



1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (NL)

Diploma Beroepsonderwijs
Kwalificatie: Dierenartsassistent paraveterinair
Kwalificatiedossier: Paraveterinaire ondersteuning

In the original language

2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)

Certificate Senior Secondary Vocational Education
Qualification: Veterinary nurse
Qualification file: Veterinary nursing support

This translation has no legal status

3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

The most important duties of a Veterinary nurse are:

Core task 1: Manages reception and pharmacy

- 1.1. Receives clients and answers telephone
- 1.2. Manages animal supplies and medicines
- 1.3. Monitors stocks
- 1.4. Issues information on treatment and after care for the patient

Core task 2: Assists in examinations and treatments

- 2.1. Prepares examinations and treatments
- 2.2. Assists during examinations and treatments
- 2.3. Concludes examinations and treatments.

Core task 3: Assists during operations and coordinates operations

- 3.1. Prepares operations
- 3.2. Administers anaesthetic, under supervision
- 3.3. Assists during operations
- 3.4. Concludes operations

Core task 4: Feeds and cares for healthy animals and supervises reproduction

- 4.1. Makes preparations for food
- 4.2. Is responsible for food and water management
- 4.3. Cares for animals
- 4.4. Monitors animals
- 4.5. Maintains animals
- 4.6. Registers and reports
- 4.7. Supervises reproduction process
- 4.8. Supervises birth process

Core task 5: Is responsible for admitted animals and provides first aid

- 5.1. Cares for admitted animals
- 5.2. Checks condition of admitted 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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3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

- 5.3. Carries out emergency examination
- 5.4. Stabilises the patient
- 5.5. Keeps the holding area for admitted animals clean
- 5.6. Reports to veterinarian and client

Core task 6: Carries out laboratory work and undertakes diagnostic procedures

- 6.1. Takes samples
- 6.2. Receives and dispatches samples
- 6.3. Carries out X-ray examinations
- 6.4. Carries out laboratory work
- 6.5. Assists during echography
- 6.6. Maintains equipment
- 6.7. Reports and registers results.

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

The Veterinary nurse is employed in a veterinary practice for pets, agricultural animals, horses or a combination. He may also be employed in a specialist clinic or in a practice for special 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
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 level 4 - EQF level 4 - ISCED 3A	Grading scale / Pass requirements 10 excellent 9 very good 8 good 7 very satisfactory 6 pass 5 fail 4 unsatisfactory 3 very unsatisfactory 2 poor 1 very poor
Access to next level of education/professions With a diploma at qualification level 4, transfer is possible to higher professional education.	International agreements The profession of Veterinary nurse is regulated in the Netherlands under the European directive 2005/36/EC, amended by directive 2013/55/EU.
Legal basis Act on Vocational Education and Training (WEB), registered number of qualification (crebo): 97040 The education and training for this qualification is offered as of August 1, 2005.	

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 (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.

Average duration of the education/ training leading to the certificate	4 year(s) (6400 study hours) (depending on previous education)
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Entry requirements

6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE

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 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 www.kwalificatiesmbo.nl, only in Dutch.

Additional information, including a description of the Dutch national qualifications system, is available at the Netherlands National Reference Point (NRP) for VET: www.nlntp.nl

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