



## 1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

**Diploma Beroepsonderwijs**  
**Kwalificatie: Signspecialist**  
**Kwalificatiedossier: Signmaking**

In the original language

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

**Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education**  
**Qualification: Sign specialist**  
**Qualification file: Sign making**

This translation has no legal status

## 3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Core task 1: Manufactures sign (part) products

- 1.1 Prepares the working duties
- 1.2 Prepares the assignment digitally
- 1.3 Plots, prints, engraves and/or mills assignment
- 1.4 Assembles and finishes off sign (part) products
- 1.5 Makes sign (part) products ready for transport
- 1.6 Carries out files and storage management duties
- 1.7 Carries out clean-up working duties

Core task 2: Assembles sign products

- 2.1 Carries out transport working duties
- 2.2 Prepares the assembly
- 2.3 Assembles in place sign (part) products
- 2.4 Delivers sign (part) products

Core task 3: Makes a design

- 3.1 Formulates plan of approach
- 3.2 Makes a design
- 3.3 Delivers the design
- 3.4 Makes technical design
- 3.5 Carries out files and storage management duties

Core task 4: Carries out practical project management

- 4.1 Prepares the project
- 4.2 Manages colleagues
- 4.3 Supervises new colleagues/trainees
- 4.4 Monitors quality and progress of the project
- 4.5 Delivers the project

Core task 5: Carries out entrepreneur tasks

- 5.1 Creates a plan for starting one's own business
- 5.2 Formulates business procedures and conditions
- 5.3 Promotes the company and its services
- 5.4 Makes up calculations and quotations

**\* 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

- 5.5 Maintains the administration  
5.6 Buys materials and means

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

The Sign specialist is employed or works as an entrepreneur for by a company in the sign, engraving and/or graphic sector or in another company with a sign department. These are service companies that provide visual communication for various sectors. The Sign specialist can also work on behalf of advertising agencies, architects or window display agencies. The Sign specialist carries out duties in the field of preparing, manufacturing, finishing, assembling and installing sign (partial) products. He carries out his work for various clients.

### 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 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> The Sign specialist could be transferred to Higher vocational education (HBO) and study design. The Sign specialist can be promoted to the position of a project leader, manager or head of the department of middle-sized and larger companies. Another transfer possibility for the Sign specialist is sole proprietorship.</p>	<p><b>International agreements</b> Sign specialist 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): 25215 The education and training for this qualification is offered as of 01-08-2015.</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.

<b>Average duration of the education/ training leading to the certificate</b>	<b>4 years (6400 study hours) (depending on previous education)</b>
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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.