

Education in Vietnam - Synopsis





**The main education goal in Vietnam is
"improving people's general knowledge,
training quality human resources, and
nurturing and fostering talent"**

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EDUCATION IN VIETNAM

QUICK FACTS

- Population**
92,700,000
(2016, World Bank)
- Compulsory Education**
Officially grade 9
- Language of Instruction**
Vietnamese
- Academic Year**
September - June

NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES

2014/2015
Total: 18,722

Source: IE Open Doors Data, 2014/2015

2015/2016
Total: 21,403

Source: IE Open Doors Data, 2015/2016

GRADING SCALE & U.S. EQUIVALENT

Secondary and Higher Education Grading Scales

Secondary	WES Conversion	Higher Education	WES Conversion
9 - 10	A	4 (A)	A
7 - 8	B	3 (B)	B
5 - 6	C	2 (C)	C
0 - 4	F	1 (D)	D
-	-	0 (F)	F

WES DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

Required Documents

Secondary Education

- Final Examination Results (Diem Ky Thi Tot Nghiep *TWPT*) or Provisional Graduation Certificate (Glay Chung Nhan Tot Nghiep *TWPT*) - sent directly to WES by the institution attended.
- Precise, word-for-word English translations of all documents not issued in English.

Higher Education

- Photocopy of graduation certificate or diploma.
- Academic transcript - sent directly to WES by the institution attended.
- For completed doctoral programs: an official written statement certifying conferral of the degree - sent directly to WES by the awarding institution.
- Precise, word-for-word English translations of all documents not issued in English.

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Note: Not all awards or study patterns are included

Source: AIEE HOORR



**FDI VALUE IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING
IN VIETNAM 4.3bn USD**

**SHARE OF MONTHLY SPENDING ON EDUCATION
IN URBAN AREAS IN VIETNAM 11.9%**

**SHARE OF MONTHLY SPENDING ON EDUCATION
IN RURAL AREAS IN VIETNAM 5.4%**



In recent years, Vietnam has focused on promoting international cooperation and training links with many countries worldwide, he said, adding that the Government has also paid attention to perfecting policies for the work.

He said the issuance of the 2019 Law on Education and the Law on Amendments and Supplements to some articles of the Law on Higher Education has promoted the autonomy model in local universities, enhanced the education quality verification and opened opportunities to attract more renowned foreign universities to Vietnam.



The number of international training programmes associated with prestigious universities abroad are constantly increasing, he noted, adding that there are currently about 400 joint training programmes between Vietnamese education institutions and their partners in more than 30 countries across the world.

Representatives from domestic education establishments shared their experiences and ability in deploying international training programmes, saying that they are willing to receive overseas Vietnamese students and foreign students in Vietnam amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

They also proposed measures to promote the provision of international training programmes so that Vietnamese students can "study abroad on the spot".



Vin Uni of Vietnam and Cornell University of the US signed a cooperative programme called “Study Away”, which will make it easier for Cornell’s international students that are facing the difficulties in returning to the US for study, to join online training programmes provided by VinUni.

The objectives of the VQS is the equivalent recognition of Vietnamese diplomas, certificates and qualifications to those of regional and international diplomas, certificates, and degrees. Consequently, Vietnam can source our manpower to the world.

The process of developing the Standard was supported by international experts, in particular, Australia’s VQS has many advantages for us learn. Australian experts accompanied us from the first drafts of the Standard and helped us to raise awareness, spread the goals and the need to promulgate standards and apply them in practice.



Tuition fees

In the 2020-2021 academic year, the tuition fees of public universities that have not been granted autonomy will increase, unlike previous years.

These universities will have a ceiling on tuition fees of majors in social sciences, economics, laws, agriculture-agro-fisheries at 9.8 million VND per year; 11.7 million VND per year for majors of natural sciences, techniques, technologies, sports, arts, hotels, and tourism; and 14.3 million VND per year for majors in medicine and pharmacy.

These fees increased by 900,000 VND to 1.3 million VND compared to the previous academic year.



At public universities that have been granted autonomy, the ceiling on tuition fees are 20.5 million VND per year for majors in social sciences, economics, laws, and agriculture-agro-fisheries; 24 million VND per year for majors in natural sciences, techniques, technologies, sports, arts, hotels, and tourism; and 50.5 million VND per year for majors in medicine and pharmacy.

These fees have increased by 2 million VND to 4.5 million VND compared to last year. The country has 23 universities that have been granted autonomy in training, international co-operation, and finance. Many universities have had to invest in their facilities and reform their training programmes toward higher quality, which has led to tuition increases.

Minimum capital requirements for educational institutions



US\$1,300
Pre-schools



US\$21.5 million
Universities



US\$2,100
Compulsory schools



US\$217,000
Vocational training schools and colleges

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Legal update

Decree No. 73/2012/ND-CP
(invalid from 1st August 2018)

Pre-school: Only foreign students;

Elementary and Junior schools:
10% maximum of Vietnamese
students;

High school: 20% maximum of
Vietnamese students.

Decree No. 86/2018/ND-CP
(effective from 1st August 2018)

Pre-school, Compulsory
schools (elementary, junior
and high schools):
Up to **49.9 %** of Vietnamese
students per foreign program

Investment capital

	Vocational training centers	Vocational training schools and Colleges	Short-term training institutions	Pre-schools	Compulsory schools	Universities and Academies
Total minimum capital (exclusive of expenses incurred from land tenancy)	50 million VND per student	100 million VND per student <i>(but shall not be lower than 100 billion VND)</i>	20 million VND per student	30 million VND per student	50 million VND per student <i>(but shall not be lower than 50 billion VND)</i>	1,000 billion VND
Notes	For projects leasing (minimum of 5 years) existing or contributed facilities from a Vietnamese partner, total minimum capital requirements are lowered by 30%. The number of student shall be based on the project's highest estimations.					

Abbreviations

IRC: Investment Registration Certificate

ERC: Enterprise Registration Certificate

MET: Ministry of Education and Training

DET: Department of Education and Training

DOC: Department of Construction

MPI: Ministry of Planning and Investment

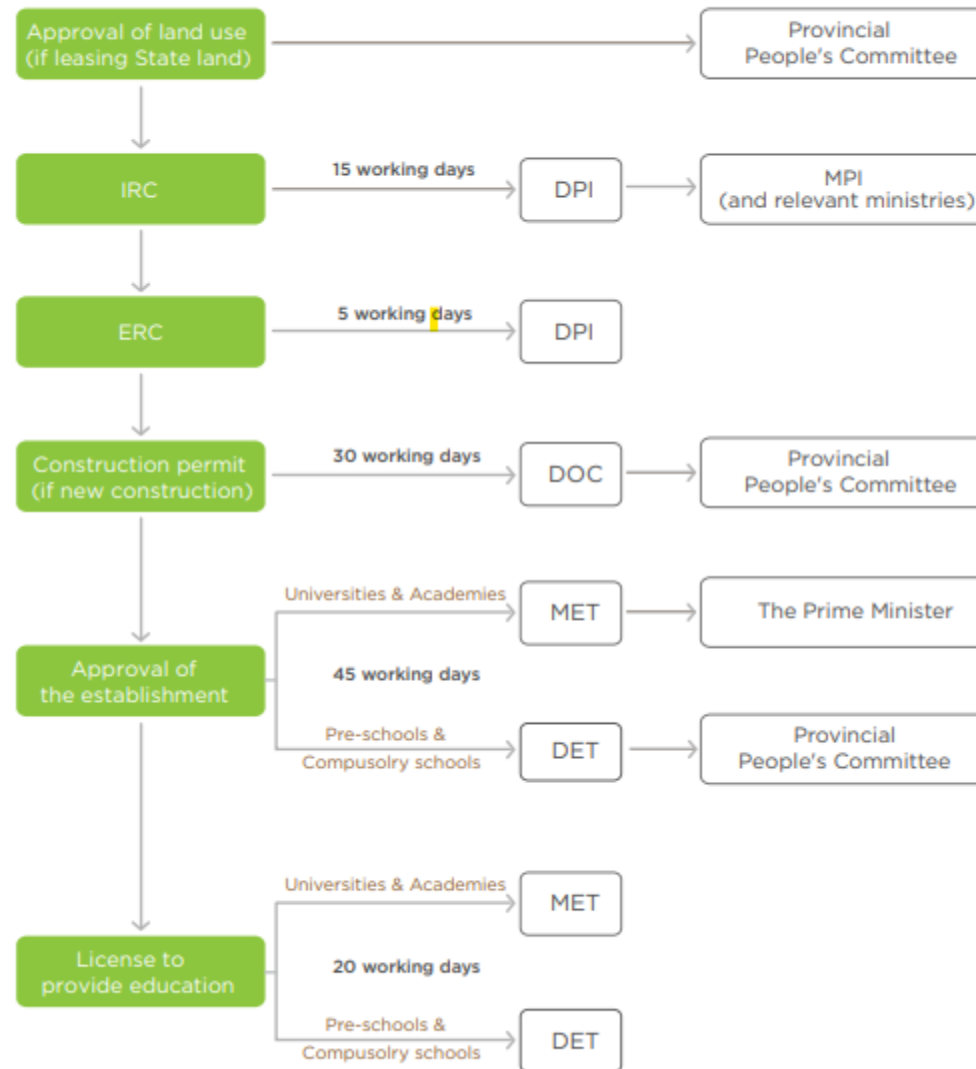
DPI: Department of Planning and Investment

MOLISA: Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs

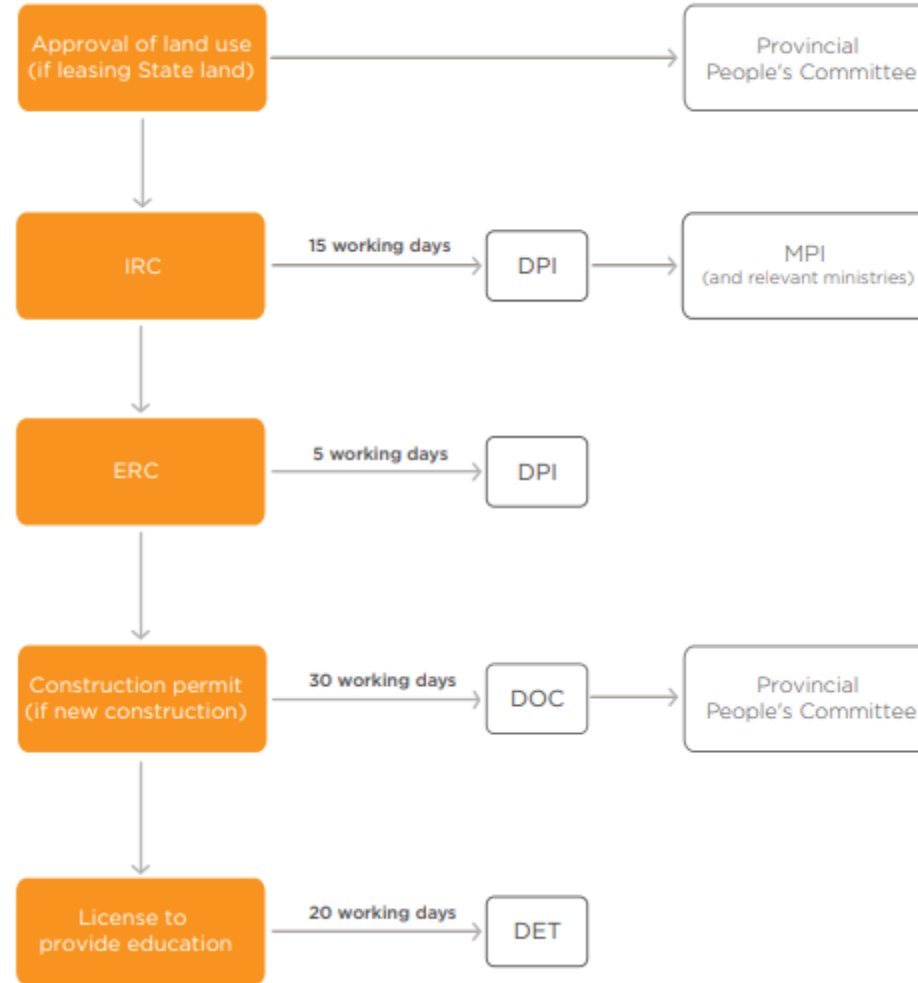
DOLISA: Department of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs

DRET: Directorate of Education and Training

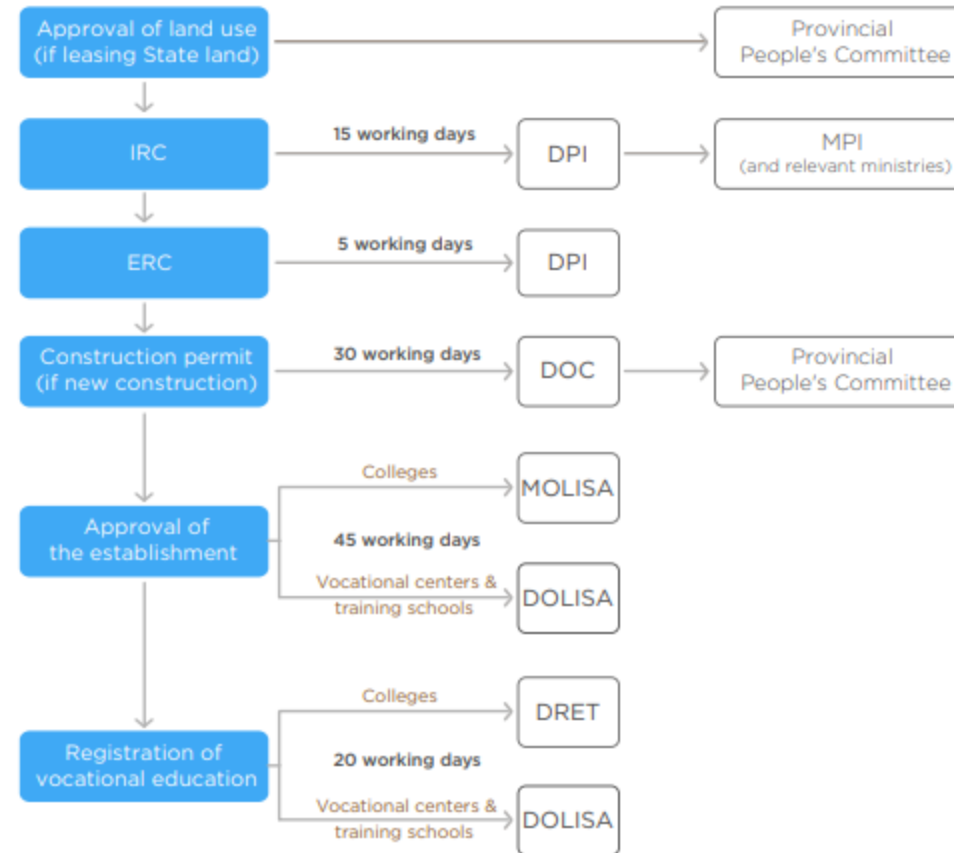
Universities, Academies, Pre-schools, Compulsory Schools



Short-term Training Schools



Colleges, Vocational Schools And Training Centers



Notice:

The above timelines are based on the laws of Vietnam and on the assumption that the facilities are located outside of economic/industrial zones.

It may take longer in practice since competent authorities are still waiting for guidance on Decree 86/2018/ND-CP.

Based on our experience, key success factors are the investment capital, facilities, equipments, education programs and teaching staffs.



2021 Vietnamese University Ranking

1 Vietnam National University, Hanoi

2 Hanoi University of Science and Technology

3 Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology

4 Can Tho University

5 The University of Da Nang

6 University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City

7 National Economics University Hanoi

8 Duy Tan University Da Nang

9 Hanoi National University of Education) Hanoi

10 HUTECH University Ho Chi Minh City



Vietnam's brand value records fastest growth worldwide



Vietnam has posted the fastest-growing national brand this year, with value surging 29 percent to 319 billion USD, on the list of the world's 100 most valuable national brands compiled by the London-based independent brand valuation and strategy consultancy Brand Finance.

Ranking (according to brand value)	National brand	National brand value (billion USD)	Value growth (%)
01	USA	23,738	-14.5
02	CHINA	18,764	-3.7
03	JAPAN	4,261	-6.0
04	GERMANY	3,813	-21.5
05	UK	3,315	-13.9
06	FRANCE	2,699	-12.8
07	INDIA	2,028	-20.8
08	CANADA	1,900	-13.0
09	ITALY	1,776	-15.8
10	ROK	1,695	-20.6
33	VIETNAM	319	29.1



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