## Refugees Country Briefing Iran

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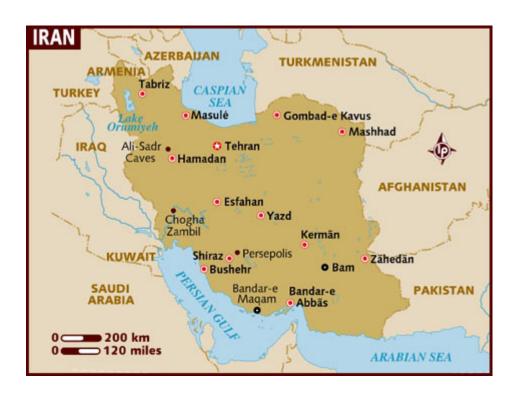






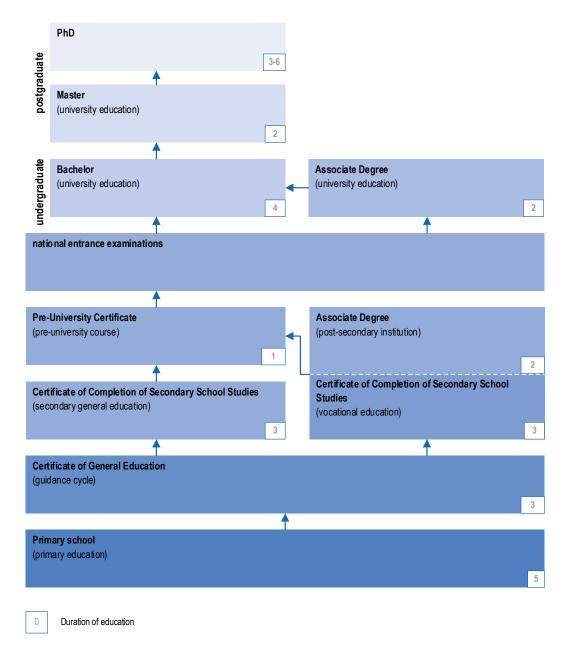


#### Current situation in Iran



- Population: ± 82,000,000
- Compulsory education: grades 1-9
- Academic year:
   September to June
- Language: Farsi
- Literacy rate: 93% (2015)
- 1979 revolution caused major changes

# Chart of the educational system



#### **Basic Education**

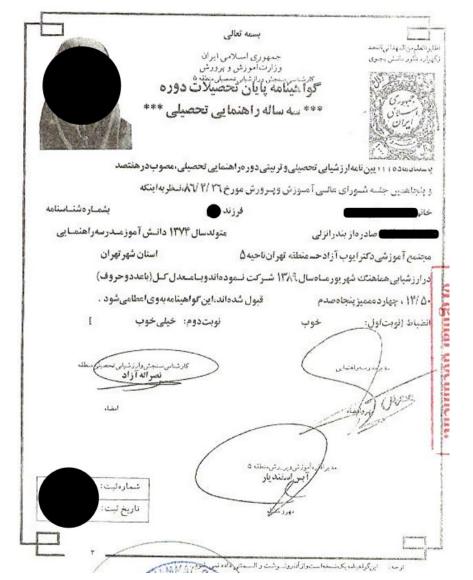
#### Until 2012:

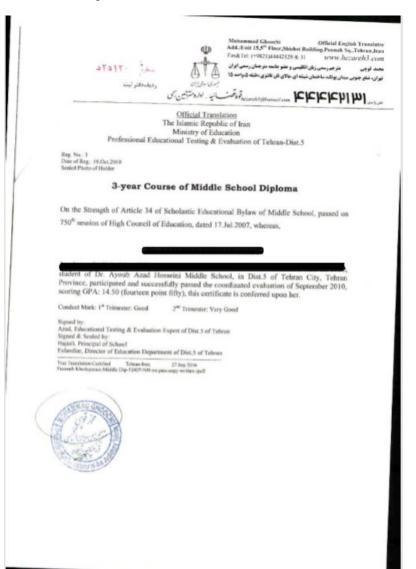
- Primary Education (dabestan دبستان) Grade 1-5
- Lower Secondary Education/Guidance Cycle (doreh rahnama-ii دوره راهنمایی ) Grade 6-8

#### After 2012:

- Primary Education (dabestan دبستان) Grade 1-6
- Lower Secondary Education/First Secondary Cycle (doreh aval motavaseteh دوره اول متوسطه) Grade 7-9
- Diploma: Certificate of General Education (gawahinameh doreh rahnama-ii گواهینامه دوره راهنمایی)

#### Certificate of General Education: diploma + translation





## (دبيرستان Secondary Education (dabirestan

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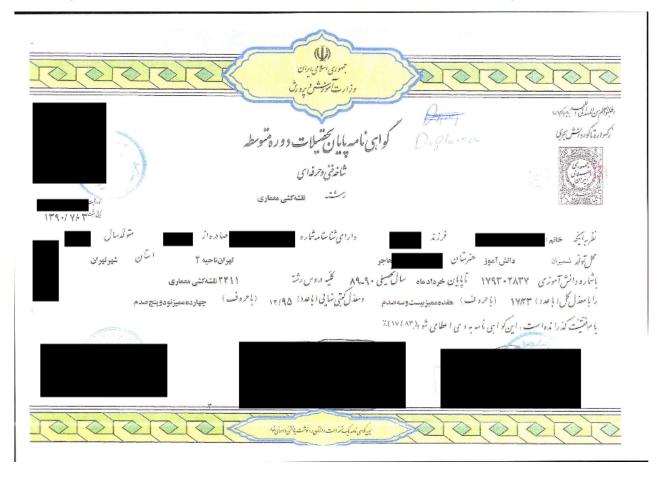
- Duration of schooling:
  - Until the early 1990s: 4 years (Grade 9-12)
  - Since the early 1990s: 3 years (Grade 9-11)
- Type of education: vocational secondary education.
- Credits: 90-96
- Purpose of diploma: access to Associate Degrees at a postsecondary technical institute, or to pre-university courses.

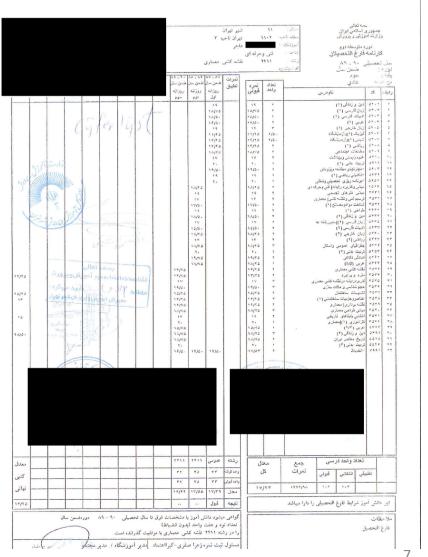
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Technical/Vocational Secondary Education:

diploma and transcript





## (دبيرستان Secondary Education (dabirestan

#### Work and knowledge (*Kar-o-danesh*):

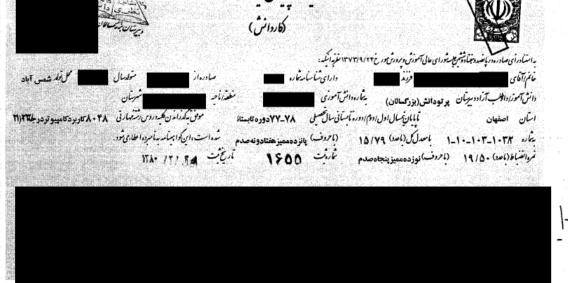
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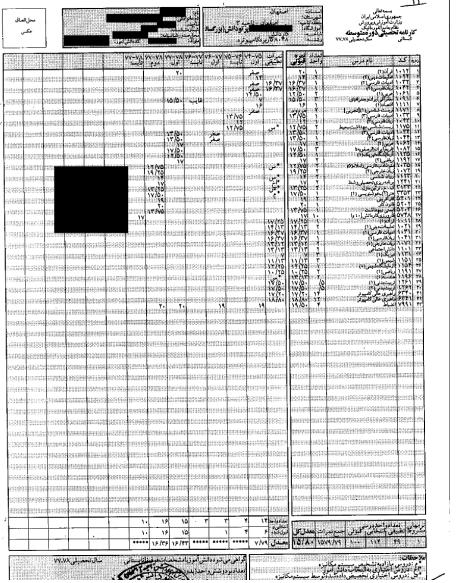
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Work/Knowledge Secondary Education:

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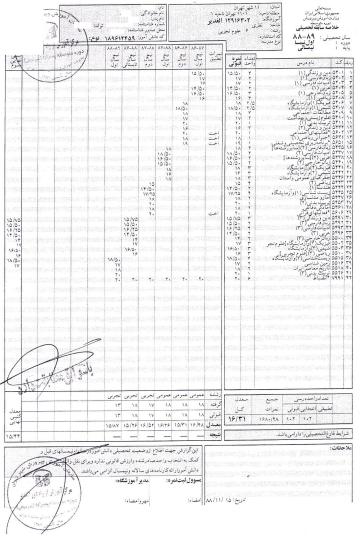
#### Theoretical/Academic Programme (Nazari):

- Until early 1990s:
  - Duration of schooling: 4 years.
  - Type of education: general secondary education.
  - Purpose of diploma: access to higher education.
- Since early 1990s:
  - Duration of schooling: 3 years.
  - Type of education: general secondary education.
  - Purpose of diploma: access to a pre-university course.
- Since 2012: Second secondary cycle ره دوم متوسطه (doreh dovom motevaseteh)

Diploma: Certificate of Completion of Secondary School Studies (gawahinameh payan tahsilat doreh motevaseteh گواهینامه پایان تحصیلات دوره متوسطه)

Certificate of Completion of Secondary School Studies: diploma + transcript





#### Upper Secondary Education

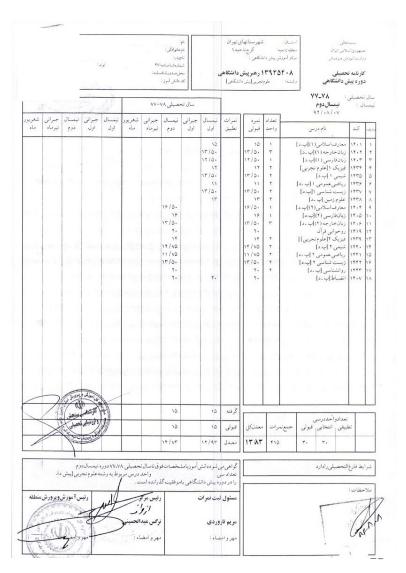
#### Pre-University programme:

- Since the early 1990s
- Duration of schooling: 1 year.
- Credits: 24
- Type of education: upper general secondary education.
- Purpose of diploma: access to higher education.
- No longer conferred as of 2019 after the reforms of 2012

Diploma: Pre-University Certificate (gawahinameh payan doreh peesh daneshgah-ii, گواهینامه پایان دوره پیش دانشگاهی)

#### Pre-University Certificate: diploma + transcript





### Institutions: Higher education

- State and private institutions (universities, higher education institutions, technical institutes and teacher training colleges)
- Private institutions were taken over by the government after the revolution in 1979, ban was lifted in the late 80s.
- Largest private institution is Islamic Azad University (IAU, 553 branches, of which 133 SAMA colleges, in school year 2015-2016).
- Largest public institution is Payam-e Nour University (PNU, almost a million enrolled students, first distance-learning provider in the late 1980s).
- Supervision:
  - All institutions (except medical schools) by the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology.
  - Medical schools by the Ministry of Health, Treatment and Medical Education.
- The Supreme Council of the Cultural Revolution is the highest authority > controls policy and regulations, approval of programs and recognition of institutions
- Konkur (National Entrance Examination) is required to enter a state-run higher education programme (IAU has its own entrance examinations). Entry requirement: Pre-University Certificate

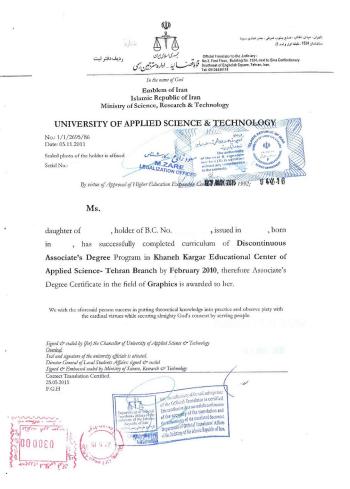
## Associate degree (kârdânî)

- Duration of schooling: 2 years (unless it is an Integrated Associate degree after lower secondary education, then 5 years).
- Type of education: professional or research oriented.
- Credits: 68-78
- Purpose of diploma: access to the labor market or the third year of bachelor's programmes.

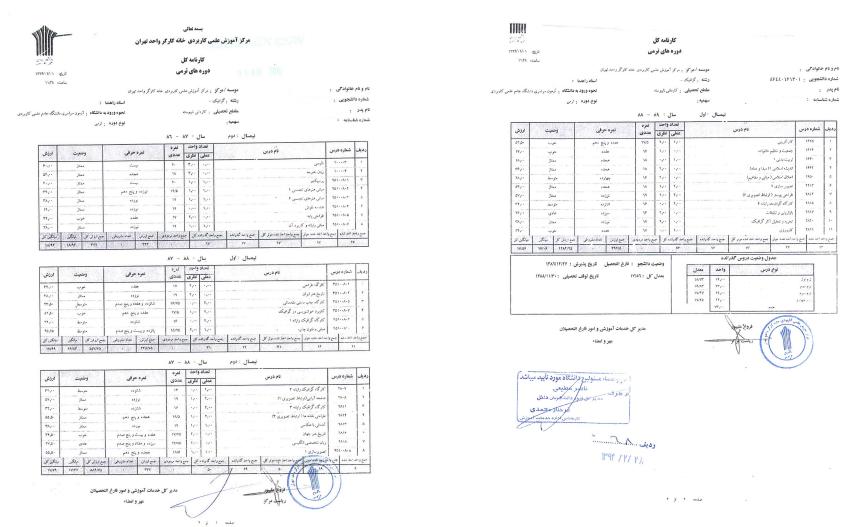
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## Associate degree (*kârdânî کاردانی*): diploma + translation





## Associate degree (kârdânî کاردانی): transcript

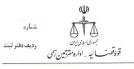


## Bachelor's degree (kârshenâsî کارشناسی)

- Duration of schooling: 4 years.
- Type of education: professional or research oriented.
- Credits: 130+
- Purpose of diploma: access to university master's programmes, if the diploma is obtained with good grades.
- If someone enters the third year of a bachelor's degree after obtaining an associate degree, their bachelor's degree is known as a discontinuous bachelor (kârshenâsî napayvasteh). A continuous bachelor (kârshenâsî payvasteh) means someone has studied the entire bachelor programme.

#### Bachelor's degree (*kârshenâsî کار شناسی*): diploma + translation

نموجب قانون کیل وزارت بهاشت درمان و آموزشس ریشی مصوّب نیم مهرما و ۴۶۴ مجلس تول<sup>ی</sup> کالا دارای ثنانامهٔ ثارهٔ صادره از متولد سال درّایخ ۷٫۳٫۷ تحصیلات خود دردورهٔ کارثناسی رشه ما مایی را بإمونست بيايان سانيدهٔ لذاين انشنامه بامبرد لوعطارمثيو و آازامتيا زات آن مبره سن کرد د . توفق نامبرده را درتواُم کردن علم وال خِثيث وتقویٰ وکسب ضای خالق و ملاشر في خدمت مخلق آرزومند است . رُمن دانشكده وكترتيده فاطمة في وست كَ رئين دانشكاه وكترغلامضا ثباهيني



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Iran University of Medical Sciences & Health-Therapeutic Services Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery

#### Diploma of Completion of Studies

Photo of the holder under raised seal

Date: Dec. 13, 2003

By virtue of Ministry of Health, Treatment & Medical Education Establishment Act passed on Oct. 01, 1985 by the Islamic Consultative Assembly, whereas;

, holder of ID Card No. the Bachelor's program in the field of Midwifery on May 28, 2002, this Diploma is conferred upon her to enable her to enjoy all honors and privileges thereto appertaining. May she be successful in combining knowledge and piety towards the satisfaction of God and in serving people.

#### Signed under raised seal:

- Dean of Faculty
- Chancellor of University

The translation of the present document and the confirmation thereof by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is

Signed & sealed by the Ministry of Health, Treatment and Medication Education

Registered under No. dated Dec. 13, 2003 in the Diplomas Book (signed)



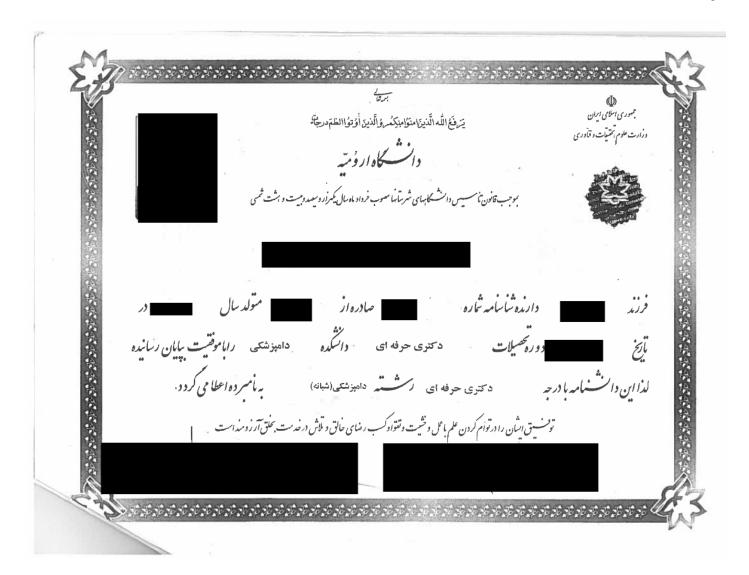
## Professional Doctorate (Duktura دکتر ای حرفهای / دکتر ای عمومی

- Duration of schooling: 5-7 years
- Type of education: professional.
- Credits: 180 (5 years), 210 (6 years), 290 (7 years) > best indicator of normal program length
- Purpose of diploma: access to certain professions.
- Architecture, dentistry, pharmacy and veterinary science require 5 or 6 years, medicine requires 6 or 7 years.

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دکتری Can also be spelled as

### Professional Doctorate (Duktura): diploma



## Master's degree (kârshenâsî Arshad)

- Duration of schooling: 2 years.
- Type of education: professional or research oriented.
- Credits: 28-32 (research) or 36-40 (coursework). Thesis is max. 10 credits.
- Purpose of diploma: access to doctoral programmes, if the diploma is obtained with good grades.
- If someone enters the master's degree programme after obtaining a bachelor's degree, their master's degree is known as a discontinuous master (kârshenâsî-arshad napayvasteh). A continuous master (kârshenâsîarshad payvasteh) or Integrated master's degree is a unified degree (bachelor and master) in some professional specialisations such as architecture.

Master's degree (kârshenâsî Arshad کارشناسی ارشد): diploma

+ transcript

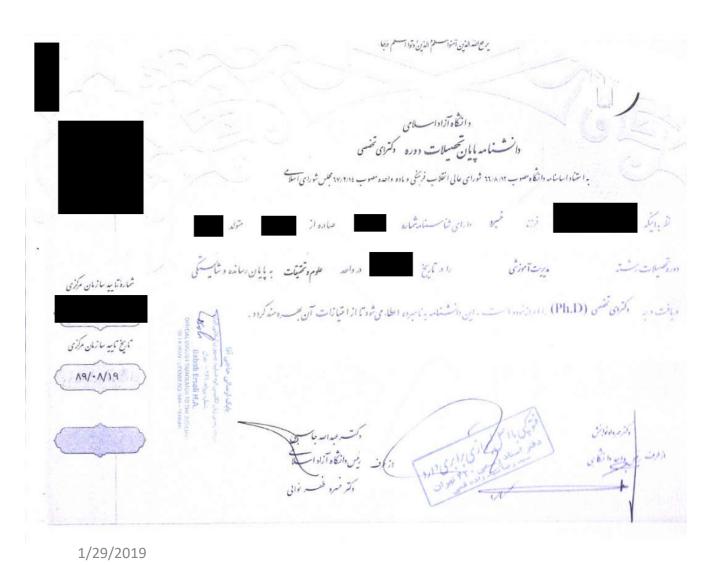


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## Doctorate (Duktura دکترای)

- Commonly referred to as Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Duration: At least 3 years, max. 6 years
- Type of education: research oriented
- 2 stages:
  - Coursework (12-30 credits), then comprehensive exam for entry to next stage
  - Research with thesis

## Doctorate (Duktura دکترای): diploma + transcript





### Grading system

Grading System: 0-20

- Basic Education: 7 minimum, 10 required for transfer to next year (except in Persian, where a 10 is satisfactory)
- Secondary Education/Bachelor: 10 minimum
- Master: 12 minimum, 14 required for transfer
- Doctorate: 14 required in every subject

#### Evaluation tips and recommendations

- Iranian documents are written in Farsi (an Iranian language, written in an Arabic-like script). Only a few universities use English documents.
- File: diploma (landscape) and accompanying transcript (portrait). Older diplomas pre-dating 1992 are in portrait form. It should also include an official translation.
- English translations are usually authorized by the Ministry of Justice > Authorized translations do not provide confirmation of authenticity.
- Perso-Arabic numerals are normally used (Eastern-Arabic numerals sometimes appear and a mix of the two is also possible)
- Iranian calendar is used
- If a file contains a bachelor diploma and a transcript of two years of study, it is probably the case that the student
  has obtained an Associate degree first, before starting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the bachelor programme. Course of action:
  requesting the Associate degree diploma and transcript.
- Many people only have a Temporary Certificate instead of their official diploma. Temporary Certificates are normally in portrait form and have the word موقت (movaqqat, meaning temporary) in the title.
- It is possible to email the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology to verify the accreditation of an educational institution: cisc@msrt.ir.

• Link to good practices: <u>EAR HEI manual Chapter 12 Refugees</u>

#### Useful resources and links

- Website of the Iranian Ministry of Science, Research and Technology in <u>English</u> and in <u>Persian</u>. The English version contains a list of some of the <u>recognized public</u> <u>universities</u>, the Persian version contains a list of <u>all the different types of recognised institutions</u>. These lists also include contact information for the institutions.
- Iranian calendar converter

#### Existing country profiles

- Education system Iran, Nuffic
- Education in Iran, WES
- The Islamic Republic of Iran, Its Educational System and Methods of Evaluation, ECE
- World Data on Education Iran, UNESCO

#### References

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### Thank you for your attention!

#### Any questions?



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