



1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

Diploma Beroepsonderwijs
Kwalificatie: Technicus mechanica
Kwalificatiedossier: Vliegtuigonderhoud

In the original language

2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)

Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education
Qualification: Mechanical technician
Qualification file: Aircraft maintenance

This translation has no legal status

3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

The most important duties of a Mechanical technician are:

Core task 1: Carries out maintenance on aircraft, aircraft components and systems

- 1.1 Prepares maintenance working duties
- 1.2 Prepares the aircraft ready for maintenance
- 1.3 (Dis)assembles, modifies and replaces parts, components and systems
- 1.4 Finishes off the maintenance working duties

Core task 2: Inspects and tests aircraft parts, components and systems

- 2.1 Prepares the inspection and testing working duties
- 2.2 Carries out inspections and tests
- 2.3 Analyses and repairs mistakes and defects
- 2.4 Finishes off the working duties

Core task 3: Localises and analyses cause of malfunctions in aircraft

- 3.1 Prepares the analysis working duties
- 3.2 Localises and analyses (the source of) malfunctions
- 3.3 Reports about malfunctions

Core task 4: Rectifies malfunctions in aircraft

- 4.1 Prepares the malfunction working duties
- 4.2 Repairs and replaces parts, components and systems
- 4.3 Finishes off the malfunction working duties

Core task 5: Carries out inspections of aircraft

- 5.1 Prepares the inspection working duties
- 5.2 Carries out the inspection
- 5.3 Finishes off the working duties

Core task 6: Supervises and authorises working duties

- 6.1 Conducts a work meeting
- 6.2 Supervises colleagues in carrying out their working 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

- 6.3 Inspects the work that has been carried out
- 6.4 Authorises the work that has been carried out
- 6.5 Administers the authorised work

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

The Mechanical technician mainly works for large companies that deal with aircraft maintenance, such as airline companies or a maintenance repair organisation for aeroplanes and/or aeroplane parts. The Mechanical technician works at the maintenance department.

5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

<p>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.</p>	<p>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate Ministry of Education, Culture and Science</p>																				
<p>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</p>	<p>Grading scale / Pass requirements</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>Access to next level of education/professions Having completed this course of studies, transfer is possible to higher professional education.</p> <p>Based on experience, refresher and advanced training, the Mechanical technician can rise to the position of, for instance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. mechanical technician part-66 cat-B1.1 turbo-charged winged aircraft; 2. mechanical technician part-66 cat-B1.2 piston engine winged aircraft; 3. mechanical technician part-66 cat-B1.3 turbo-charged helicopters; 4. mechanical technician part-66 cat-B1.4 piston-engine helicopters; 5. mechanical technician part-66 cat-B2 aviation technology; 6. aircraft maintenance technician part-66 category. 	<p>International agreements The profession of Mechanical technician 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>Legal basis Act on Vocational Education and Training (WEB), registered number of qualification (crebo): 94412 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.

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Average duration of the education/ training leading to the certificate	4 year(s) (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 Netherlands National Reference Point (NRP) for VET: www.nlgrp.nl

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