



Vocational education in Finland

The Finnish education system consists

- one year of voluntary pre-primary education
- nine years of basic education (comprehensive school)
- upper secondary education, which consists of general and vocational education
- higher education which is provided by universities and polytechnics (also known as universities of applied sciences, UAS).

In the Finnish education system learners can always continue their studies on a higher level of education, whatever their choices have been in between. Both general and vocational upper secondary certificates provide eligibility for further studies.

For pupils who need extra support for their studies there are so called preparatory studies as a part of upper secondary education. For immigrants there are language studies, study skills and study guidance. For pupils who need a lot support for learning there are two kinds of preparatory studies from one to two years. In those studies skills for everyday activities, independent living, learning and working can be practiced.

In vocational education there is a great interest in student mobility, exchange and on-the-job-learning. Many institutions have close relationships with institutions abroad and they are having several international projects.

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