



1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

Diploma Beroepsonderwijs
Kwalificatie: Dierenartsassistent paraveterinair
Kwalificatiedossier: Paraveterinaire ondersteuning
In the original language

2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)

Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education
Qualification: Veterinary nurse
Qualification file: Veterinary nursing support
This translation has no legal status

3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

The most important duties of a Veterinary nurse are:

Core task 1: Manages reception and dispensary

- 1.1 Receives clients and answers the telephone
- 1.2 Manages animal needs and medicines
- 1.3 Monitors stock
- 1.4 Provides information about the treatment and aftercare of the patient

Core task 2: Assists in investigations and treatments

- 2.1 Prepares for investigations and treatments
- 2.2 Assists in investigations and treatments
- 2.3 Finishes off investigations and treatments

Core task 3: Assists and coordinates operations

- 3.1 Prepares operations
- 3.2 Operates anaesthesia under supervision
- 3.3 Assists in operations
- 3.4 Finishes off operations

Core task 4: Feeds and cares for healthy animals and supervises reproduction

- 4.1 Prepares feeds
- 4.2 Is responsible for the provision of food and water
- 4.3 Takes care of animals
- 4.4 Monitors animals
- 4.5 Handles animals
- 4.6 Registers and reports
- 4.7 Supervises reproductive process
- 4.8 Supervises birth process

Core task 5: Is responsible for animals admitted and provides first aid

- 5.1 Takes care of the admission of animals
- 5.2 Inspects the condition of admitted animals

* 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

- 5.3 Carries out an emergency investigation
- 5.4 Stabilises the patient
- 5.5 Keeps the accommodation clean for the admitted animals
- 5.6 Reports to the vet and client

Core task 6: Carries out laboratory working duties and diagnostic actions

- 6.1 Takes samples
- 6.2 Receives and sends samples
- 6.3 Carries out X-ray investigations
- 6.4 Carries out laboratory investigations
- 6.5 Assists in carrying out an echography
- 6.6 Maintains apparatus
- 6.7 Reports and registers investigation results

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

The Veterinary nurse works in a veterinary clinic for pet animals, agricultural pets, horses, or a combination thereof. He can also work in a specialist clinic or in a clinic for special animals.

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 style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 10%;">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 Development is possible based on training and/or experience. The Veterinary nurse can specialize in various disciplines in the practice. Entering the higher vocational education programmes for Animal health and welfare and Animal management is possible.</p>	<p>International agreements The profession of Veterinary nurse is regulated in the Netherlands under the European directive 2005/36/EC, amended by directive 2013/55/EU.</p>																				
<p>Legal basis Act on Vocational Education and Training (WEB), registered number of qualification (crebo): 97590 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 (bbi).

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 year(s) (6400 study hours) (depending on previous education)
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6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE

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.nlntp.nl

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