

2 - Scope of the population

2.1 - Are pupils with special needs education enrolled in special schools excluded from this questionnaire? (Yes/No)

2.2 - Apart from pupils with special needs education, is the scope of the population in this questionnaire the same as the Enrolment questionnaire? (Yes/No)

2.2.1 - If "No" please specify:

Additionally we have excluded students studying IB and EB curriculums, because these curriculums are not under authority of the Ministry of Education. Students with special education needs with simplified curriculums enrolled in regular schools are also excluded, because many of them are not expected to learn any foreign language and they are studying under the same curriculum as special needs education students in special schools.

3 - Educational system

3.1 - Are there any legal provisions for language learning in your country? (Yes/No)

3.1.1 - If "Yes" please specify:

National Curriculum (for ISCED 100, 244, 344, 354)

3.2 - At which age does compulsory language learning start in your country? First compulsory foreign language learning starts between I to III grade, children are 7 to 9 years old at that time.

3.3 - At which age does compulsory language learning end in your country? A person is required to attend school until they acquire basic education or attain the age of 17 years.

3.4 - Does your legislation specify the number of hours language(s) should be taught by educational level? (Yes/No)

3.4.1 - If "Yes" please specify number of hours at (*indicate unit of measurement, for example statutory hours per year or by week*).

3.4.1.1 - ISCED level 1: GRADES 1 - 3:
* 6 h/week of Estonian as another language - in schools where the language of instruction is not Estonian;
* 3h/week of A-language (obligatory in all school).

3.4.1.2 - ISCED level 2: ISCED 244:
12 h/week of Estonian as another language - in schools where the language of instruction is not Estonian;
9h/week of A-language (obligatory in all school).
9h/week of B-language (not obligatory in schools where the language of instructions in not Estonian).

3.4.1.3 - ISCED level 3 general orientation: Obligatory foreign languages:
** 9 courses (= 315 h = 9x35 hours) / 3 years (studying time in Gymnasium) of Estonian as another language - in schools where the language of instruction is not Estonian);
** 5 courses (= 175h = 5x35 hours) / 3 years (studying time in Gymnasium) of foreign language on B2 level of proficiency - in other schools;
** 5 courses (= 175h = 5x35 hours) / 3 years (studying time in Gymnasium) of foreign language on B1 level of proficiency - in other schools;
Optional foreign languages:
** 4 courses (= 140h = 4x35 hours) / 3 years (studying time in Gymnasium) of foreign language on B1 level of proficiency;
** 2 courses (= 70h = 2x35 hours) / 3 years (studying time in Gymnasium) of foreign language on B2 level of proficiency.

3.4.1.4 - ISCED level 3 pre-vocational and vocational orientation: Only ISCED 354 --> Obligatory foreign languages:
** 9 courses (= 315 h = 9x35 hours) / 3 years (studying time in Gymnasium) of Estonian as another language - in schools where the language of instruction is not Estonian);
** 5 courses (= 175h = 5x35 hours) / 3 years (studying time in Gymnasium) of foreign language on B2 level of proficiency - in other schools;
** 5 courses (= 175h = 5x35 hours) / 3 years (studying time in Gymnasium) of foreign language on B1 level of proficiency - in other schools;
Optional foreign languages:
** 4 courses (= 140h = 4x35 hours) / 3 years (studying time in Gymnasium) of foreign language on B1 level of proficiency;
** 2 courses (= 70h = 2x35 hours) / 3 years (studying time in Gymnasium) of foreign language on B2 level of proficiency.

3.5 - Does your legislation specify which languages to be taught? (Yes/No)

3.5.1 - If "Yes" please specify which languages at (*if there is a choice between more languages then please indicate these*).

3.5.1.1 - ISCED level 1: English, French, German or Russian

3.5.1.2 - ISCED level 2: English, French, German, Russian or any other

3.5.1.3 - ISCED level 3 general orientation: English, French, German, Russian or any other

3.5.1.4 - ISCED level 3 pre-vocational and vocational orientation: English, French, German, Russian or any other

3.6 - Please add any additional comments you have in the box below

Estonian is considered foreign language if it is taught in schools where the language of instruction is not Estonian. Russian is not considered foreign language if it is taught in schools where the language of instruction is Russian. Students are counted separately for ISCED 1, ISCED 2, ISCED 34 and ISCED 35. ISCED 2 all programmes include vocational programmes, where language learning is not compulsory. Until 2019 (incl.) language learning in ISCED 35 vocational programs has been strongly underestimated due to shortage of language registry.