

1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

Diploma Beroepsonderwijs
Kwalificatie: Technisch Oogheeskundig Assistent
Kwalificatiedossier: Technisch Oogheeskundig Assistenten

In the original language

2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)

Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education
Qualification: Technical ophthalmic assistant
Qualification file: Technical ophthalmic assistants

This translation has no legal status

3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Core task 1: Oversees and takes care of consultations

- 1.1 Plans the working duties
- 1.2 Takes the case history
- 1.3 Prepares and finishes off the consultation

Core task 2: Performs basic and supplementary ophthalmic researches

- 2.1 Gives information about basic and supplementary investigations of the eyes
- 2.2 Carries out basic and supplementary investigations of the eyes
- 2.3 Passes patient(data) on to the ophthalmologist

Core task 3: Provides a prescription/advice for visual aids

- 3.1 Carries out an eye test
- 3.2 Makes up prescription and referral
- 3.3 Provides information to the patient about the impact of a visual handicap

Core task 4: Assists the ophthalmologist with the operation and the laser treatment

- 4.1 Gives information to the patient about operations and laser treatments
- 4.2 Prepares operations and laser treatments
- 4.3 Monitors spaces and (measuring) instruments

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

The Technical ophthalmic assistant works in an ophthalmologist's practice. This practice can be part of a hospital, but it could also be a separate ophthalmologist's practice (independent treatment centre).

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.

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5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

<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-niveau 4 - EQF level 4 - ISCED 3A</p>	<p>Grading scale / Pass requirements</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>Access to next level of education/professions The Technical ophthalmic assistant could transfer to other professions such as an optician, contact lens specialist, optometrist or orthoptist. A supplementary training or education is needed for this. Obtaining a diploma Technical ophthalmic assistant grants a permission to a Higher Vocational Education (HBO). The Technical ophthalmic assistant can also develop to the qualifications Optician or Doctor's assistant at level 4 or to the Post-secondary Vocational Education (MBO) qualification Contact lens specialist.</p>	<p>International agreements Technical ophthalmic assistant 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>Legal basis Act on Vocational Education and Training (WEB), registered number of qualification (crebo): 25068 The education and training for this qualification is offered as of 01-08-2015.</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 (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>	
<p>Average duration of the education/ training leading to the certificate</p>	<p>3 years (4800 study hours) (depending on previous education)</p>
<p>Entry requirements 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 kwalificaties.s-bb.nl, 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): 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.</p>
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