

**Table 1:** Name, category and description of Iranian pre-university and higher education system

<p><b>Name:</b> Diplom-e-Motavasete</p> <p><b>Category 1:</b> Diploma</p> <p><b>Education Level:</b> Secondary School Leaving Certificate</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Secondary school leaving certificate conferred after six years of primary education, three years of lower secondary and three years of upper secondary education. Together with the Pre-University Examination, it is a prerequisite for admission to higher education. Students must also sit for an entrance examination (Konkur).</p>
<p><b>Name:</b> Kardani (Associate degree) – 2 to 3 years</p> <p><b>Category 1:</b> Degree</p> <p><b>Education Level:</b> Shorter/Intermediate University Level Qualification</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Degree awarded after two to three years higher education study (68-72 credits).</p> <p><b>Credential required for entry:</b></p> <p>3A: Diplom-e-Motavasete</p>
<p><b>Name:</b> Karshenasi (Bachelor's degree) – 4 to 5 years</p> <p><b>Category 1:</b> Degree</p> <p>** There are two types of Bachelor's degree, accredited by the MSRT, <b>Continuous Bachelor's Degree</b> and <b>Non- Continuous Bachelor's Degree</b>.</p> <p><b>A. Karshenasi Peivasteh (Continuous Bachelor's Degree)</b></p> <p><b>Education Level:</b> First Terminal University Level Qualification 4-5 years</p> <p><b>Description:</b> First terminal degree awarded after four to five years university-level study (130-140 credits), which could include (depending on the course/discipline) a research project or a thesis/dissertation.</p> <p><b>Credential required for entry:</b></p> <p>3A: Diplom-e-Motavasete</p> <p><b>B. Karshenasi Naa-Peivasteh (Non-Continuous Bachelor's Degree)</b></p> <p><b>Education Level:</b> First Terminal University Level Qualification 2 years</p> <p><b>Description:</b> First terminal degree awarded after two to three years after the Associate degree (68-72 credits).</p> <p><b>Credential required for entry:</b></p> <p>6A : Kardani (Associate degree)</p>



**Name :** Professional Doctorate- 4 or more years

**Category 1:** Degree

**Education Level:** First Terminal University Level Qualification 4 years or more

**Description:** Degree offered in dentistry, medicine, pharmacy and veterinary medicine as well as in some other fields requiring the completion of at least 190 credits and a dissertation. Studies last 6 years.

Please note that most related medical courses are accredited by MoHME. This degree is accounted equivalent to Bachelor and Master's degree.

**Credential required for entry:**

3A : Diplom-e-Motavasete

**Name:** Karshenasi Arshad (Master's degree) – 2 years

**Category 1:** Degree

**Education Level:** Advanced/Postgraduate Degree

**Description:** Postgraduate degree conferred generally after two years study beyond the Bachelor's degree and the passing of an entrance exam. It requires the completion of 14-16 credits in optional modules and between 10-12 in compulsory modules, and dissertation 4-6 credits (total 28-32 credits). Please note that this degree is both course/research based\*\*.

**Credential required for entry:**

6C : Karshenasi (Bachelor's degree)

\*\*Additional information on other Master's degree programmes that are no longer provided, but accredited, by the Iranian higher education system are given in Appendix 1. Please note that all three types of Master's degrees given in this section and in Appendix 1, are of equal value in the Iranian higher education system.

**Name:** Doctorate

**Category 1:** Degree

**Education Level:** Doctor of Philosophy

**A. A Non-Continuous Doctor of Philosophy Description:** Course duration for the Ph.D. is 4-6 years. The student must pass taught modules (12-18 credits), sit comprehensive examinations, and write a doctoral thesis/dissertation (18-24 credits); a total of 36 credits, Please note that this degree is both course/research based\*\*\*.

**Credential required for entry:**



7C : Karshenasi Arshad (Master's degree)

**B. Continuous Doctor of Philosophy**

**Description:** Course duration for the Ph.D. is 10 years, where 20- 25% of the course is research based (being supervised from the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the course) and the remaining 75-80% is course based. The student must pass the total of 194 –208 credits, taking into account for the combination of Bachelor, Masters and PhD degrees, including writing a thesis/dissertation.

The students are expected to achieve the TOEFL score of 550, or have passed MCHS (MSRT's English test), upon completion of 6 years and prior to beginning their PhD.

Moreover, the pass mark for progressing to the next year is 15/20, and students would need to attend 9-12 months sabbatical leave for completion of PhD research and writing up the thesis/dissertation.

Furthermore, each student is expected to have published 3 ISI papers, prior to completion of their studies.

Only a limited number of disciplines are permitted to issue the Continuous Doctor of Philosophy degree. Please note that this degree is both course/research based\*\*.

**Credential required for entry:**

3A: Diplom-e-Motavasete , and having achieved either of the followings:

- Rank of 1-500 in Konkour national examination;
- Having been awarded a gold medal or top ranks in Olympiad.

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**Table 2 :** Artists that attend special teaching institutions, may require that their works be evaluated and accredited in accordance with the existing degree levels and accredited by MSRT, the equivalent degrees of which are given in table below:

Category	Educational Level
Level 1	Doctor of Philosophy
Level 2	Master's Degree
Level 3	Bachelors Degree
Level 4	Associate Degree
Level 5	Diploma



## Appendix 1

This Appendix contains previously accredited degree programmes that are no longer provided by the Iranian higher education system.

**Name:** Pre-University Certificate

**Category 1:** Certificate

**Education Level:** Further Credential Giving Access To Higher Education

**Description:** Qualification available in mathematics, experimental sciences, humanities, art, Islamic culture granted after successfully passing an examination at the end of a one-year pre-university course (24 credits). It allows students to take part in the National Entrance Examination (Konkur) on which the admission to universities and higher education institutions is based.

**Name:** Karshenasi Arshad (Master's degree)

**A. Course based Master's degree**

**Category 1:** Degree

**Education Level:** Advanced/Postgraduate Degree

**Description:** Postgraduate degree conferred generally after two years' study beyond the Bachelor's degree and the passing of an entrance exam. It requires the completion of 18-20 credits in optional modules and between 10-12 in compulsory modules (total 28-32 credits).

**Credential required for entry:**

6C : Karshenasi (Bachelor's degree)

**B. Research based Master's degree**

**Category 1:** Degree

**Education Level:** Advanced/Postgraduate Degree

**Description:** Postgraduate degree conferred generally after two years' study beyond the Bachelor's degree and the passing of an entrance exam. It requires the completion of only 6-10 taught modules/courses, and the remaining credits (out of the total 28-32 credits), are devoted to thesis/ dissertation.

**Credential required for entry:**

6C : Karshenasi (Bachelor's degree)

\*\* Please note that all three types of Master's degrees given in Appendix 1 and tables above, are of equal value in the Iranian higher education system.

**Name:** Doctorate

**Category 1:** Degree



**Education Level:** Doctor of Philosophy

**A Non-Continuous Research based Doctor of Philosophy Description:** Course duration for the Ph.D. is 4-6 years. The student only have 3-8 credits of taught modules related to their thesis/dissertation topic, and write a doctoral thesis/dissertation (28-33 credits); a total of 36 credits, Please note that this degree is research based\*\*\*.

**Credential required for entry:**

7C : Karshenasi Arshad (Master's degree)

\*\*\* Please note that this degree was issued only for a very limited duration. Moreover, all three types of Doctorate degrees are of equal value in the Iranian higher education system.