



## 1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

**Diploma Beroepsonderwijs**  
**Kwalificatie: Vakexpert biologisch-dynamische landbouw**  
**Kwalificatiedossier: Agro productie, handel en technologie**

In the original language

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

**Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education**  
**Qualification: Biodynamic agriculture expert**  
**Qualification file: Agricultural production, trade and technology**

This translation has no legal status

## 3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Core task 1: Manages the agrobusiness product

- 1.1 Guarantees the quality of the agrobusiness product
- 1.2 Performs simple maintenance tasks
- 1.3 Checks measurement data
- 1.4 Shares product and production information
- 1.5 Reflects on own performance and the consequences for the environment

Core task 2: Takes care of biodynamic production

- 2.1 Sets up cultivation plan
- 2.2 Supervises cultivation processes
- 2.3 Attends to livestock farming/animal products
- 2.4 Manages the cultivation process and the production process in livestock farming
- 2.5 Contributes to the (further) development of a biodynamic method

Core task 3: Optimises business activities

- 3.1 Plans and allocates daily tasks
- 3.2 Instructs and directs employees
- 3.3 Improves processes/production
- 3.4 Analyses business data and sets up business plans
- 3.5 Analyses the chain
- 3.6 Implements innovations
- 3.7 Establishes and utilises networks
- 3.8 Implements personal development and employee development within the biodynamic philosophy

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

The Biodynamic agriculture expert works on a biodynamic farm. These may be mixed farms and specialist farms with open crop production, covered crop production or livestock farming. Farms within the biodynamic agricultural sector strive for closed cycles. At a mixed farm such cycles are naturally present. At specialist farms, the aim is to establish regional partner farms. The Biodynamic agriculture expert has a managerial and guiding role and is therefore a role model.

**\* 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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## 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 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-niveau 4 - EQF level 4 - ISCED 3A</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> Examples of transfer opportunities for the Biodynamic agriculture expert are various higher professional education study courses such as Green, Care and Education (Stoas) and Nature &amp; Communication.</p>	<p><b>International agreements</b> Biodynamic agriculture expert is not a regulated profession 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><b>Legal basis</b> Act on Vocational Education and Training (WEB), registered number of qualification (crebo): 25991 The education and training for this qualification is offered as of 01-08-2024.</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>4 years (6400 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</p>
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qualifications in the Netherlands. SBB has been appointed in this capacity by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.