Bermuda

Description

Bermuda is a British Colony.

Compulsory education is for children between the ages of 5 and 16. Education is provided free of charge for students up to 19 years.

Students can enroll in Bermuda College upon graduating from high school.

The academic year runs between September and June (inclusive).

The medium of instruction is English.
Upon completion of high school in the Bermuda Public School system, students graduate with the Bermuda School Certificate (BSC). To graduate, students must obtain 104 credits from the time they enter senior school. At the senior level, students enter one of two public schools and complete a total of 12 years of compulsory schooling (P1-S4) by the time they graduate. The chart below indicates the Bermuda grade level/age equivalency to the United States, Canada and England.

### Qualification list

**Bermuda School Certificate**

### BERMUDA GRADE LEVEL/AGE EQUIVALENT

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**Post School** Refer to Bermuda College information
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School Levels

Pre Primary
This is an optional stage of education for children aged 4 years old

Primary
This is a compulsory stage of education lasting for 6 years. (P1 – P6)

Children enter primary education at age 5.

Middle School
Middle School lasts for three years (M1 – M3) after completion of primary education. Middle School Curriculum includes the following (11yrs – 14yrs):

- English
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Physical Education
- The Arts
- Business Studies
- Design and Technology
- Foreign Language

Senior School
There are two Senior High schools: The Berkeley Institute and CedarBridge Academy. Senior school curriculum includes the following (14yrs – 18yrs):

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Foreign Language
- Science
- Visual Art
- Health Education
- Family Studies
- Business Studies
- Theatre
- Dance
- Design and Technology
- Music
- Physical Education
- Social Studies
- Computer Science
- Functional Skills

Currently, the senior cycle lasts for 4 years (S1 – S4) and leads to the Bermuda School Certificate.
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Public School System Chart

Bermuda College
“Post secondary”

Senior School

Middle School

Primary School
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High School Grading System

The following scale is used for the Bermuda School Certificate:

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Bermuda College: Bermuda College is Bermuda’s only post-secondary/higher education institution. The College provides access to two-year and one-year programmes of study that allow students to transfer at various levels at overseas universities. Students also pursue programmes of study that provide them with skills for immediate employment in the workplace.

Bermuda College offers the following Associate Degrees, Certificates and Diplomas:

- Associate of Arts (A.A.)
- Associate of Science (A.S.)
- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)
- Certificates
- Diplomas

Note: The Bermuda College has several articulation/partnership agreements with universities in North America that allow students who have completed the associate’s degree to transfer with advanced standing up to the third year of a four-year programme of study.

Further information on specific programmes and courses can be viewed in the Bermuda College Catalogue which is on the Bermuda College Website at www.college.bm

Through a partnership arrangement with Mount St. Vincent University, Bermuda College provides access on the Island to two (2) bachelor’s degree programmes, a Bachelor of Business Administration and the Bachelor in Child and Youth Studies.

HIGHER EDUCATION:

The Bermuda College is the only post-secondary/higher education institution in Bermuda. Students completing Bermuda College’s associate degrees are able to transfer with advanced standing up to the third year of a four-year university programme.

TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:

Bermuda College offers a variety of options for individuals who pursue technical or vocational education. Following is a list of the options:

Associate of Applied Science Degrees (AAS):

At the post-secondary level, students can take an Associate of Applied Sciences degree or two to five year certificates programmes that provide entry into the workforce or transfer to bachelor level technical programmes. Associate of Applied Science Degrees are provided in the following areas:

- Culinary Arts
- Electronics Technology
- Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning
- Motor Vehicle Technology
- Plumbing Technology
- Wood Technology
Certificates

- National Centre for Construction Education and Research – NCCER
- Certificate for Accounting Assistants
- Certificate for Office Assistants
- Certificate for Office Skills
- Certificate in Plumbing Technology
- Certificate in Wood Technology
- Certificate in Motor Vehicle Technology
- Certificate in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technology
- Certificate in Electronics Technology
- Electrical Wiring Technology — five (5) year apprenticeship program after secondary level. Upon completion the student is certified as a **Journeyman Inside Wireman by the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (NJATC)**

Diplomas

- NCCER Junior Technician (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning)
- NCCER Electronics Systems Technicians Levels 1-3
- Automotive Service Excellence (A.S.E.)
- Automotive Technology Certification
- City and Guilds Level 1

Workforce Development Certificates

International Legal Executive (ILEX)

- Certificate for Legal Secretaries
- Certificate in Legal Studies
- Professional Diploma in Law and Practice

Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM)

- Certificate in Team Leading
- Certificate in Management

Certified Management Accountant (CMA)

Building Owners and Managers Institute (BOMI)

American Management Association (AMA)

- Certificate for Administrative Professional
- Certificate in Human Resource Management
- Certificate in General Management
- Certificate in Finance & Accounting