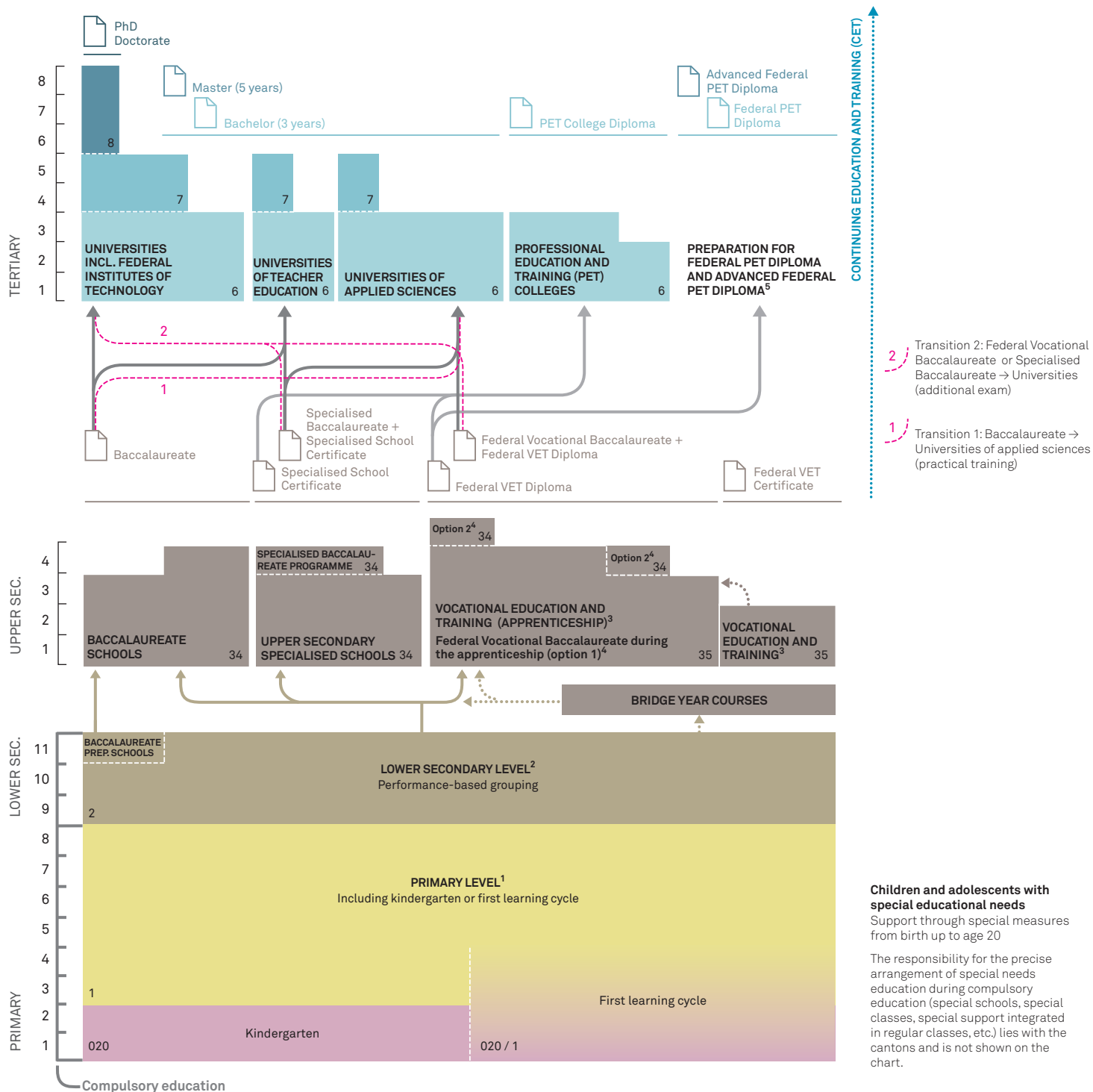


THE SWISS EDUCATION SYSTEM



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ISCED | International Standard Classification of Education 2011

- ISCED 8
- ISCED 7
- ISCED 6
- ISCED 4
- ISCED 34 + 35
- ISCED 2
- ISCED 1
- ISCED 020

¹ Two years of kindergarten or the first two years of a first learning cycle: included in compulsory education in the majority of cantons

² Lower secondary level: 4-year scuola media in the Canton of Ticino (pursuant to exception clause in Art. 6 HarmoS Agreement)

³ Vocational education and training (apprenticeship): training company + VET school + intercompany courses; full-time school education possible

⁴ Federal Vocational Baccalaureate: combined with an apprenticeship (option 1) or after an apprenticeship (option 2); duration option 2: full-time 1 year, part-time 1.5 – 2 years

⁵ Federal PET examination / Federal PET diploma = ISCED 6
Advanced federal PET examination / Advanced federal PET diploma = ISCED 7

Children and adolescents with special educational needs
Support through special measures from birth up to age 20

The responsibility for the precise arrangement of special needs education during compulsory education (special schools, special classes, special support integrated in regular classes, etc.) lies with the cantons and is not shown on the chart.