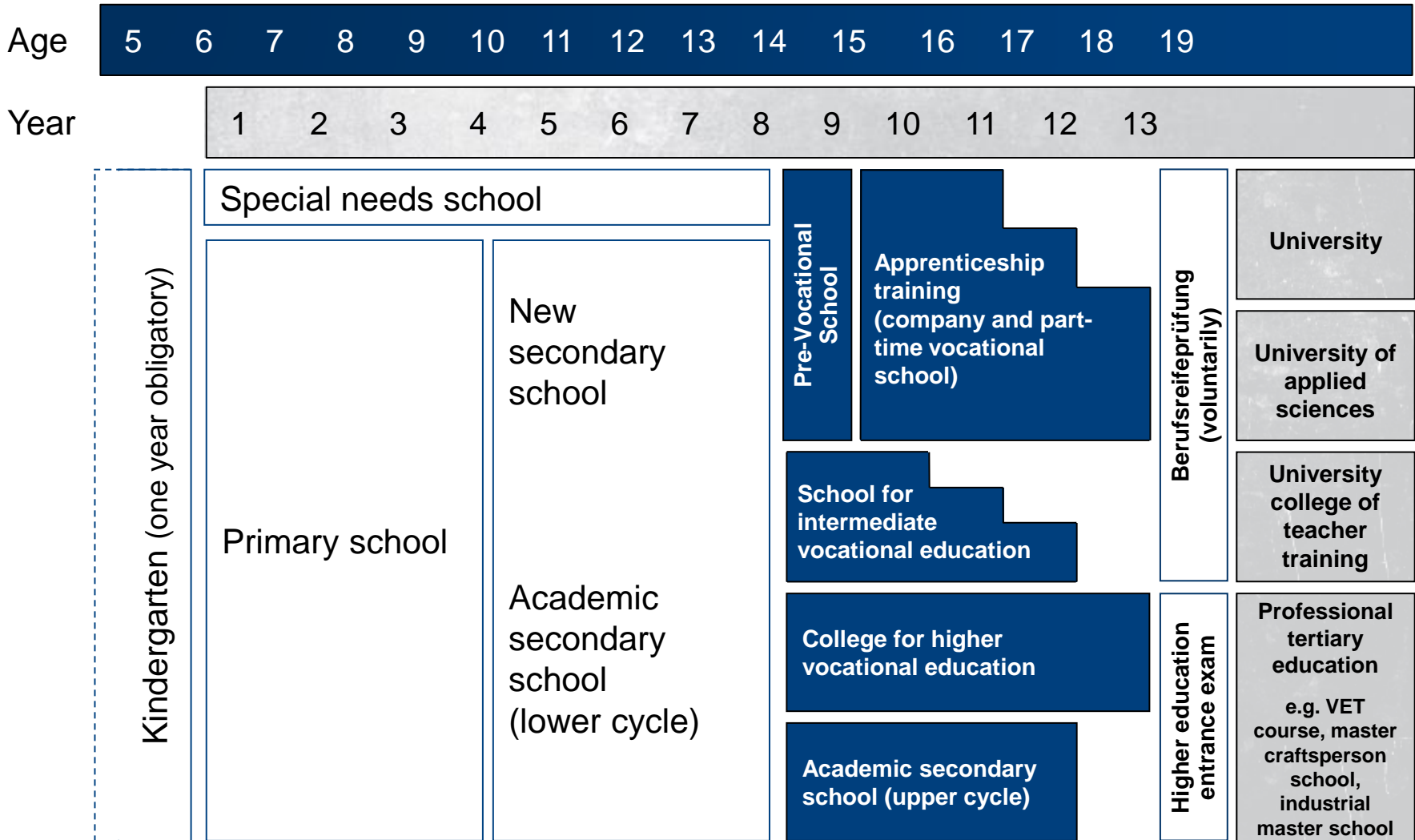


The Austrian Education System

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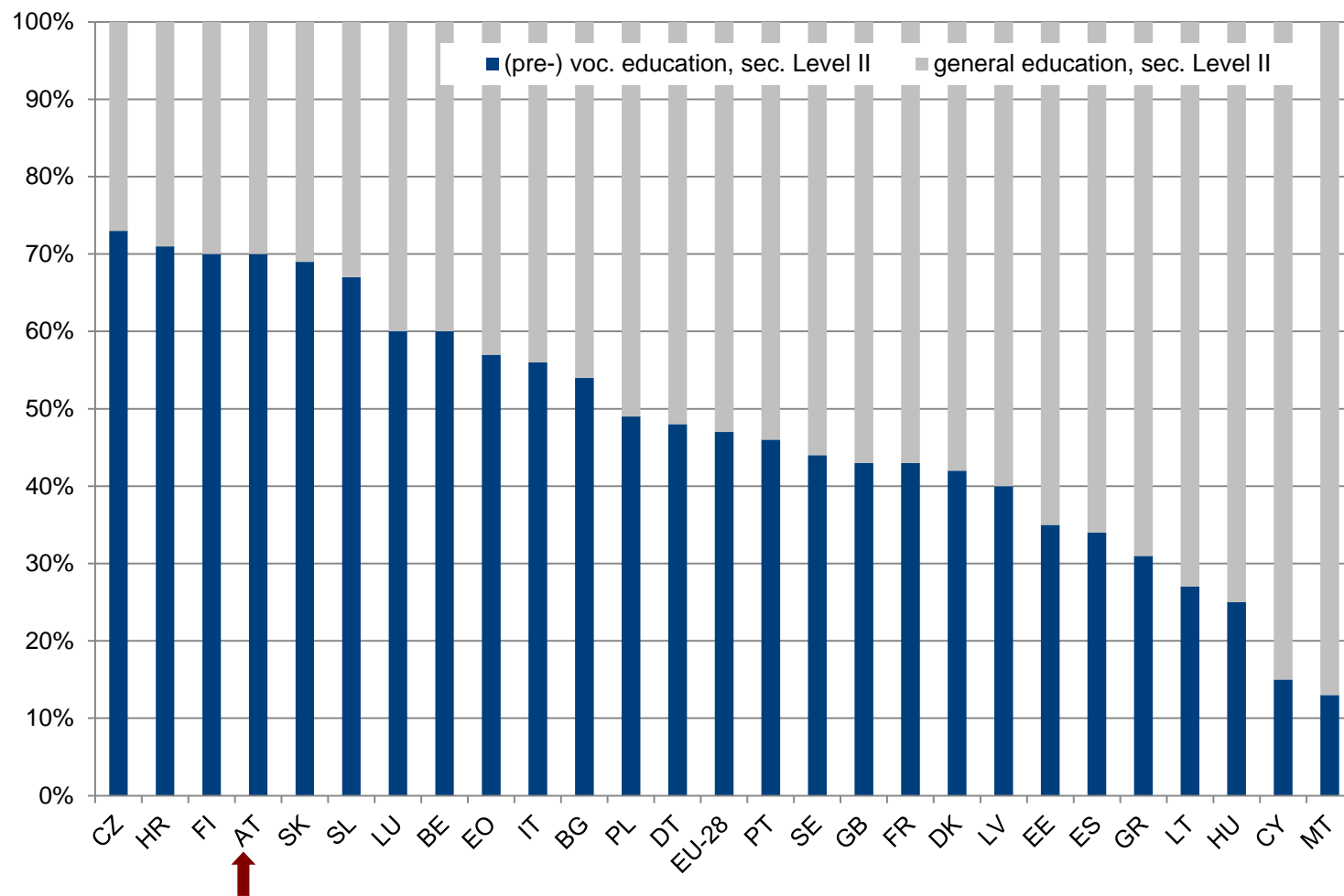
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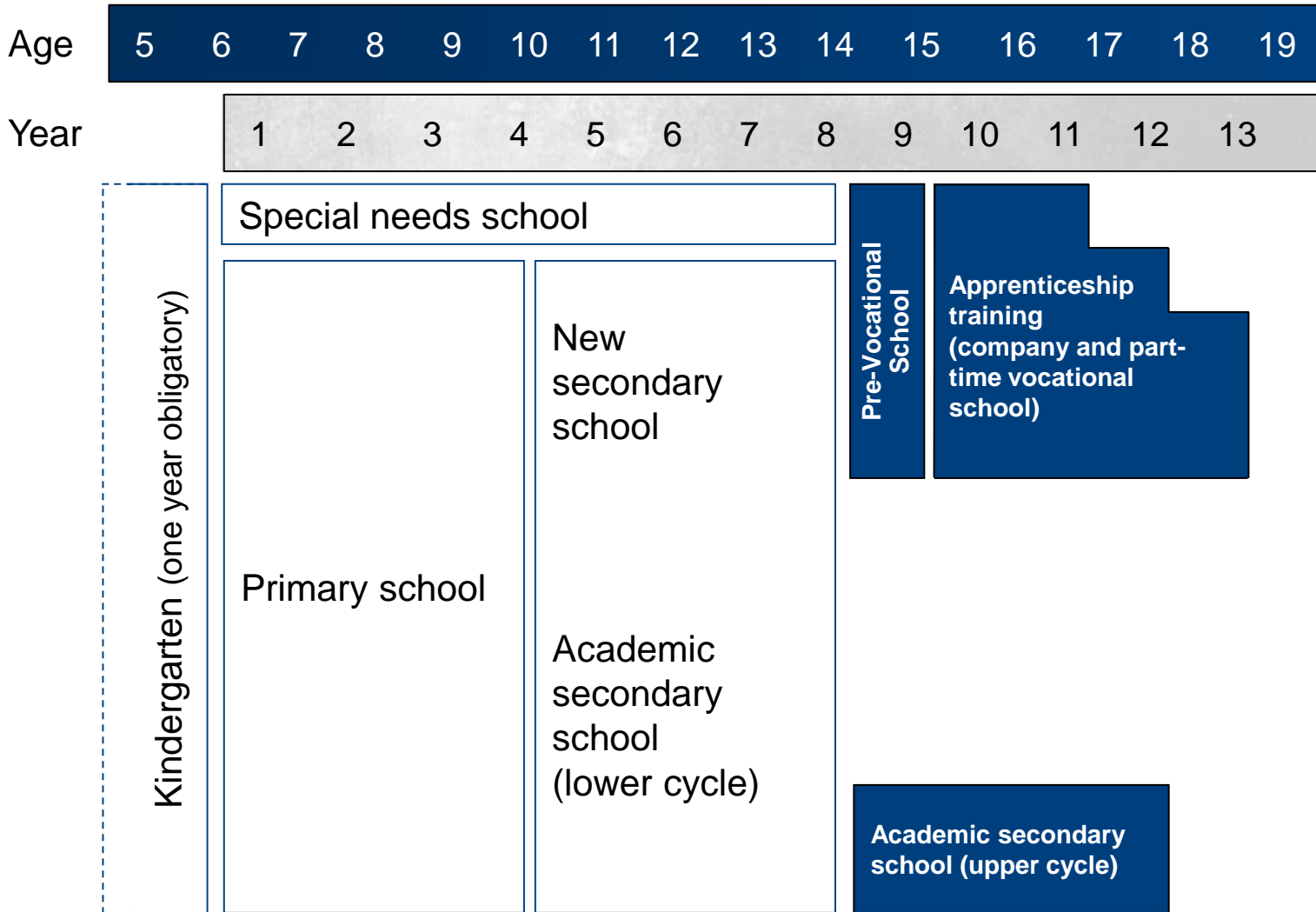
Austrian Education System [2/3]

- Obligatory schooling: nine years
- Secondary level I: choice between secondary academic school (lower level) and new secondary school (some are still general schools)
- Secondary level II: secondary academic school (upper level) and a broad variety of VET options
- High attractiveness of VET (~ 70% of all learners in 10th grade are in VET)
- Full-time VET schools and dual system
- Permeability
- Access to tertiary education (university, *Fachhochschule* courses, university college of education): HE entrance examination, *Berufsreifeprüfung*

VET vs. general education [3/3]



Austrian IVET system [1/8]



Austrian IVET system [2/8]

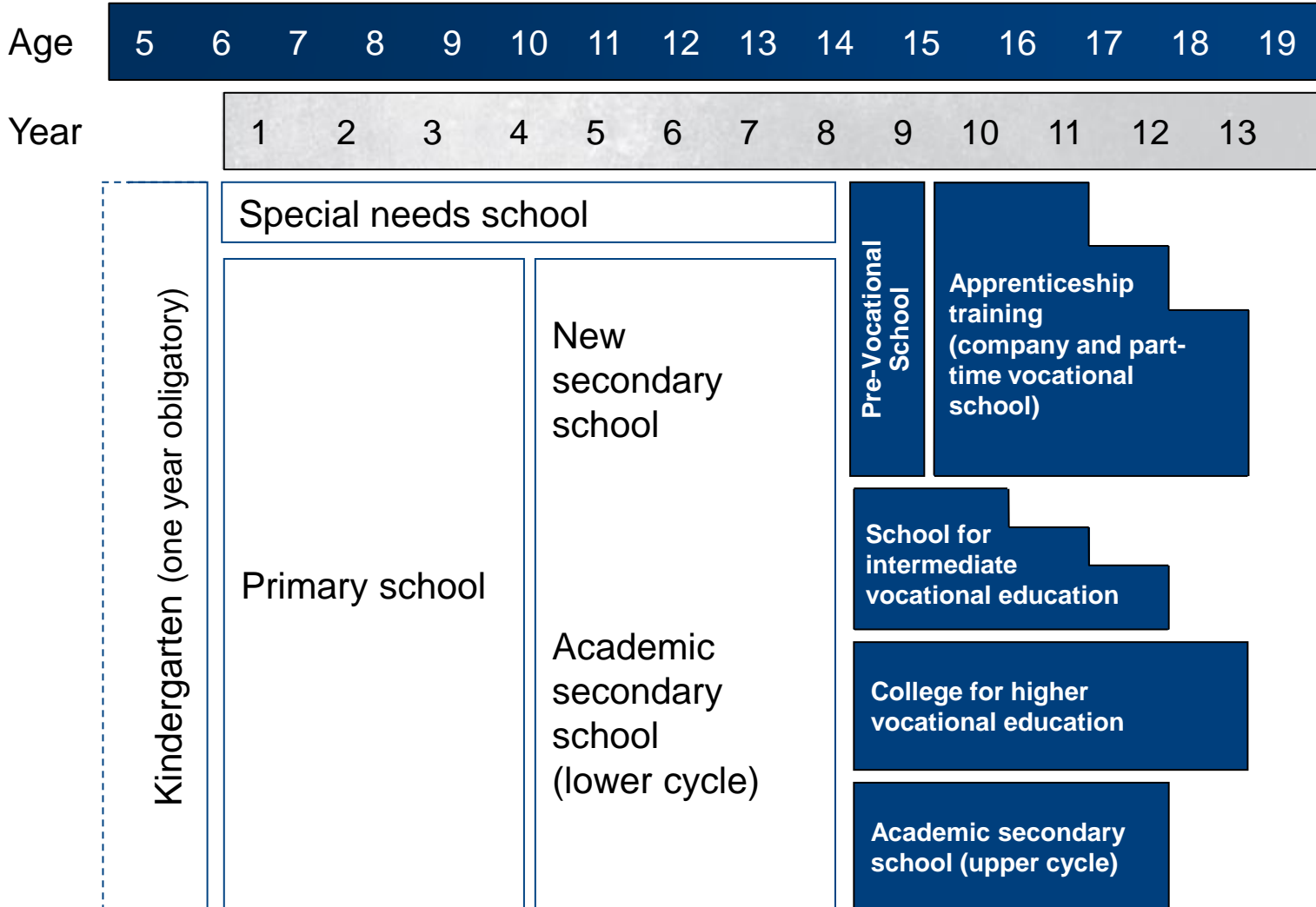
Prevocational school (*Polytechnische Schule, PTS*)

- **Age:** 15 years
- **Access requirement(s):** completion of secondary level I
- **Duration:** one year
- **Focus:** pre-VET, general education

Apprenticeship / dual system (*Lehre / duales System*)

- **Age:** 15 to 19
- **Access requirement(s):** completion of obligatory schooling
- **Duration:** two to four years
- **Focus:** practical company-based training, obligatory attendance of part-time school for apprentices

Austrian IVET system [3/8]



Austrian IVET system [4/8]

School for intermediate vocational education

(berufsbildende mittlere Schule, BMS)

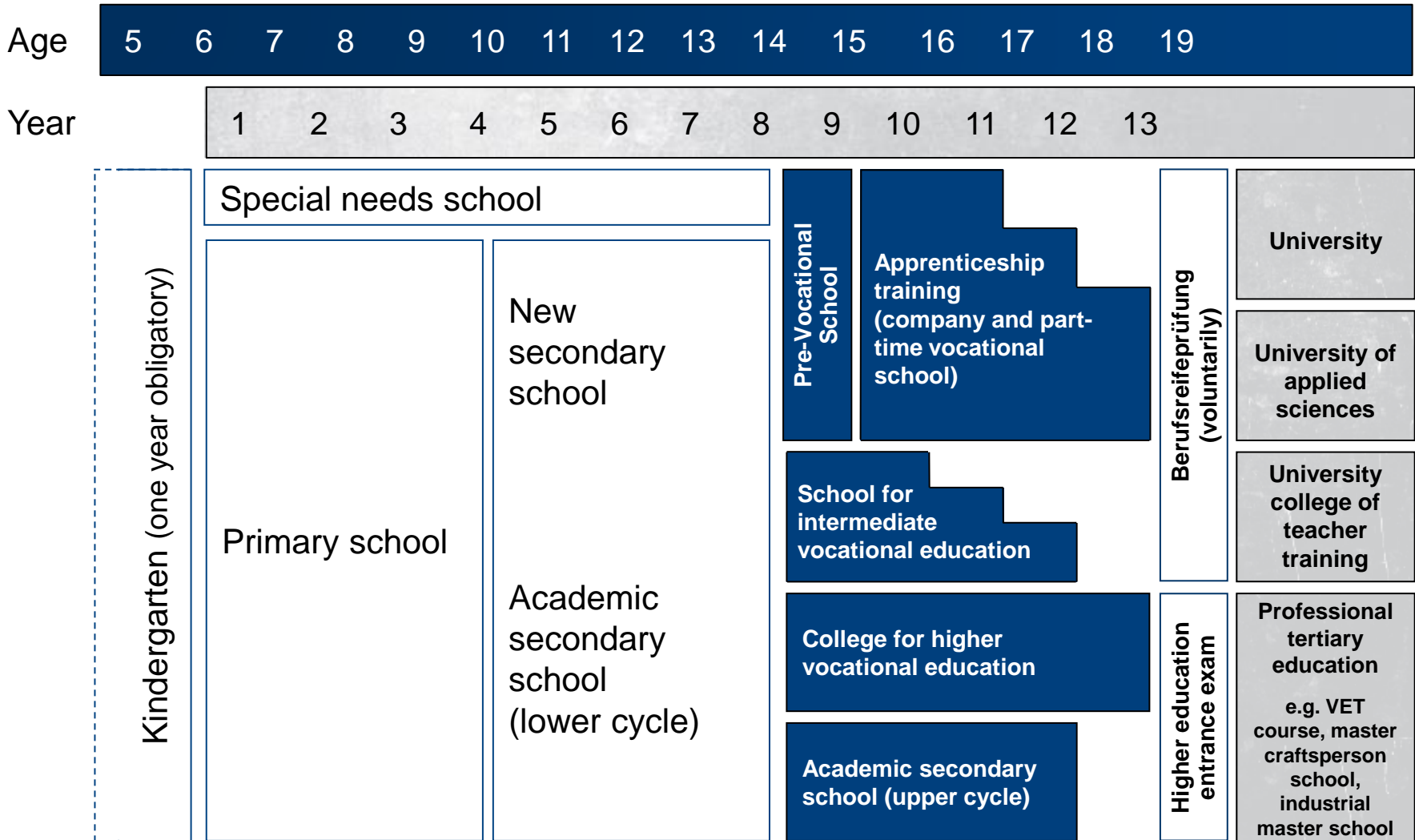
- **Age:** 15 to 18
- **Access requirement(s):** completion of year 8 of compulsory schooling
- **Duration:** one to four years
- **Focus:** complete VET for certain occupations, general education

College for higher vocational education

(berufsbildende höhere Schule, BHS)

- **Age:** 15 to 19
- **Access requirement(s):** completion of year 8 of compulsory schooling; sometimes pupil's record of achievement, entrance examination
- **Duration:** five years
- **Focus:** high-quality specialised training, thorough general education;

Austrian IVET system [5/8]



Austrian IVET system [6/8]

Reifeprüfung and VET Diploma (Reife- und Diplomprüfung)

- **Students:** graduates of colleges for higher vocational education
- **Type:** double qualification – unrestricted access to higher education and VET for high-level jobs
- **Age:** 19

Berufsreifeprüfung (BRP)

- **Students:** graduates of schools for intermediate vocational education and apprenticeship
- **Type:** unrestricted access to higher education
- **Age:** 19+

Austrian IVET system [7/8]

Post-secondary VET courses (*Kolleg*)

- **Age:** 18+
- **Duration:** two years
- **Access requirement(s):** Higher education entrance examination
- **Focus:** VET, targeted at graduates of secondary academic schools (upper level)

University college of teacher training (*Pädagogische Hochschule*)

- **Age:** 18+
- **Duration:** four to six years (Bachelor, Master)
- **Focus:** training of teaching staff for primary and secondary **I level**

Austrian IVET system [8/8]

University

- **Age:** 18+
- **Duration:** four to eight years (Bachelor, Master, PhD)
- **Focus:** research-oriented education

University of applied sciences

- **Age:** 18+
- **Duration:** four to six years (Bachelor, Master)
- **Focus:** research-oriented education, vocational education and training