



1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

Diploma Beroepsonderwijs
Kwalificatie: Specialist product en proces
Kwalificatiedossier: Technoloog voedingsindustrie

In the original language

2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)

Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education
Qualification: Product and process specialist
Qualification file: Food industry technologist

This translation has no legal status

3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

The most important duties of a Product and process specialist are:

The Product and process specialist manages and directs the production process. Within the company, he is the specialist in respect of preparation and/or packaging of foodstuffs. In that field, he is sounding board and advisor to the team leader/coordinator or the management in respect of product non-conformities. He undertakes such tasks as operating, setting and adjusting, cleaning, converting and maintaining the production machines. He also undertakes process and product controls on these machines, and records the relevant data. Many of the processes are operated on the line and sometimes from a control room, often in shifts.

The Product and process specialist directs the employees on the production line/unit and is capable of independently supervising and instructing employees, trainees and temporary employees. He also plans operational activities. Within product preparation, the Product and process specialist is the officer who, taking account of all factors, maintains optimum product quality. His knowledge and experience with the product play an essential role in this respect. Based on his expertise, the Product and process specialist participates in projects within the company. Depending on the project, he will thereby fulfil the role of either participant or project leader.

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

The Product and process specialist is employed in the production department of small, medium-sized and large enterprises in the food industry.

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	Grading scale / Pass requirements 10 excellent 9 very good 8 good 7 very satisfactory 6 pass

* 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.

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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	5 fail 4 unsatisfactory 3 very unsatisfactory 2 poor 1 very poor
Access to next level of education/professions With a diploma at qualification level 4, transfer is possible to higher professional education.	International agreements The profession of Product and process specialist 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): 97211 The education and training for this qualification is offered as of August 1, 2005.	

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 (bbi). 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	4 years (6400 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 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.nlnrp.nl SBB has been appointed by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science as NRP.