



## 1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

**Diploma Beroepsonderwijs**  
**Kwalificatie: Vakbekwaam medewerker dierverzorging**  
**Kwalificatiedossier: Dierverzorging**

In the original language

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

**Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education**  
**Qualification: Skilled animal care worker**  
**Qualification file: Animal care**

This translation has no legal status

## 3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Core task 1: Attends to animals

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

Core task 2: Takes care of processing information

- 2.1 Informs colleagues, clients and the public
- 2.2 Carries out public-oriented activities

Core task 3: Guides animal procreation

- 3.1 Supervises reproductive process
- 3.2 Takes care of mother and newborn
- 3.3 Socialises young animals

Core task 4: Accommodates the client's and/or public's wishes

- 4.1 Instructs, advises and sells
- 4.2 Deals with complaints
- 4.3 Monitors the stock

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

The Skilled animal care worker works in a service-providing company. This could be a zoo, animal shelter, breeding farm for pets, dog walking service, pet store or petting zoo. The Skilled animal care worker can work with pets of recreational animals.

## 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><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>                  The Skilled animal care worker can generally develop within the recreational animal branch of industry to become a manager or team leader within an animal shelter, kennel or (petting) zoo. He can become a specialised animal trainer or specialise in animal/pet care and also start his own company in such an area. For a Skilled animal care worker in the pet branch is generally possible to develop to become a manager in animal care or of a pet store. Career development is also possible through branches of industry related to animals/pets and in other sorts of retail. Within larger companies it is possible to develop to gain a position with more responsibilities on a higher level.</p>	<p><b>International agreements</b>                  Skilled animal care worker is not a regulated profession in the Netherlands. However, the education and training for this profession on qualification level 3 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): 25450                  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 (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</p>
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qualifications in the Netherlands. SBB has been appointed in this capacity by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.