

**EUROPEAN REGION OF THE
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FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY**



Summary of Physiotherapy Education within the National Educational System - 2005

	Basic / initial Physiotherapy Education Giving Access to the practice of Physiotherapy / use of title of Physiotherapist, accordingly with the legislation of the country							Academic Post Graduate Education
Country	Number of Years of school needed for Access to PT Education	Number of years of PT Education	Status of PT education Within the national Educational System (1)	Academic degree awarded	Number of Physiotherapy Programmes officially recognised	Approximate Number of New students Entering PT Programmes (each year)	Approximate Number of Students qualifying for practice as physiotherapists (each year)	Basic / Initial PT education gives direct access to the following Higher Academic Degrees (2)
Austria	12	3	Hig. Educ	Dipl. PT	1	400	350	MSc and PhD
Belgium	12	4-5	Hig. Educ	Licencier	NA	NA	NA	MSc and PhD
Bulgaria	12	4	Hig. Educ	BSc	3	140	120	MSc and PhD
	12	3	Hig. Educ No university level	Diploma	6	180	150	Bridge System
Croatia - 2003	8	4	Sec. Educ	No	NA	NA	NA	No
	12	3	Parallel	No	3	180	180	No
Cyprus	No Physiotherapy Education in Cyprus							
Czech Republic	12	3	Hig. Educ	Diploma	10-13	300	250	No
	12	3 / 5	Hig. Educ	BA / MA	8	200	180	MSc and PhD
Denmark	12	3½	Hig. Educ	BSc	8	640	630	MSc and PhD
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Estonia	12	3	Hig. Educ	Bachelor	1	35	25	MSc
	12	3	Parallel	Diploma	1	25	15	MSc
Finland	12	4	Hig. Educ.	NA	17	400	350	MSc and PhD
France	12	3-4	Parallel	NA	NA	1540	1500	Bridge System
Germany	10	3	Sec. Educ	No degree	246	9500	7500	Bridge System
	12	3 or 4	Hig. Educ	BA, MA or Diplom	10	180	NA	MSc
Greece	18	4	Hig. Educ	Ptyxio Fysikotherapeis	4	280-300	200	MSc Yes PhD No
Hungary	12	4	Hig. Educ	Diploma	1	550	500	MSc Yes PhD Bridge System
Iceland	14	4	Hig. Educ	BSc	1	20	17	MSc
Ireland	13 - 14	3 -4	Hig. Educ		4	26-60	26-60	MSc and PhD
Italy	13	3	Hig. Educ	Laurea	39	2500	1500	MSc Bridge System
Latvia	12	4	Hig. Educ	BA	3	60-80	40-55	MSc and PhD
Lebanon	13	4	Hig. Educ	B.S(licence)	1	65	50	MSc
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Liechtenstein	No Physiotherapy Education in Liechtenstein							
Lithuania 2003								
Luxembourg	No Physiotherapy Education in Luxembourg							
Netherlands	13	4	Hig. Educ	Bachelor	11	1800	950	MSc yes and PhD no
Norway	13	4	Hig. Educ	Bachelor	5	350	300	MSc and PhD
Poland 2003	12	3	Parallel	Batcheler	NA	NA	NA	Bridge System
	12	5	Hig. Educ	Master	NA	NA	NA	MSc and PhD
Portugal 2003	12	3+1	Hig. Educ	Licenciatura	14	600	200	MSc and PhD
Romania 2003	12	4	Hig. Educ	Licence	1	800	800	MSc and PhD
Serbia and Montenegro	12	3	Hig. Educ	Diploma	3	400	100	No
	8	2+2	Sec. Educ	PT tehnician	12	360	300	No
Slovenia	13	3	Hig. Educ	BSc	1	40-55	52	Bridge System
Spain	12	3	Hig. Educ	Diploma	1	3200	2600	Bridge System
Sweden	13	3	Hig. Educ	BSc	8	620	550	MSc and PhD
Switzerland	12	4	Parallel	Diploma	14	300	300	Postgraduate studies
Turkey	11	4	Hig. Educ	Bachelor	8	350	300	MSc and PhD
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United Kingdom	13	2-4	Hig. Educ	BSc	47	2563	1836	MSc yes / PhD No
	13+3	(3-4)+2*	Hig. Educ	MSc	13	241	128	MSc and PhD

Source: European Region of WCPT - Information provided the Member Organisations by June 2003

* Graduates will have completed a 3/4 year first degree in a science related subjects plus two years full time MSc programme in physiotherapy.

Abbreviations used

PT – Physiotherapy / Physical Therapy

NA – information **Not Available**

(1) Status of PT education within the national Educational System

Sec. Educ. - Secondary / professional education – If the entry level is lower than the normal entry level for Higher Education, in the country.

Parallel – Post secondary / Parallel to Higher education - If the entry level is the same as for Higher Education, but the PT education is not officially considered as part of Higher Education

Hig. Educ. – Higher Education - if PT Education is officially considered as part of Higher Education (University or other kind of Higher Education, for example Polytechnic)

(2) – Bridge System – When there is no direct access to higher academic degrees, but there is a bridge system that allows that possibility