

CERTIFICATE SUPPLEMENT (*)

1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

Diploma Beroepsonderwijs
Kwalificatie: Opticien
Kwalificatiedossier: Optiek
In the original language

2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)

Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education
Qualification: Optician
Qualification file: Optics
This translation has no legal status

3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

The most important duties of an Optician are:

Core task 1: Carries out preparatory actions on refraction

- 1.1 Gathers basic information with the client
- 1.2 Carries out automatic refraction
- 1.3 Carries out automatic non-contact tonometry

Core task 2: Carries out sales and provides advice

- 2.1 Has sales and advice consultation
- 2.2 Manages customer order
- 2.3 Provides information about ophthalmological aspects
- 2.4 Delivers glasses
- 2.5 Gives contact lens instruction
- 2.6 Registers and completes sale
- 2.7 Deals with complaints

Core task 3: Carries out management of assortment

- 3.1 Makes an inventory of stock and orders articles
- 3.2 Processes and checks deliveries and return
- 3.3 Suggests adjustments to assortment
- 3.4 Creates article presentations

Core task 4: Adapts, assembles and repairs optical (parts of) components

- 4.1 Prepares for fitting (lenses and frame)
- 4.2 Grinds, polishes and assembles glasses lenses to prescription in the frame
- 4.3 Inspects and assesses standard of glasses
- 4.4 Repairs glasses and sunglasses

* 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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4.5 Maintains apparatus and tools

Core task 5: Carries out refraction

5.1 Takes case history, does preliminary examination and preparatory actions

5.2 Determines full correction in single eye

5.3 Investigates vision in both eyes

5.4 Determines correction for close by

5.5 Sets up plan of action (advice/lens prescription)

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

An Optician can work in an optics company and works in the refraction area, the sales area and the workshop.

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

An Optician can develop horizontally to become a branch manager of (a location of) an optics company, in which he both carries out every sort of professional task and leads the enterprise. The Optician can also do the VET-education to become a Technical ophthalmic assistant. He can also to the higher professional education to become an Optometrist or a post-VET education to become a Contact lens specialist.

International agreements

The profession of Optician 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): 25055

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

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.

6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE

Average duration of the education/ training leading to the certificate

3 years (4800 study hours) (depending on previous education)

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 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.