

## **STATE INSTITUTES FOR FURTHER EDUCATION**

The State Institutes for Further Education function under the auspices of Secondary Education all over Cyprus. They aim at offering equal opportunities of education to thousands of students of all ages and adults and promoting lifelong learning which is a fundamental requirement of the European Union.

The State Institutes for Further Education help low income families and offer scholarships to students who excel in their exams. They employ experienced teachers as well as young unemployed teachers.

There are 41 State Institutes all over Cyprus and more with more than 17.000 students every year.

### **Lessons offered at the State Institutes for Further Education**

- Languages (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Turkish) up to level B1 or B2 of the Common European Framework for languages.
- Greek for Foreigners. The programme can be attended by foreigners who live and work in Cyprus.
- Accounting at all levels.
- Remedial lessons for Gymnasium and Lyceum students
- Computers
- Preparatory lessons for the Government Entrance Exams

Since 2003 the State Institutes for Further Education has been offering free Greek lessons for the Turkish Cypriots and free Turkish lessons for the Greek Cypriots in an attempt to create communication bridges between the Greeks and the Turks.

### **Exams**

At the end of the school year the students at the State Institutes for Further Education sit final exams and the students who pass the exams successfully are given a Certificate.

The State Institutes for Further Education also prepare students for the following exams:

- Government Entrance University Exams
- G.C.E. O' & A' Level, I.G.C.S.E., I.E.L.T.S.
- F.C.E. Cambridge
- DELF for the French language
- L.C.C.I. for Accounting
- E.C.D.L., I.C.T. Europe for Computers

### **General Information**

The enrolments at the State Institutes for Further Education are in June and there are additional registrations the first days of September. The lessons start at the same time with the lessons at the Secondary Schools and finish in the middle of May. The number of students in each class defers according to the area.

The State Institutes for Further Education are open every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There are classes for adults in some Institutes in the evenings.

Every lesson lasts 90 minutes and it is offered twice a week.

The fees are very low and they are approved by the Ministry of Finance. They range from €225-€385 a year.

The State Institutes for Further Education keep an attendance book and students who exceed 20 absences are not allowed to sit the final exams.