



## Implementation of ISCED 2011

For data on educational attainment based on the EU Labour Force Survey (EU-LFS) the International Standard Classification of Education 2011 (ISCED 2011) is applied as from 2014. Up to 2013 ISCED 1997 is used.

Eurostat's online tables present data on educational attainment level for three aggregates (low – medium – high level of education), and at this level of aggregation data are comparable over time for all available countries except Austria and Estonia.

- The level shift break in **Austria** is due to the reclassification of a programme spanning levels: the qualification acquired upon successful completion of higher technical and vocational colleges is allocated in ISCED 2011 to ISCED level 5; under ISCED 1997 the same qualification was reported on ISCED level 4, but earmarked as equivalent to tertiary education.
- The level shift break in **Estonia** is due to the reclassification of a programme that can last between 6 months and 3.5 years: the qualification acquired upon successful completion of 'vocational courses based on basic education' is allocated in ISCED 2011 to ISCED level 2; under ISCED 1997 this was reported as level 3.

In the online tables, the code list “ISCED11” is used and the change to ISCED 2011 as from 2014 is indicated through the flag ‘b’ (break in time series).

The correspondence between ISCED 2011 and ISCED 1997 is as follows:

	<b>ISCED 2011</b> <i>(data from 2014 onwards)</i>	<b>ISCED 1997</b> <i>(data up to 2013)</i>
Low education	Less than primary, primary and lower secondary education (levels 0-2)	Pre-primary, primary and lower secondary education (levels 0-2)
Medium education	Upper secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary education (levels 3 and 4)	Upper secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary education (levels 3 and 4)
High education	Tertiary education (levels 5-8)	First and second stage of tertiary education (levels 5 and 6)

For further information see

[http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/metadata/en/edat1\\_esms.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/metadata/en/edat1_esms.htm).