

CERTIFICATE SUPPLEMENT (*)



1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

Diploma Beroepsonderwijs Kwalificatie: Mechanisch operator A Kwalificatiedossier: Industriële processen

In the original language

2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)

Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education
Qualification: Mechanical operator A
Qualification file: Industrial processes

This translation has no legal status

3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

The most important duties of a Mechanical operator A are:

Core task 1: Manages the production process

- 1.1 Prepares production process
- 1.2 Operates apparatus
- 1.3 Monitors course of process
- 1.4 Carries out quality controls on process and product
- 1.5 Maintains apparatus
- 1.6 Rounds off production process

Core task 2: Assembles mechanical and control components

- 2.1 Builds or alters apparatus
- 2.2 Assists in connecting (control) components

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

The Mechanical operator A is employed in a wide range of sectors within the process industry. His deployment is restricted to a process or mechanical production environment. He often operates a single type of installation and carries out preventive maintenance, for which he temporality shuts down the process. He assembles mechanical parts of the process and product and is involved in adjustment and fine tuning. He assembles or converts the installations and checks the setting of the parameters. He assists in connecting hydraulic, pneumatic and electrical components. He adjusts his equipment and assists in the adjustment of control components.

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 Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

* 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	
The certificate issued on completion of the programme is signed by the examination board at the school where the pupil attended the programme. Level of the certificate (national or international) Qualification level 2 of the Dutch VET qualification structure Characteristics: intended as an initial qualification, which everyone should at least obtain. The participant develops skills in order to be able to carry out practical tasks and is responsible for his or her own block of tasks. NLQF level 2 - EQF level 2 - ISCED 3C	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 For the Mechanical operator A, the most common option for progress both in education and the career is to Mechanical operator B. He can also switch to another sector within the process industry.	International agreements
Legal basis	

Adult and Vocational Education Act (WEB), registered number of qualification (crebo): 25335

The education and training for this qualification is offered as of August 1, 2015.

Senior secondary vocational education features two learning pathways: the school-based pathway (bol) and the training on the job pathway (bbl).

6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE

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	2 years (3200 study hours) (depending on
leading to the certificate	previous education)

Entry requirements

The certificate preparatory vocational secondary education (vmbo) basic vocational 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 included in part 3 and 4 is derived directly from the qualification file determined by the Minister of Education, Culture and Science. The complete qualification file can be found at http://kwalificaties.s-bb.nl/, only in Dutch.

Optional subjects are linked to the qualification. The optional subjects have a total size of 15% of the course duration. The optional subjects completed by the student are listed on the certificate.

Additional information, including a description of the Dutch national qualifications system, is available at the Netherlands National Reference Point (NRP): www.s-bb.nl. The NRP is the information centre for vocational qualifications in the Netherlands. SBB has been appointed in this capacity by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.