



## 1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

**Diploma Beroepsonderwijs**  
**Kwalificatie: Proefdierversorger**  
**Kwalificatiedossier: Proefdieren**

In the original language

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

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

This translation has no legal status

## 3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

The most important duties of an Animal experimentation technician are:

Core task 1: Takes care of laboratory animals

- 1.1 Feeds laboratory animals
- 1.2 Takes care of laboratory animals
- 1.3 Monitors laboratory animals
- 1.4 Takes care and maintains working and living environment
- 1.5 Advices about housing and environment

Core task 2: Breeds laboratory animals

- 2.1 Supervises reproductive process
- 2.2 Takes care of mother and the young
- 2.3 Collects material for the sake of genotyping

Core task 3: Carries out laboratory animals working duties

- 3.1 Prepares laboratory animals working duties
- 3.2 Carries out simple bio technical actions
- 3.3 Assists during animal testing

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

The Animal experimentation technician is employed with a licenced company or institution, regarding the *Wet op dierproeven* (The Experience on Animals Act) where animal testing is carried out and where laboratory animals are accommodated and/or bred. This could be an animal laboratory associated with a university or hospital, a commercial institution, but could also be a supplier of laboratory animals.

## \* 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  |   |
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| <b>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</b><br>The certificate issued on completion of the programme is signed by the examination board at the school where the pupil attended the programme.   | <b>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</b><br>Ministry of Education, Culture and Science  |
| <b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b><br>Qualification level 3 of the Dutch VET qualification structure<br>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.<br>NLQF level 3 - EQF level 3 - ISCED 3C | <b>Grading scale / Pass requirements</b><br>10    excellent<br>9     very good<br>8     good<br>7     very satisfactory<br>6     pass<br>5     fail<br>4     unsatisfactory<br>3     very unsatisfactory<br>2     poor<br>1     very poor |
| <b>Access to next level of education/professions</b><br>The Animal experimentation technician can on the basis of his education and experience also be employed in different sectors of laboratory animal care or, depending on the company, grow into a managerial position in laboratory animal care. It is also possible to grow into a position as a bio technician, an additional course at level 4 is needed for this.                              | <b>International agreements</b><br>The profession of Animal experimentation technician is regulated in the Netherlands under the European directive 2005/36/EC, amended by directive 2013/55/EU.  |
| <b>Legal basis</b><br>Act on Vocational Education and Training (WEB), registered number of qualification (crebo): 97770<br>The education and training for this qualification is offered as of August 1, 2011.   |   |

| 6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE   |   |
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| Senior secondary vocational education features two learning pathways: the school-based pathway (bol) and the training on the job pathway (bbl).<br>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.<br>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>3 years (4800 study hours) (depending on previous education)</b> |
| <b>Entry requirements</b><br>The certificate preparatory vocational secondary education (vmbo) advanced vocational programme, combined programme, or theoretical programme, or a comparable level.   |   |

| 7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION   |
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| Dutch senior secondary VET is based on qualification files, that each contain one or more qualifications. The information in section 3 and 4 is drawn directly from the qualification file, that is composed by the Centre of Expertise. The complete qualification file is available at <a href="http://www.kwalificatiesmbo.nl">www.kwalificatiesmbo.nl</a> , only in Dutch.<br><br>Additional information, including a description of the Dutch national qualifications system, is available at the Netherlands National Reference Point (NRP) for VET: <a href="http://www.nlnrp.nl">www.nlnrp.nl</a><br><br>SBB has been appointed by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science as NRP. |