

EDUCATION IN AFGHANISTAN

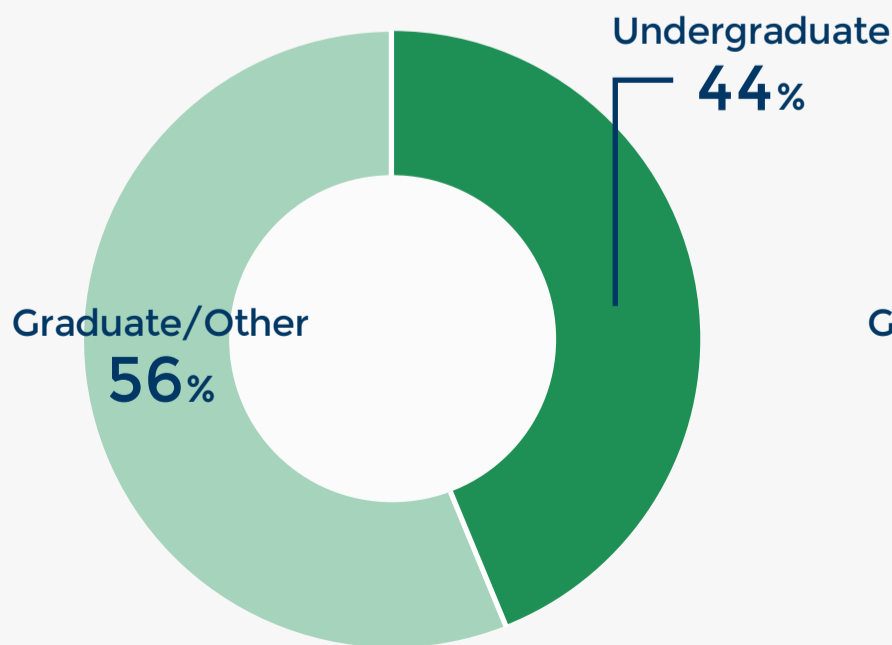
QUICK FACTS (July 2015 est.)

 Population 32,564,342	 Compulsory Education Grade 9
 Language of Instruction Pashtu and Dari (official), English	 Academic Year March - November

NUMBER OF AFGHAN STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES

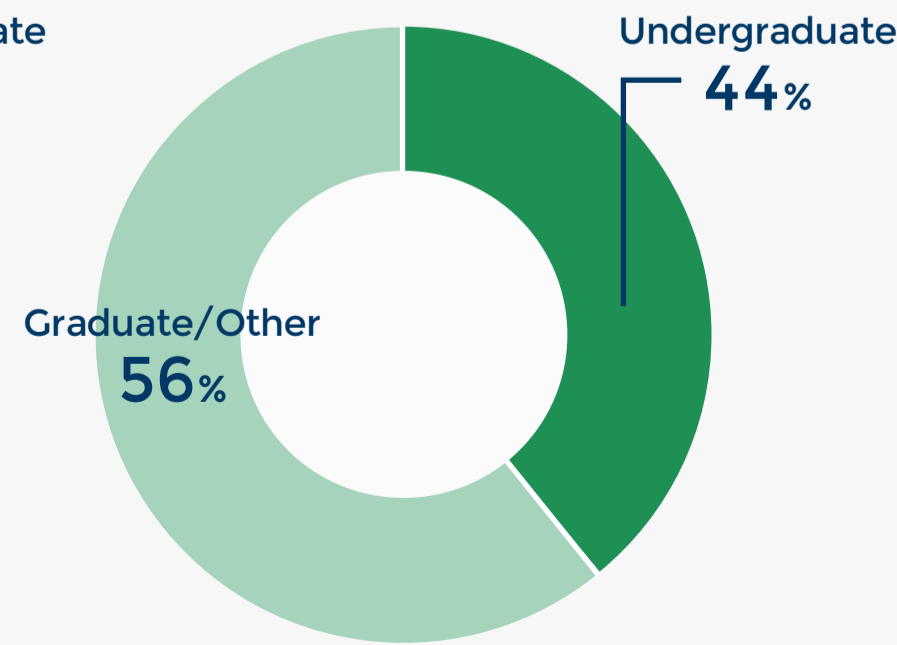
2013/2014

Total: 450



2014/2015

Total: 471



Source: IIE Open Doors Data, 2014/2015



GRADING SCALE & U.S. EQUIVALENT

Higher Education Grading Scale-need verification	
Scale	U.S. Grade Equivalent
90-100	A
80-89	B
55-79	C
50-54*	D
0-49	E

*A review of the available literature indicates that the minimum passing grade varies between 40-50 depending on institution and level of study.

WES DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

Required Documents	How to Send Documents
As of September 2016, WES does not verify documents from Afghanistan. This policy is currently under review, given significant efforts to reconstruct and reform the secondary and the higher education systems, and efforts to ensure the availability high-quality, verifiable documents.	When evaluating student or professional credentials, WES typically requires submission, by the issuing institution, of clear and legible transcripts; clear and legible copies of all diplomas or certificates received; and translations of all documents.

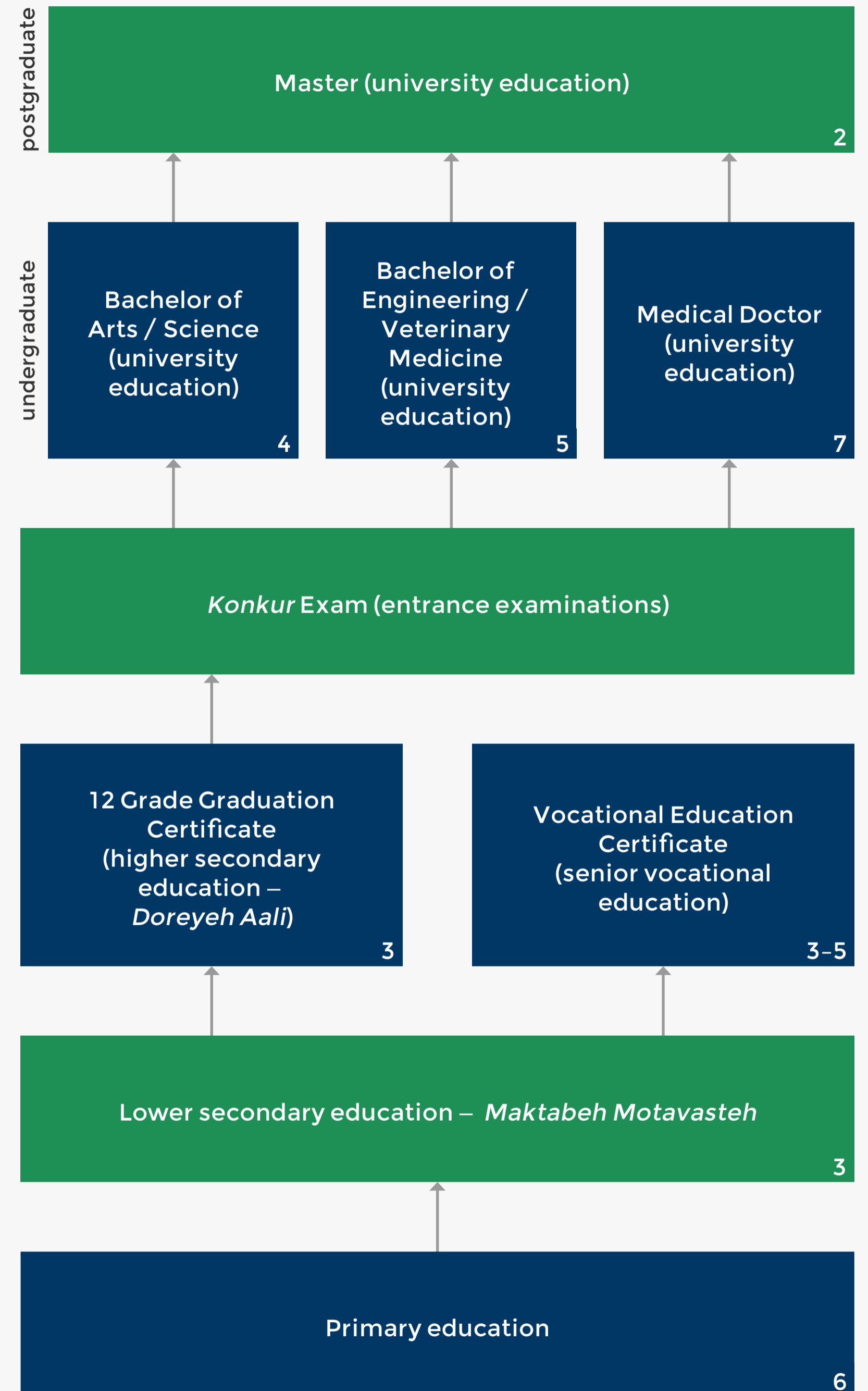
Note on Reliability of Academic Documents from Afghanistan

In 2016, the U.S. Senior Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction reported on the recommendations of a U.S.-funded organization run by Democracy International, Afghanistan Electoral Reform and Civic Advocacy (AERCA). Among the top ten priority areas AERCA identified as in need of remediation werethe “issuance of diplomas and transcripts by the Ministry of Higher Education” and “high-school diploma issuance by the Ministry of Education.”

AERCA is working with Afghanistan’s ministries of education to ensure the availability high-quality, verifiable documents from both secondary and tertiary institutions.

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

*Note: Not all awards or study patterns are included



Source: NUFFIC