

europass Certificate supplement (*)



1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

Diploma Beroepsonderwijs Kwalificatie: Pianotechnicus Kwalificatiedossier: Pianotechniek

In the original language

2. Translated title of the certificate (EN)

Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education Qualification: Piano technician Qualification file: Piano technology

This translation has no legal status

3. Profile of skills and competences

Core task 1: Carries out tuning and maintenance duties on pianos and grand pianos

- 1.1 Plans appointments and carries out administration of working duties
- 1.2 Determines maintenance activities
- 1.3 Carries out maintenance duties on piano or grand piano
- 1.4 Tunes piano and grand piano
- 1.5 Tunes both upright and grand pianos
- 1.6 Gives advices to clients

Core task 2: Carries out repairs and overhauls pianos and grand pianos

- 2.1 Determines repair and reconstruction possibilities
- 2.2 Drafts a tender
- 2.3 Prepares repair or revision work
- 2.4 Carries out and inspects repair and revision work
- 2.5 Carries out and inspects repair and revision work

4. RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE

In the Netherlands, the piano-technical branch of industry mainly consists of smaller companies. The purpose of such companies revolves around selling, maintaining, tuning, repairing and revising pianos. A Piano technician generally works from within his own enterprise, but can also be employed by a piano technical company. Een belangrijk deel van zijn werkzaamheden voert hij uit bij klanten aan huis. Aside from private clients, the Piano technician's clients can also include conservatories, theatres and music centres. Eighty persent of the Piano technicians works as a self-employed entrepreneur and is responsible for managing and profiling his company.

5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

Name and status of the body awarding the certificate

The certificate issued on completion of the programme is signed by the examination board at the school where the pupil attended the programme.

Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

* Explanatory note

This document is designed to provide additional information about the specified certificate and does not have any legal status in itself. The format of the description is based on the following texts: Council Resolution 93/C 49/01 of 3 December 1992 on the transparency of qualifications, Council Resolution 96/C 224/04 of 15 July 1996 on the transparency of vocational training certificates, and Recommendation 2001/613/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 July 2001 on mobility within the Community for students, persons undergoing training, volunteers, teachers and trainers.

More information is available at: http://www.europass.cedefop.europa.eu/

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5. Official basis of the certificate

Level of the certificate (national or international)

Qualification level 4 of the Dutch VET qualification structure

Characteristics: non-job related skills such as tactical and strategic capacities. The professional bears his or her own responsibility, which is not only related to practical implementation in terms of monitoring and supervision, but also a more formal, organisational responsibility. The range of tasks also includes drafting new procedures.

NLQF-niveau 4 - EQF level 4 - ISCED 3A

Grading scale / Pass requirements

- 10 excellent
- 9 very good
- 8 good
- 7 very satisfactory
- 6 pass
- 5 fail
- 4 unsatisfactory
- 3 very unsatisfactory
- 2 poor
- 1 very poor

Access to next level of education/professions

A Piano technician can develop in various ways. He can do courses and workshops in order to further specialise in tuning or repair work. He can also further develop in restoration of pianos and related musical instruments. After spending some time in paid employment, Piano technicians can start their own enterprise. Obtaining the certifiable unit Entrepreneurship provides a good basis for this. Piano technicians managing their own enterprise can expand their service offer with appropriate related activities, such as rent and/or sale of instruments. In the Netherlands, there are no qualifications on higher VETlevels related to the diploma of Piano technician.

International agreements

Piano technician is not a regulated profession in the Netherlands. However, the education and training for this profession on qualification level 4 is regulated under the European directive 2005/36/EC, amended by directive 2013/55/EU. The regulated education and training gives access to regulated professions at the level of a diploma according to article 11 of this directive.

Legal basis

Act on Vocational Education and Training (WEB), registered number of qualification (crebo): 25663 The education and training for this qualification is offered as of 01-08-2021.

6. Officially recognised ways of acquiring the certificate

Senior secondary vocational education features two learning pathways: the school-based pathway (bol) and the training on the job pathway (bbl).

In the school-based pathway, the majority of the course consists of theory at school. The extent of the practical component (vocational practice) is between 20% and 60%. In the training on the job pathway, the extent of vocational practice is at least 60% of the course. The participant works four days a week in a training company, and attends school for theory subjects just one day a week.

In principle it is possible to follow both learning pathways, but which pathway is offered will depend on the individual educational institution.

Average duration of the education/ training leading to the certificate

3 years (4800 study hours) (depending on previous education)

Entry requirements

The certificate preparatory vocational secondary education (vmbo) advanced vocational programme, combined programme, or theoretical programme, or a comparable level.

7. Additional information

Dutch senior secondary VET is based on qualification files, that each contain one or more qualifications. The information included in part 3 and 4 is derived directly from the qualification file determined by the Minister of Education, Culture and Science. The complete qualification file can be found at kwalificaties.s-bb.nl, only in Dutch.

Optional subjects are linked to the qualification. The optional subjects have a total size of 15% of the course duration. The optional subjects completed by the student are listed on the certificate.

Additional information, including a description of the Dutch national qualifications system, is available at the Netherlands National Reference Point (NRP): www.s-bb.nl. The NRP is the information centre for vocational

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qualifications in the Netherlands. SBB has been appointed in this capacity by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.