



## 1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

**Diploma Beroepsonderwijs**  
**Kwalificatie: Signspecialist**  
**Kwalificatiedossier: Signmaker**

In the original language

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

**Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education**  
**Qualification: Sign specialist**  
**Qualification file: Sign maker**

This translation has no legal status

## 3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

The most important duties of a Sign specialist are:

Core task 1: Makes sign (part) products

- 1.1 Prepares the working duties
- 1.2 Prepares the assignment digitally
- 1.3 Plots, prints, engraves and/or mills assignment
- 1.4 Assembles and finishes off sign (part) products
- 1.5 Makes sign (part) products ready for transport
- 1.6 Carries out files and storage management duties
- 1.7 Carries out clearing up working duties

Core task 2: Installs sign material

- 2.1 Carries out transport working duties
- 2.2 Prepares the assembly
- 2.3 Assembles in place sign (part) products
- 2.4 Delivers finished product
- 2.5 Carries out clearing up working duties

Core task 3: Makes a design

- 3.1 Formulates plan of approach
- 3.2 Makes a design
- 3.3 Delivers the design
- 3.4 Carries out files and storage management duties

Core task 4: Carries out the practical project management

- 4.1 Prepares the project
- 4.2 Manages colleagues
- 4.3 Supervises new colleagues/ trainees
- 4.4 Monitors quality and progress
- 4.5 Delivers the project

Core task 5: Carries out entrepreneurial duties

**\* 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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### 3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

- 5.1 Formulates business plan
- 5.2 Formulates business procedures and conditions
- 5.3 Carries out acquisition
- 5.4 Makes up quotations and calculations
- 5.5 Keeps administration and bookkeeping up-to-date
- 5.6 Buys in materials and means

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

The Sign specialist works in employment or is self-employed in a service providing company in the sign and/or engraving sector. In addition, he can also work in stand building or in the in store sector.

### 5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

<p><b>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</b> The certificate issued on completion of the programme is signed by the examination board at the school where the pupil attended the programme.</p>	<p><b>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</b> Ministry of Education, Culture and Science</p>																				
<p><b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b> 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</p>	<p><b>Grading scale / Pass requirements</b></p> <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> <tr><td>1</td><td>very 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	1	very poor
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<p><b>Access to next level of education/professions</b> The Sign specialist at level 4 can do higher vocational education (design).  In medium-sized and large companies, the Sign specialist can rise to the function of project leader, business manager, or department head. Another opportunity is becoming a self-employed entrepreneur.</p>	<p><b>International agreements</b> The profession of Sign 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.</p>																				
<p><b>Legal basis</b> Act on Vocational Education and Training (WEB), registered number of qualification (crebo): 94990 The education and training for this qualification is offered as of August 1, 2009.</p>																					

### 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.

<p><b>Average duration of the education/ training leading to the certificate</b></p>	<p><b>4 year(s) (6400 study hours) (depending on previous education)</b></p>
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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](http://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](http://www.nlntp.nl)

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