

Choose education in Latvia!

THE PATH TO SCHOOL

1

Choose your school (education at publicly funded primary and secondary schools taught in Latvian is free, other options charge tuition fees)

2

Contact the school management or the university foreign relations office to find out about enrollment requirements and procedures

3

Prepare and submit the required documents

PRIMARY EDUCATION



- Children begin preschool from 5 years of age, children attend school (1st form/grade) from 6 or 7 years of age. Contact your municipal school board for information about schools in your catchment area.
- Education is compulsory until the age of 16. Personalized support is available one semester for students coming from abroad [database of primary education schools*](#)
- Bilingual programs at primary school are available in national minority and European languages (in BE, DE, ET, FR, HE, LT, PL, RU, UK)

GENERAL AND VOCATIONAL UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION



- General upper secondary education in publicly funded schools is offered in Latvian or bilingually with national minority languages (HE, LT, PL, RU, UK) ([database of general secondary schools*](#))
- Private upper secondary schools also offer general education in English for a fee ([database of general secondary schools in English*](#))
- At public vocational training institutions programmes are taught in Latvian. Students may be eligible for a scholarship and a place in student housing ([database of vocational schools*](#))

HIGHER EDUCATION



- Higher education institutions charge tuition fees, but the government funds a certain quota of degree programmes which are taught in Latvian or bilingually in priority fields. Private and institutional scholarships may be available ([database of study programmes offered in Latvian Bachelor degree*](#), [Masters degree*](#) and [Doctoral degree*](#))
- Bachelor, master and PhD degree programmes are taught also in foreign languages: www.studyinlatvia.lv
- Citizens of eligible foreign countries who are full-time students or applying for summer school may be eligible for [student housing and scholarships](#)

Available services:

- [Registry](#) of licenced and accredited degree programmes
- [Authentication](#) of foreign educational certificates
- [Recognition](#) of foreign diplomas and professional qualifications



Education opportunities for people with [special needs*](#).

* Website in Latvian. Browse on Google Chrome. Right click to choose "Translate to English".



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