

**1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)**

**Diploma Beroepsonderwijs**  
**Kwalificatie: Proefdierversorger**  
**Kwalificatiedossier: Dierverzorging**

In the original language

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

**Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education**  
**Qualification: Animal experimentation technician**  
**Qualification file: Animal care**

This translation has no legal status

**3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES**

Core task 1: Takes care of animals

- 1.1 Feeds animals
- 1.2 Takes care of animals
- 1.3 Maintains the living and working surroundings

Core task 2: Guides animal procreation

- 2.1 Supervises reproductive process
- 2.2 Takes care of birth process and takes care of mother and child
- 2.3 Gathers material for genotyping

Core task 3: Carries out animal experimentation work

- 3.1 Does preparatory work for animal testing
- 3.2 Performs simple biotechnical actions
- 3.3 Assists in animal studies

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

The Animal experimentation technician in most cases works in the retail trade or at a service business with recreational animals and pets, or with test animals. In the retail trade it relates to petshops, specialist pet stores, DIY stores and garden centres. Possibly a zoo, sanctuary or boarding kennel, a veterinary practice, a pet breeder, a dog walking service, an organisation involved in training and/or behaviour, a care farm, a petting farm, a test animal business or a practice where (bio) medical treatments are performed. To a lesser extent, the starting professional practitioner is also employed in primary production for example in livestock farming.

**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

**\* 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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## 5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

<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 style="border: none;"> <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>            With a diploma at qualification level 3, transfer is possible to a course at qualification level 4.            Advancement is possible to Manager or Specialist animal experimentation technician. Many Animal experimentation technicians eventually complete (internal) specialisation in performing specific biotechnical operations or working with specific animal groups. Examples are specialist breeding and specialist Anaesthetics (large) animals.</p>	<p><b>International agreements</b>            In the Netherlands, Animal experimentation technician 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): 25733            The education and training for this qualification is offered as of 01-08-2022.</p>																					

## 6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE

<p>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.</p>	
<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>
<p><b>Entry requirements</b>            The certificate preparatory vocational secondary education (vmbo) advanced vocational programme, combined programme, or theoretical programme, or a comparable level.</p>	

## 7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<p>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 <a href="http://kwalificaties.s-bb.nl">kwalificaties.s-bb.nl</a>, only in Dutch.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Additional information, including a description of the Dutch national qualifications system, is available at the Netherlands National Reference Point (NRP): <a href="http://www.s-bb.nl">www.s-bb.nl</a>. 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.</p>
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