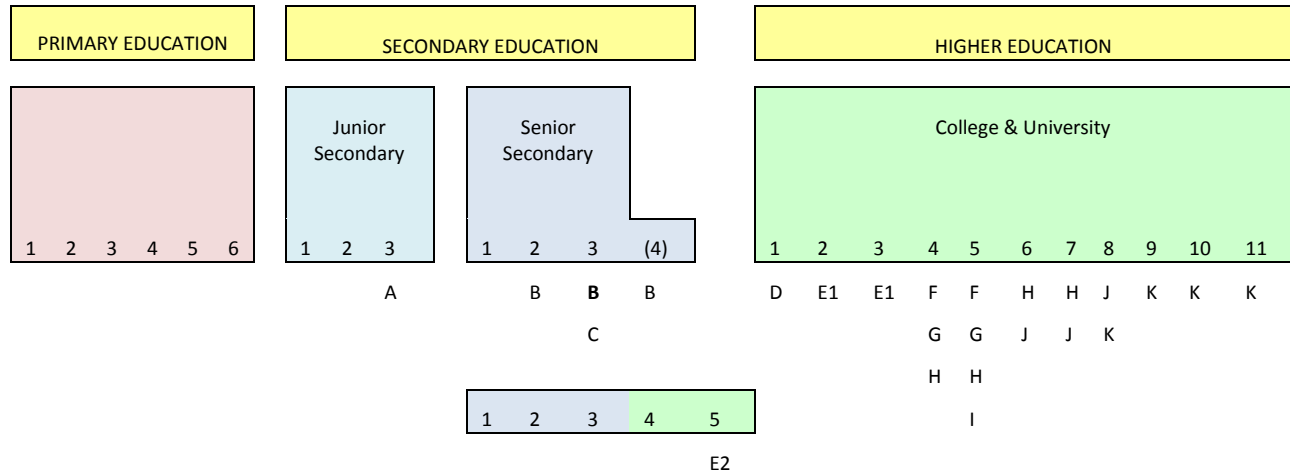


CHINA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF

Educational Diagram of Peoples' Republic of China

Years of education →



Secondary Education

- A** 毕业证书 (Graduation Certificate): awarded upon completion of junior (lower) middle school and represents completion of compulsory education
- B** 毕业证书 (Graduation Certificate): awarded upon completion of senior (upper) secondary school; academic¹
毕业证书 (Graduation Certificate) 中专/中等专业 (Vocational Secondary): awarded upon completion of senior (upper) secondary vocational / technical school¹
- C** 普通高中毕业会考 (General Senior Secondary Graduation Examination) also known as *Huikao* OR 高中学业水平测试/考试 (Senior Secondary Academic Proficiency Test) also known as *Xueye Shuiping Ceshi/Kaoshi*

全国高考 [National College Entrance Examination (NCEE)] also known as *Gaokao* is taken by most graduates of senior (upper) middle school programs seeking admission to postsecondary education

¹ Most academic programs require three years of senior secondary school study. Programs of a vocational nature may also be of three years duration, though two- and four-year programs exist.

Postsecondary Education

- D** 结业证书 (Completion Certificate): awarded upon completion of programs requiring three months to three semesters of undergraduate study; admission based on credential **B** or **C**
- E1** 毕业证书 (Graduation Certificate): awarded upon completion of short-cycle (专科, or *zhuanke*) programs requiring two to three years of study; admission based on credential **B** or **C**
- E2** 毕业证书 (Graduation Certificate): awarded upon completion of a combined senior secondary vocational and short-cycle postsecondary (专科, or *zhuanke*) programs requiring five years of study; admission based on credential **A**
- F** 毕业证书 (Graduation Certificate): awarded upon completion of long-cycle (本科, or *benke*) programs requiring four to five years of study; admission based on credential **B** or **C**; may be awarded in conjunction with credential **G**
- G** 学士学位 (Bachelor's Degree): awarded upon completion of programs requiring four to five years of study in the areas of Agriculture, Arts, Economics, Education, Engineering, History, Law, Management, Military Studies, Nursing, Philosophy, or Science; admission based on credential **B** or **C**
- H** 医学学士学位 (Bachelor's Degree in Medicine): awarded upon completion of programs requiring four to seven years of study in the areas of Basic Medical Science, Clinical Medicine, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, or Traditional Chinese Medicine or Pharmacy; admission based on credential **B** or **C**

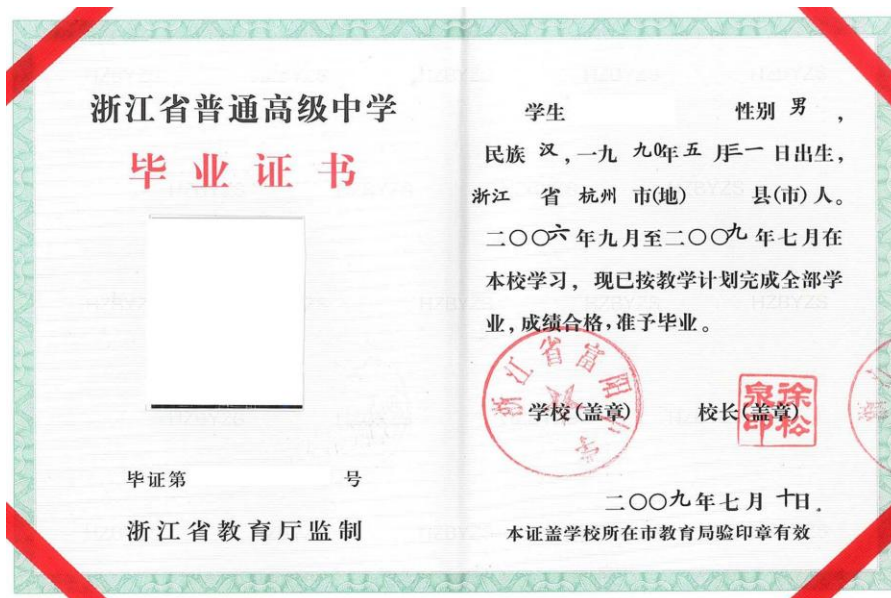
全国研究生入学考试 [National Postgraduate Entrance Examination (NPEE)] is taken by most graduates of long-cycle programs seeking admission to postgraduate education

- I** 结业证书 (Completion Certificate): awarded upon completion of usually at least one and one-half years of graduate study; admission generally based on credential **G** and the National Postgraduate Entrance Examination (NPEE)
- J** 硕士学位 (Master's Degree): awarded upon completion of programs requiring two to three years of study²; admission generally based on credential **G** and the National Postgraduate Entrance Examination (NPEE)
- K** 博士学位 (Doctoral Degree): awarded upon completion of programs requiring two to three years of study² with admission based on credential **J**, or programs requiring three to four years of study with admission based on credential **G** and the National Postgraduate Entrance Examination (NPEE)

² Some institutions offer combined Bachelor-Master-Doctor or Master-Doctor programs.

Sample Credentials

Credential B: Graduation Certificate from a Senior Secondary School
(formats are not standardized)



Credential F: Graduation Certificate for a long cycle "benke" program
(1999-mid 2000s standard format)



Credential G: Bachelor's degree (2008-Present standard format)



Grading Scales

All Levels of Education – Four Passing Ranges Scale

Chinese	Percentage	Description	Letter Grade
优	90-100	Excellent	A
良	80-89	Good	B
中	70-79	Average or Fair	C
及格	60-69	Pass/Satisfactory	D
不及格	0-59	Unsatisfactory/Fail	F

All Levels of Education – Three Passing Ranges Scale

Chinese	Percentage	Description	Letter Grade
优	85-100	Excellent	A
良	75-84	Good	B
及格	60-74	Pass/Satisfactory	C
不及格	0-59	Unsatisfactory/Fail	D/F

Some subjects, such as optional courses and physical education courses, are graded on a pass (通过 or 合格) or fail (不通过 or 不合格) basis.

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