

The image features the national flag of Latvia, which consists of three horizontal stripes of red, white, and red. Overlaid on the white stripe is a white outline map of Latvia. The text "Latvian education system" is centered within the white stripe, overlapping the map outline.

# Latvian education system



# Early childhood education

Latvia provides a legal entitlement to early childhood education and care for all children from 1,5 years of age.

childhood education for five- and six-year-old children is compulsory.

In Latvia, preschool education programmes are provided by kindergartens and schools. These educational institutions may be both municipal and private.

Education is free of charge in these educational institutions, but parents have to cover up the catering costs (1.3-2.1 EUR per day.)



# Basic education

Beginning at the age of 7 and consisting of nine years of compulsory schooling.

Basic education ends after grade 9 in final examinations in student's first language, the Latvian language, mathematics, history of Latvia and a foreign language.

Passed exams leads to the award of a certificate which is needed to entry into upper-secondary education.



# Upper-secondary education



Begins at the age of 16 and ends at the age of 19.

Provided in general and vocational pathways.

Upper-secondary education is not compulsory, although the proportion of Latvian population with completed upper-secondary education is still high.

Various vocational upper-secondary education programmes take between two to four years to complete and led to different qualification levels.

# Universities and Colleges

In total there are 6 universities, 19 colleges and 21 academies in Latvia.

These are divided into a range of Artistic, Scientific, professional and other academic institutions.

The highest ranking of these universities is “Latvijas Universitāte”, rated 41st in Europe and Central Asia.



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