



1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

Diploma Beroepsonderwijs
Kwalificatie: Melkveehouder
Kwalificatiedossier: Productiedieren

In the original language

2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)

Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education
Qualification: Dairy cattle farmer
Qualification file: High yield animals

This translation has no legal status

3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

The most important duties of a Dairy cattle farmer are:

Core task 1: Takes care of animals and the living and working surroundings

- 1.1 Feeds animals
- 1.2 Handles and takes care of animals
- 1.3 Monitors animals
- 1.4 Cleans and disinfects the living and working surroundings
- 1.5 Furnishes and maintains the living and working surroundings

Core task 2: Takes care of production

- 2.1 Is responsible for milk production
- 2.2 Takes care of animal product
- 2.3 Takes care of food harvesting and grazing field

Core task 3: Manages (parts) of the business

- 3.1 Plans and divides up the working duties
- 3.2 Manages colleagues
- 3.3 Monitors the progress of the working duties
- 3.4 Takes care of sharing information with employees
- 3.5 Determines staffing needs

Core task 4: Runs a business

- 4.1 Determines business location
- 4.2 Explores business form
- 4.3 Innovates the business
- 4.4 Analyses the financial situation
- 4.5 Sets up marketing plan
- 4.6 Takes care of financial administration
- 4.7 Determines policy in terms of quality safety, environment and working conditions
- 4.8 Profiles and promotes the business
- 4.9 Manages stock
- 4.10 Calculates rates

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

The Dairy cattle farmer works as an entrepreneur or business manager on a cattle farm for the production of meat, milk and/or other animal products. Production is everything at a farm, therefore he must be able to think and act commercially.

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 He can become self-employed entrepreneur, or business manager of (larger) farms within the agricultural sector. He can enter a higher vocational education programme (hbo) for Animal and cattle farming and do separate courses in the field of innovative company management or entrepreneurship.	International agreements The profession of Dairy cattle farmer 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): 97713 The education and training for this qualification is offered as of August 1, 2011.	

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	4 years (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

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Netherlands National Reference Point (NRP) for VET: www.nlncp.nl

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