

# Education in Finland

Preschool education in Finland is limited to the pre-school and takes a year before entering the school. During this period the children are taught ethics, reading, writing, science and mathematics. Preschool education, by the decision of the parents, you can go home.

## School education

Schooling is free and compulsory for children from 7 years. The children are in school up to grade 9. 1 to grade 6 all lessons conducted by one teacher, in one room, and from 7 to 9 grade for each subject your teacher.

All schools, whether private or public receive funding from the government equally. The school shall provide the students meals, school transport, educational materials and medical care.

At the end of the 9th grade students, if you wish, continue their studies in high school or vocational school. This education is also free, but students are not provided with free training materials, transport, etc.

The Lyceum is actively preparing to enter the University. After teaching in high school, which lasts 3 years, the students take the exam for matriculation.

In vocational schools there are training programs for 2 or 3 years. After 3 years of training receive a certificate of secondary vocational education. If [my company](#) desired, graduates can take courses in further education, to obtain a certificate of maturity and enter the University. In other cases, you can go to work or study in Polytechnic University of.

In schools introduced a 10-point assessment of knowledge, where 4 is the lowest score and 10 the highest score. The rating affects not only the level of knowledge of the subject, but also the behavior of the student.

## Higher education

In Finland 2 types of higher education institutions, there are universities and polytechnics. Higher education in the country free of charge. The training is conducted in English, Swedish and Finnish.

In the universities a number of courses involving academic study. The first level – this is a bachelors, the training lasts 3 years, at the end of training for some courses, students defend the graduation work. To obtain a bachelor's degree requires a minimum of 120 credits in ECTS. Second level – master's degree training period of 5 years. For the master's degree requires a minimum of 160 points in ECTS and thesis. For students training in master's degree lasts 2 years for a master's degree they need at least 40 points in ECTS. Masters could go to doctoral – level training. For a start, they are studying 2 years to become a bachelor and another 2 years to obtain the degree of doctor of science.

In polytechnics the two levels of education. First level – bachelor's degree training period of 4 years. To obtain the degree of bachelor you need 140 points in ECTS. Second level – master's degree. Training will be 2 years. For the master's degree is required to work for 3 years in the chosen specialty. In polytechnics vocational education.