



Vocational Education & Training Certificate Supplement in the Netherlands

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Topics to discuss



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- The role of Colo and the Centres of Expertise in VET
 - The field of Vocational Education and Training (VET)
 - National Reference Point (NRP)
 - Certificate Supplement – use and good practices
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What is Colo?



- Colo is the Association of 17 National Centres of Expertise on vocational education and training and the labour market (sectoral councils)
- Colo promotes interests of its members on regional, national and international level
- Colo stimulates cooperation between its members



What is a centre of expertise?



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- Private non-profit bodies, subventions from ministries of Education and Agriculture
 - Organised around one sector/branch of industry
 - Managed by social partners and representatives of educational institutions
 - Bridging the gap between vocational education and training and the labour market
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Legal tasks of Centres of expertise



According to article 1.5 National VET law

1. Develop and maintain qualification structure for VET in NL, taking into account social and labour market aspects.
2. Develop new qualifications which will be financed by Ministry of Education
3. Ensure availability of work placement firms
4. Monitor the quality of these work placement firms.

Centres of Expertise are subsidized by Ministry of Education.



Participation in EUROSILLS (selection)

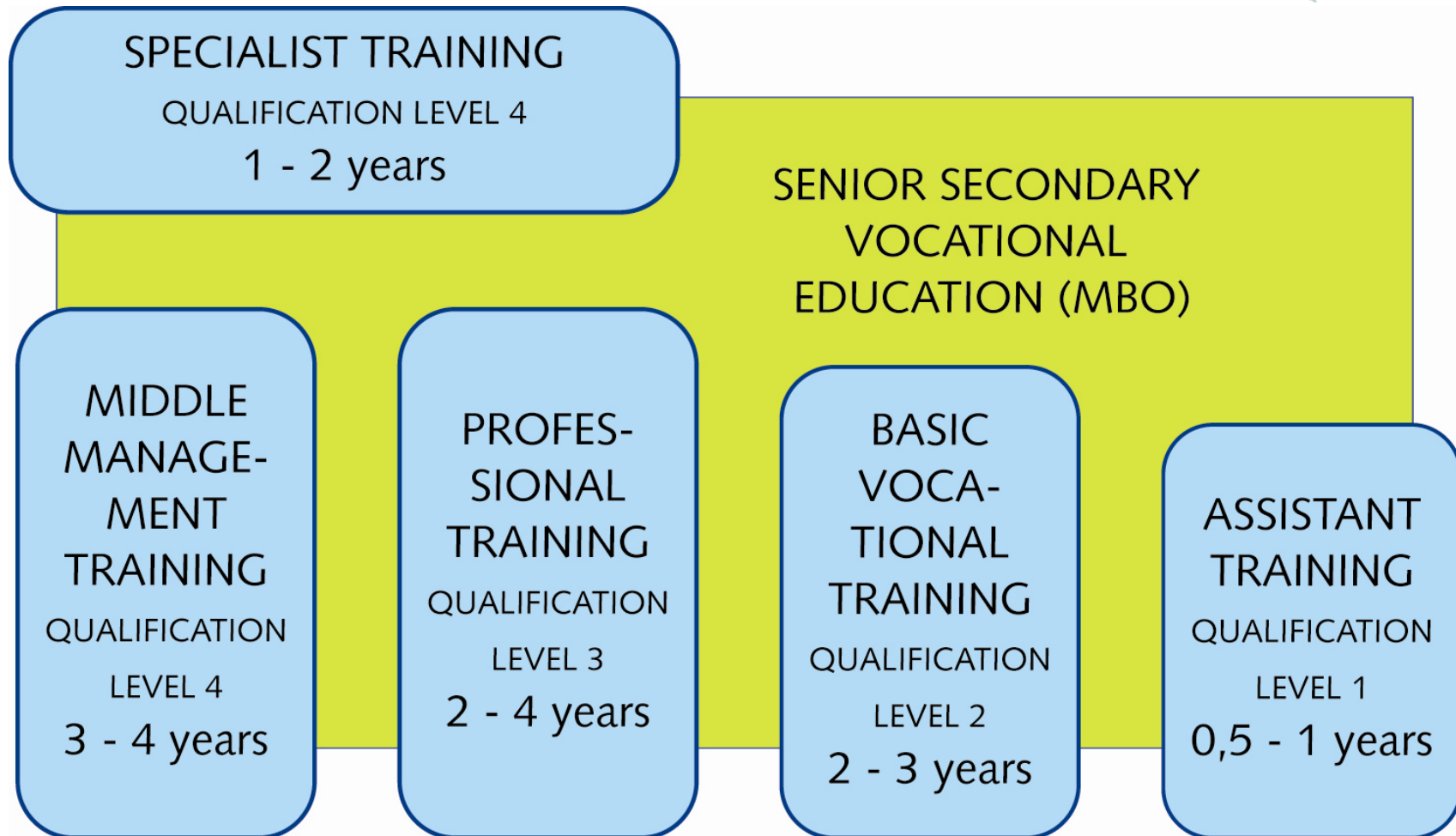


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- Health professions (Calibris)
 - Driver (VTL)
 - Hospitality professions (Kenwerk)
 - Farrier (Aequor)
 - Wood processing (SH&M)

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VET in the Netherlands



Two learning pathways

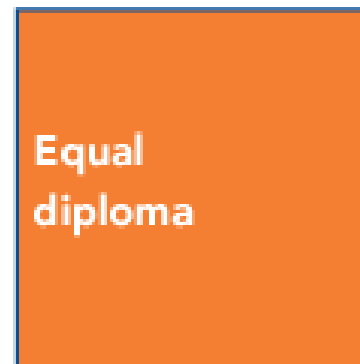


The system: checks and balances

BOL: school based learning: 20-60 % practice placement



BBL: company based learning: min. 60 % practice placement

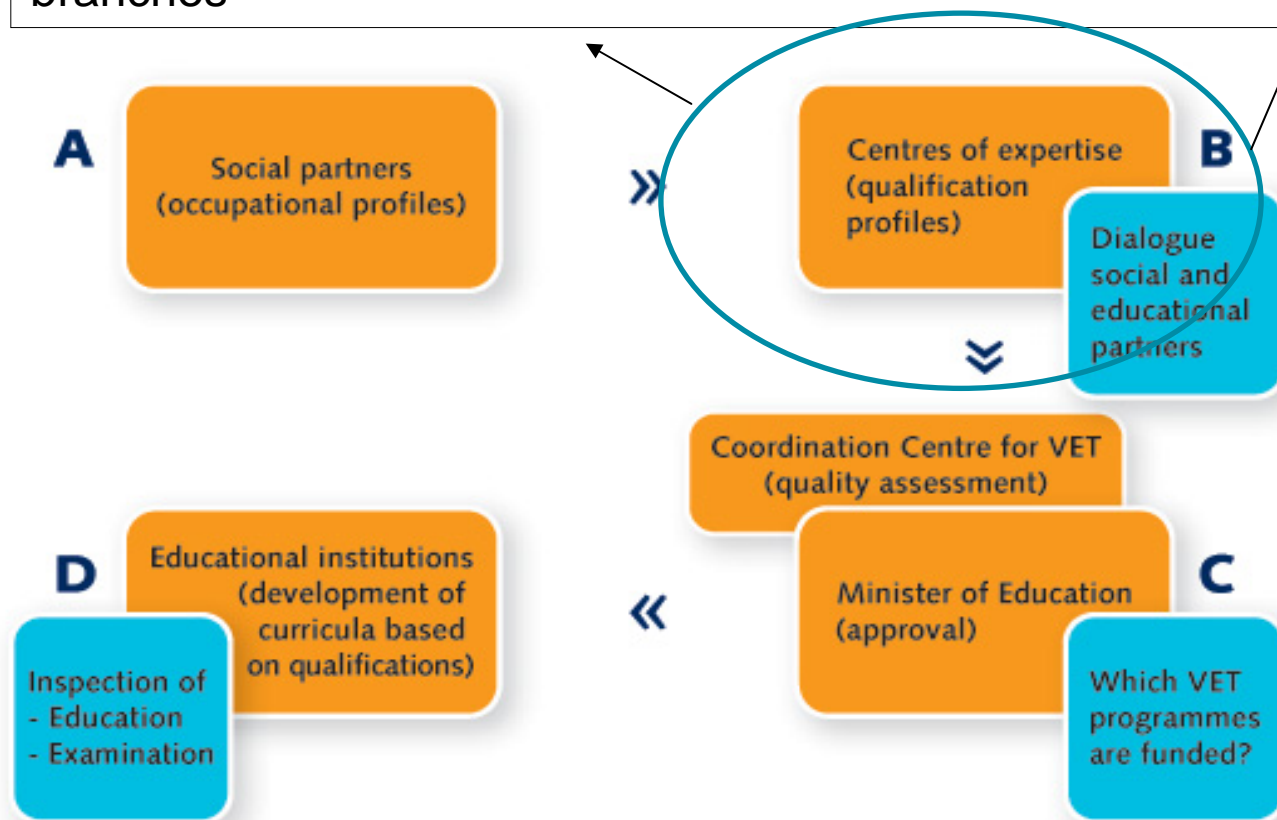


Developing VET qualifications

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national centres of expertise on vocational education, training and the labour market

Joint committees of social partners and education for 23 branches



Use of qualification files (www.kwalificatiesmbo.nl)



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- Study programmes for VET-schools
 - Certificate supplements
 - Transparency in work placement and VET-markets through qualification files (used by Dutch Employment Agency)
 - APL (Accreditation of Prior Learning), qualification files give information on demands of the labour market
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Further Legal tasks of Colo in cooperation with centres of expertise



- National Reference Point
 - International credential evaluation for VET
 - Professional recognition
 - Advise on study grants for VET abroad
 - Certificate Supplement



National Reference Point (NRP)



Colo has been appointed as NRP for the Netherlands by the Ministry of Education

Giving information on

- VET in the NL and abroad
- Relevant organisations in the NL and abroad
- Certificate supplement since 2005 (standard EU-model)
- Dutch educational system



Partner in the network of NRP's in Europe

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(Europass) Certificate Supplement



- Gives clear picture of the VET-training programme
 - profile of skills and competences
 - range of occupations
 - name and status of national authority
 - legal basis
 - duration and contents of VET
 - division theory /practice
 - level (national / ISCED / EQF in future)



(Europass) Certificate Supplement





Very useful instrument for

- educational institutes (additional course, stage)
- institutes for credential evaluation
- competent authorities for professional recognition (international agreements)
- employers
- explaining changes in educational system



(Europass) Certificate Supplement



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- Website of National Reference Point www.nlgrp.nl
 - as from 1-1-2011: 600 standard CS
 - improved database
 - to download free of charge from NRP-website or through link Europass
 - paid service for old diplomas + personalized CS
 - each CS corresponds with official qualification file (CREBO = number of Central Register)
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(Europass) Certificate Supplement



Numbers of CS (selection)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
■ downloads internet	5035	2482	1437

- technical professions
- economic, commercial, ICT professions
- health professions
- tourism



Good Practice Hans Anders France



- Hans Anders opticiens (Dutch company)
- first shop in Dunkerque, France in Octobre 2006
- Since then more than 40 shops were opened in France

(source: website www.hansanders.fr/hans-anders.htm)



Good Practice

Hans Anders France (Optician)



- In France the Optician is a regulated profession
- Request of French competent authority:
 - information on the Dutch VET-certificate 'Optician'
 - statement of Dutch Ministry of Education that Colo has been appointed as NRP
- Documents delivered by Colo
 - Certificate Supplement
 - Explanation on EU Directive 2005/36/EC
 - Statement of Ministry of Education



Good Practice

Australia and New Zealand



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- Certificate supplement not only in Europe
 - In case of immigration:
 - competent authority requests: Certificate supplement from Colo
 - regular contact with New Zealand Qualification Authority
 - about Dutch VET-certificates
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Conclusion



National Reference Point

- one stopshop for everyone who wants information on
 - VET in NL and abroad
 - centres of expertise (members of Colo)
 - professional recognition
 - international credential evaluation
 - (Europass) Certificate Supplement



Useful websites



- www.colo.nl (association of centres of expertise)
- www.idw.nl (international credential evaluation)
- www.nlnrp.nl (Certificate supplements)
- www.kwalificatiesmbo.nl (VET-qualifications)

Thank you for your attention

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