



A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE OF PERU



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Language of Instruction: Spanish
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Calendar: March/April to December
National Body: *Ministerio de Educación* (Ministry of Education)
Institutions: both public and private (although most are state-controlled)
all universities are autonomous

EDUCACIÓN INICIAL (Pre-Primary Education)

Length of Program: 1 year
Additional Information: compulsory
available in both the public and private sector

EDUCACIÓN PRIMARIA (Primary Education)

Grades: 1 to 6
Length of Program: 6 years
Qualification Awarded: **Certificado Oficial de Educación Primaria** (Official Certificate of Primary Education)
Additional Information: compulsory

EDUCACIÓN SECUNDARIA (Secondary Education)

Level: *Ciclo General* (General Cycle or Lower Secondary)
Entrance Requirement: *Certificado Oficial de Educación Primaria*
Grades: 7-8
Length of Program: 2 years

Level: *Ciclo Diversificado* (Diversified Cycle or Upper Secondary)
Entrance Requirement: completion of *Ciclo General*
Grades: 9-11
Length of Program: 3 years
Institution: *Centro Educativo, Colegio, etc.*
Qualification Awarded: **Certificado Oficial de Educación Secundaria Común Completa** (Official Certificate of Completion of General Secondary Education)

Level: *Ciclo Diversificado* (Diversified Cycle or Upper Secondary)
Entrance Requirement: completion of *Ciclo General*
Grades: 9-11
Length of Program: 3 years
Institution: *Escuela Superior de Educación Profesional - ESEP* (Higher School of Professional Education) Cycle I
Qualification Awarded: **Diploma de Aptitud Profesional** (Diploma of Professional Competency)
Bachillerato Técnico (Technical *Bachillerato*)
Bachillerato Profesional (Professional *Bachillerato*)

TERTIARY EDUCATION

University Education

Level:	<i>Pregrado</i> (Undergraduate)
Entrance Requirement:	<i>Certificado Oficial de Educación Secundaria Común Completa</i>
Length of Program:	4-6 years
Qualification Awarded:	Bachiller (Bachelor's)
Additional Information:	first academic degree
Level:	<i>Pregrado</i> (Undergraduate)
Entrance Requirement:	<i>Bachiller</i>
Length of Program:	1 year beyond the <i>Bachiller</i>
Qualification Awarded:	Licenciado (Licentiate) or other professional title e.g., <i>Ingeniero</i> (Engineer)
Additional Information:	first professional title that allows the holder to enter the practice
Level:	<i>Postgrado</i> (Postgraduate)
Entrance Requirement:	<i>Licenciado</i>
Length of Program:	2 years
Qualification Awarded:	Especialista (Specialist)
Additional Information:	second professional title awarded after highly specialized study
Level:	<i>Postgrado</i> (Postgraduate)
Entrance Requirement:	<i>Licenciado</i>
Length of Program:	2 years
Qualification Awarded:	Maestro/Magíster (Master's)
Additional Information:	may be a research or a professionally-oriented degree
Level:	<i>Postgrado</i> (Postgraduate)
Entrance Requirement:	<i>Maestro/Magíster</i>
Length of Program:	2 years
Qualification Awarded:	Doctorado (Doctorate)
Additional Information:	candidate must defend original research and must be proficient in a foreign language

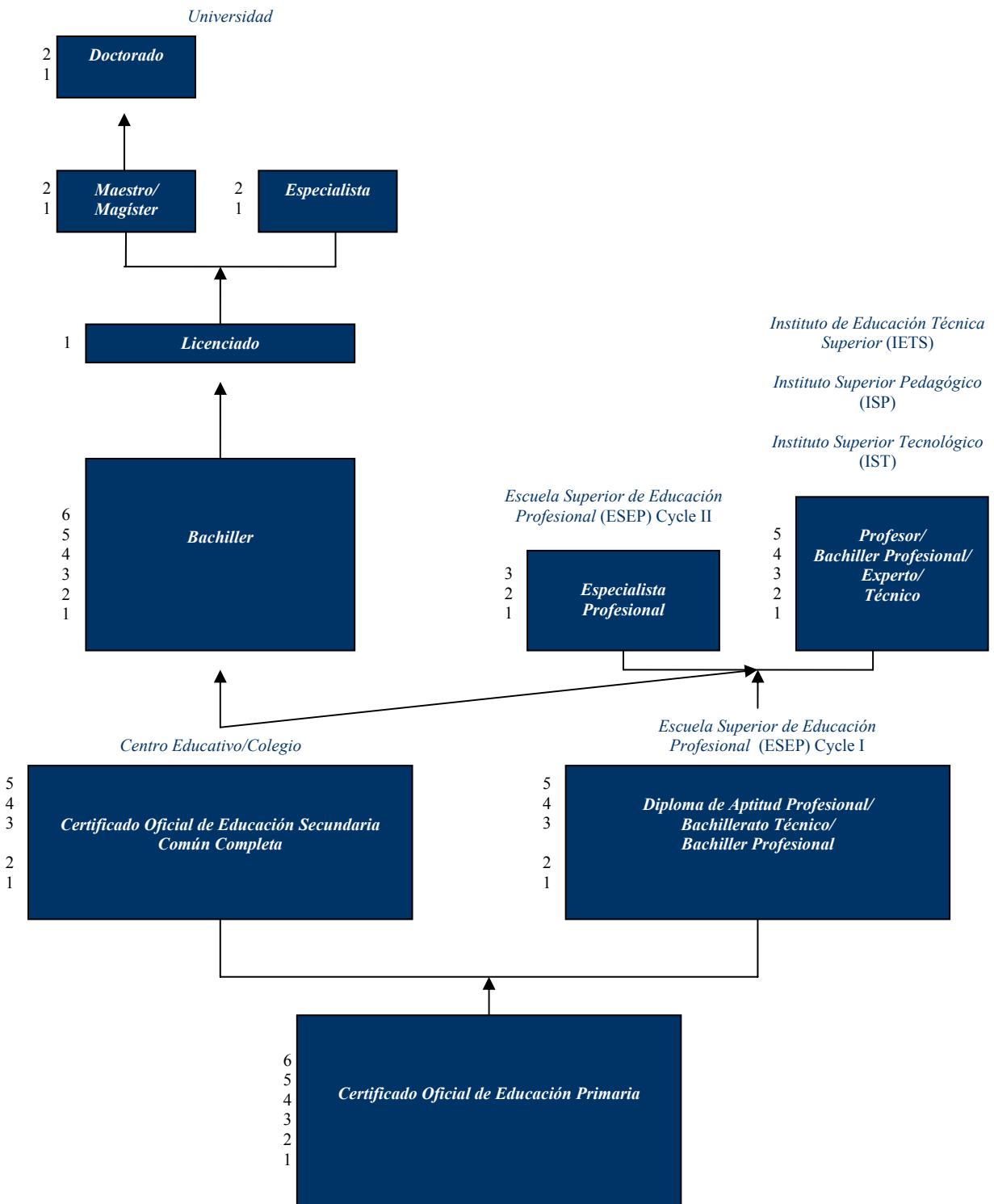
Technical and Professional Education

Entrance Requirement:	<i>Certificado Oficial de Educación Secundaria Común Completa</i> or equivalent
Length of Program:	3, 4, or 5 years
Institution:	<i>Instituto Superior Pedagógico</i> - ISP (Higher Pedagogical Institute) <i>Instituto Superior Tecnológico</i> - IST (Higher Technological Institute) <i>Instituto de Educación Técnica Superior</i> - IETS (Institute of Higher Technical Education) <i>Escuela Superior de Educación Profesional</i> - ESEP (Higher School of Professional Education) Cycle II
Qualification Awarded:	Profesor (Teacher) Bachiller Profesional (Professional <i>Bachiller</i>) Experto (Expert) Técnico (Technician) Especialista Profesional (Professional Specialist)

GRADING SCALE

	<u>Peru</u>		<u>IERF Suggested U.S. Equivalents</u>
15.0 - 20.0	<i>Excelente</i>	Excellent	A = 4.00
13.0 - 14.0	<i>Muy Bueno</i>	Very Good	B+ = 3.30
12.0	<i>Bueno</i>	Good	B = 3.00
11.0	<i>Aprobado</i>	Passing	C = 2.00
00.0 - 10.0	<i>Reprobado</i>	Failure	F = 0.00

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* The numbers on the left of the diagram designate years of study