



1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

Diploma Beroepsonderwijs
Kwalificatie: Audicien
Kwalificatiedossier: Audicien

In the original language

2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)

Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education
Qualification: Audiology technician
Qualification file: Audiology technician

This translation has no legal status

3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

The most important duties of an Audiology technician are:

Core task 1: Carries out audio logical investigations and functional diagnosis

- 1.1 Is responsible for intake and taking case history
- 1.2 Assesses referral data
- 1.3 Carries out otoscopic inspection
- 1.4 Carries out screening investigation
- 1.5 Carries out basic audio metrical investigation
- 1.6 Carries out supplementary audio metrical investigation
- 1.7 Formulates a rehabilitation plan

Core task 2: Carries out technical audio logical rehabilitation

- 2.1 Makes ear prints
- 2.2 Makes earplugs for swimming
- 2.3 Fits earplugs, hearing protection and earplugs for swimming
- 2.4 Adjusts hearing aids
- 2.5 Installs other audio logical apparatus
- 2.6 Supervises the client and surroundings during rehabilitation
- 2.7 Provides aftercare
- 2.8 Evaluates the rehabilitation
- 2.9 Writes the final report

Core task 3: Repairs audio logical apparatus

- 3.1 Seeks out malfunctions in apparatus
- 3.2 Carries out minor repairs
- 3.3 Takes care of external repairs

Core task 4: Gives audio logical advice

- 4.1 Gives advice about audio logical aids
- 4.2 Gives advice about prevention of hearing damage
- 4.3 Gives information to groups
- 4.4 Registers and delivers the sale

* 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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3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Core task 5: Provides professional skills for the benefit of their business

- 5.1 Takes care of the client files
- 5.2 Deals with complaints
- 5.3 Gives form to the business
- 5.4 Promotes and profiles the business
- 5.5 Buys in articles and materials
- 5.6 Monitors the financial situation
- 5.7 Manages the business administration
- 5.8 Is responsible for the staff policy
- 5.9 Provides leadership
- 5.10 Supervises colleagues
- 5.11 Participates in networks
- 5.12 Is responsible for policy in the areas of quality, safety, environment and working conditions
- 5.13 Innovates the business

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

The Audiology technician works in an independently established hearing aid company or in one belonging to a chain.

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
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 level 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 It is possible that the Audiology technician works as a self-employed entrepreneur or as a branch manager. In addition, via additional training it is possible to be promoted to auditory expert at the level of higher vocational education. For instance, via the higher vocational education programme of Audiology bachelor.	International agreements The profession of Audiology technician is not regulated 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): 91580 The education and training for this qualification is offered as of August 1, 2009.	

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

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individual educational institution.

Average duration of the education/ training leading to the certificate	4 year(s) (6400 study hours) (depending on previous education)
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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 in section 3 and 4 is drawn directly from the qualification file, that is composed by the Centre of Expertise. The complete qualification file is available at www.kwalificatiesmbo.nl, only in Dutch.

Additional information, including a description of the Dutch national qualifications system, is available at the Netherlands National Reference Point (NRP) for VET: www.nlntp.nl

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