



## 1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

**Diploma Beroepsonderwijs**  
**Kwalificatie: Apothekersassistent**

In the original language

## 2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)

**Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education**  
**Qualification: Pharmaceutical technical assistant**

This translation has no legal status

## 3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

The most important duties of a Pharmaceutical technical assistant are:

Under the responsibility of the pharmacist, the Pharmaceutical technical assistant carries out tasks relating to the presentation, preparation and supply of medicine. The Pharmaceutical technical assistant is jointly responsible for the preparation and checking of medicine, and providing medicine, bandages and medical aids to clients. In addition, the Pharmaceutical technical assistant is involved in advising care recipients, and acts as a link between the care recipient, the treatment provider and the pharmacist.

The Pharmaceutical technical assistant operates independently as part of a team. The professional attitude of the Pharmaceutical technical assistant is open, critical and communicative, and is characterised by expertise, empathy, efficiency and customer-orientation. The Pharmaceutical technical assistant is well presented, and deals with care recipients in an honest, careful and respectful manner. The Pharmaceutical technical assistant is critical of his or her own professional attitude, and if necessary is able to make adjustments.

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

The Pharmaceutical technical assistant is qualified for work in the public pharmacy, the hospital pharmacy and the transmural pharmacy

## 5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

Name and status of the body awarding the certificate	Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of 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.	Ministry of Education, Culture and Science																		
Level of the certificate (national or international)	Grading scale / Pass requirements																		
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.	<table border="0"> <tr><td>10</td><td>excellent</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>very good</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>good</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>very satisfactory</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>pass</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>fail</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>unsatisfactory</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>very unsatisfactory</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>poor</td></tr> </table>	10	excellent	9	very good	8	good	7	very satisfactory	6	pass	5	fail	4	unsatisfactory	3	very unsatisfactory	2	poor
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## \* 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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5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE	
NLQF level 4 - EQF level 4 - ISCED 3A	1 very poor
<b>Access to next level of education/professions</b> With a diploma at qualification level 4, transfer is possible to higher professional education.	<b>International agreements</b> The profession of Pharmaceutical technical assistant is regulated in the Netherlands under the European directive 2005/36/EC, amended by directive 2013/55/EU.
<b>Legal basis</b> Act on Vocational Education and Training (WEB), registered number of qualification (crebo): 10435	

6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE	
<p>Senior secondary vocational education features two learning pathways: the school-based pathway (bol) and the training on the job pathway (bbl).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In principle it is possible to follow both learning pathways, but which pathway is offered will depend on the individual educational institution.</p>	
<b>Average duration of the education/ training leading to the certificate</b>	<b>4 years (6400 study hours) (depending on previous education)</b>
<b>Entry requirements</b> The certificate preparatory vocational secondary education (vmbo) advanced vocational programme, combined programme, or theoretical programme, or a comparable level.	

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>Additional information, including a description of the Dutch national qualifications system, is available at the Netherlands National Reference Point (NRP) for VET: <a href="http://www.nlnrp.nl">www.nlnrp.nl</a></p> <p>SBB has been appointed by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science as NRP.</p>