General Information and Educational Attainment

- Population (2018): 193.9 million
- Population by age group (2018): 0-24 years: 62.1% / 25-54 years: 30.7% / 55 and older: 7.1%
- Population aged 15-24 years (2018): 37.6 million
- Illiteracy rate (2015): 59.6% of population older than 15
- Primary school enrolment ratio (2010): 64% per age cohort
- Secondary school enrolment ratio (2010): 44% per age cohort
- Vocational education enrolment ratio: not available
- Tertiary education enrolment ratio (2011): ca. 10% per age cohort
- Expenditure on education: not available
- Languages: Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba, official language: English

Asylum applicants in the EU Member States

- Asylum applications in 2017: ca. 39,200 first time applicants (2016: 46,200)
- EU countries with the most asylum applications in 2017: Italy (64%), Germany (20%), France (5%)
- Asylum recognition rate in 2017: 23% (2016: 22%)

Education System

- History: British origin of the education system
- Structure: centralised education system
- State training programs: After the first 9 years of compulsory schooling, Nigerian students can attend a three-year course at a vocational school (Technical College or Vocational Enterprise Institution) and obtain the "National Technical Certificate – NTC" or "National Business Certificate – NBC". After two years of professional experience, the holders of the NTC or NTB have the opportunity of a one-year training to obtain the "Advanced National Technical (Business) Certificate - ANT(B)C".
- Non-state training programs: large non-formal and informal education sector, so-called "Roadside Apprenticeships" widespread
- Further information available in the country profile Nigeria at www.bq-portal.de
Particularities of the Education System

- The „Trade Test“ (certificate of competency) from the "Ministry of Labour and Productivity" is an external exam rather than a certificate from an organized training. Experience has shown that the examination regulations for this exam are difficult to access.
- The state-run professional training plays only a minor role due to restricted financial means and high growth in population.
- The informal professional training, which is known in Nigeria as „Roadside Apprenticeship“, is for many young people a central chance to enter the Nigerian job market.
- The "Roadside Apprenticeship" is based on "learning by doing" and can last between 2 and 7 years, according to the decision of the proprietor. At the end of the training, young people often receive a certificate, which usually only documents the training time and the occupation they practised or learned.
Nigeria’s (vocational) education system
(since 1989)

Basic education
9 years

Primary and lower secondary education

Upper secondary education

Post-secondary and tertiary education

Basic Education Certificate - BEC

Technical College/ Vocational Enterprise Institution
1 year

National Technical Certificate - NTC
National Business Certificate - NBC

Technical College/ Vocational Enterprise Institution
3 years

Advanced National Technical Certificate - NTC
Advanced National Business Certificate - NBC

Senior Secondary School Certificate - SSSC

Senior Secondary School
2 years

UAE

MPCE

Advanced Diploma

State University
3 years

Diploma

State University
2 years

Bachelor/Master

University

Higher National Diploma - HND

Monotechnics/ Polytechnics/ College of Education
2 years

National Diploma - ND

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