don't pay tuition fee, if enrolled into programmes that are tuition free for Slovene and EU citizens.

WHERE

The admission procedure for foreigners is well explained for each university here:

- University of Ljubljana – information guide for international students (in English): <https://www.uni-lj.si/study/information/>
- University of Maribor – application and enrolment procedure (in English): <https://www.um.si/en/Study/about/Pages/default.aspx>
- University of Primorska – information on enrolment (in English): <https://www.upr.si/en/study/enrolment>
- University of Nova Gorica – information in admissions (in English):

<http://www.ung.si/en/study/admissions/>

ADULT EDUCATION

WHAT

Foreign citizens with permanent residence in the Republic of Slovenia (taxpayers in the Republic of Slovenia) can enrol in formal education programmes for adults under the same conditions as Slovenian citizens.



You can obtain National Vocational Qualification which gives you an opportunity to assess and validate knowledge and skills obtained through non-formal learning.

WHERE

List of Public Universities:

http://www.mizs.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_srednje_in_visje_solstvo_ter_izobrazevanje_odraslih/izobrazevanje_odraslih/seznam_ljudskih_univerz/

ENIC-NARIC CENTRE SLOVENIA

WHAT

It is a national academic recognition information centre and competent authority for assessment and recognition of education in Slovenia. If you completed certain level of education abroad, you need start recognition procedure at ENIC NARIC centre.

WHERE

(in English) http://www.arhiv.mvzt.gov.si/en/areas_of_work/enic_naric_center_slovenia/