



Otázka: Education System of Czech Republic

Jazyk: Angličtina

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There are three levels of education in Czech Republic – **primary**, **secondary** and **tertiary**. Children may enter **kindergarten** at the age of 3.

Primary education

At the age of 6 children have to enter **nine-year elementary school**. Most schools are financed by the state, but children can enter also private school, where you pay for tuition. It's set by law that school-leaving age is 15.

Secondary Education

For those who want to continue studying, there are many possibilities. The traditional **secondary school** is called **grammar school** and it prepares their students for university and lasts 4 years or longer if the students have enrolled (*přihlásit se*) the school earlier (6 years or 8 years). The studies may be oriented more on science or humanities. Every secondary study finishes with a final school-leaving exam in the fourth year, which consists of 4 subjects. Two of them are compulsory – Czech language and foreign language or maths. The rest two are electives (*volitelné předměty*).

Students may attend also **secondary business schools or agriculture schools** instead of grammar schools or for more talented people, there are **conservatories** where they can study



music or acting. Another option is **secondary vocational schools**, which train young people for jobs like baker, mechanic, bricklayer or waiter.

Tertiary education

If students want to study at **university**, they have to pass the entrance exams. For now, education at universities is free of charge in Czech Republic. The most popular subjects are medicine, law or humanities studied at Charles University in Prague or Masaryk University in Brno. The universities in Czech Republic offer three-year-bachelor programmes as well as five-year-master programmes. It finishes with a final state exam and a thesis defence (*obhajoba diplomové práce*) is required.