



## 1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

**Diploma Beroepsonderwijs**  
**Kwalificatie: Maritiem officier kleine schepen nautisch, koopvaardij**  
**Kwalificatiedossier: Maritiem officier**  
 In the original language

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

**Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education**  
**Qualification: Maritime officer small ships nautical, merchant shipping**  
**Qualification file: Maritime officer**  
 This translation has no legal status

## 3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Core task 1: Performs nautical tasks at operational level A-II/1

- 1.1 Navigation at operational level
- 1.2 Cargo handling and stowage at operational level

Core task 2: Performs technical tasks at operational level A-III/1

- 2.1 Marine engineering at operational level
- 2.2 Electrical, electronic and control engineering at operational level
- 2.3 Maintenance and repair at operational level

Core task 3: Performs operational tasks at operational level A-II/1 and A-III/1

- 3.1 Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board at operational level

Core task 4: Performs safety and communication tasks

- 4.1 Responds in the event of disasters and accidents on board (Basic Training)
- 4.2 Manages and is in charge of rescue boats (Survival Craft & Rescue boats other than fast rescue boats)
- 4.3 Administers first aid in the event of accidents on board (Medical First Aid)
- 4.4 Organises fire fighting operations on board (Advanced Fire Fighting)
- 4.5 Performs ship security duties (Designated Security Duties)
- 4.6 Performs maritime communication (Marcom A)

Core task 5: Performs nautical tasks at management level A-II/2

- 5.1 Navigation at management level
- 5.2 Cargo handling and stowage at management level
- 5.3 Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board at management level
- 5.4 Directs cargo loading processes

Core task 6: Performs (administrative) merchant shipping tasks

- 6.1 Contributes to the (administrative) operations on board of merchant ships
- 6.2 Contributes to the drafting and management of (cargo) documents

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

The Maritime officer small ships nautical, merchant shipping is employed in an international professional environment. He works on vessels with a size of less than 3000 GT and/or power output of up to 3000 kW. He/she

**\* 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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may also work on all contracting plant. On board he/she fulfils multiple tasks. He/she plans the journey and is involved with the navigation, loading and technical operations on the vessel. He/she works in all working and weather conditions and is always alert to potentially unsafe situations. The mate/engineer small vessels nautical, merchant shipping is responsible for the correct execution of his/her tasks and partly also for the work of the crew under his/her command. Based on (inter)national legislation, the Maritime officer small ships nautical, merchant shipping must be in possession of a certificate of competence according to the STCW convention or the STW-F convention and the Seafarers Act. Certificates of competence are issued for the combination length / propulsion / tonnage of vessels and sailing areas. The Maritime officer small ships nautical, merchant shipping must also satisfy the medical inspection requirements for shipping.

#### 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 3 of the Dutch VET qualification structure Characteristics: implementation of more than just the own block of tasks. The professional is able to account for his or her actions towards colleagues, and monitors and supervises the work of others. The range of tasks also includes drafting work preparation procedures. NLQF-niveau 3 - EQF level 3 - ISCED 3C</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> After completing the study programme Maritime officer small ships nautical, merchant shipping, it is possible to transfer to the study programme Maritime officer all ships, nautical or technical.</p>	<p><b>International agreements</b> In the Netherlands, Maritime officer small ships nautical, merchant shipping is a regulated profession under the European directive 2005/36/EC, amended by directive 2013/55/EU.</p>																				
<p><b>Legal basis</b> Act on Vocational Education and Training (WEB), registered number of qualification (crebo): 25677 The education and training for this qualification is offered as of 01-08-2021.</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.

<p><b>Average duration of the education/ training leading to the certificate</b></p>	<p><b>3 years (4800 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 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 [kwalificaties.s-bb.nl](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](http://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.