

# Credential evaluation and the recognition of foreign VET qualifications in the Netherlands

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# Recognition of foreign qualifications in the Netherlands

- Decentralised process, depends on:
  - country qualification (EU/non-EU)
  - goal (study/work)
  - profession (regulated/non-regulated)
- Recognition of VET qualifications:
  - Professional recognition
  - Credential evaluation
- Professional recognition:
  - Non-regulated professions: employer decides
  - Regulated professions: competent authority decides  
(Directive on recognition of professional qualifications 2005/36/EC, amended by directive 2013/55/EU)
- Credential evaluation as a tool: Advice on the education level with which a foreign study programme, diploma or certificate is comparable to in the Netherlands.



# Credential evaluation

- Structure for international credential evaluation (IDW)
  - Two expertise centres: SBB and Nuffic
  - Information centre for Credential evaluation (IcDW)
- Commissioned by the Dutch government
- Digital application process via: [www.idw.nl](http://www.idw.nl)
- For whom?  
Individuals (incl. newcomers/refugees), employers, educational institutions and competent authorities
- Required documents:
  - copy of the diploma/certificate for evaluation
  - a copy of the grades list
  - a copy of passport/residence permit/identity card
  - a sworn translation of the required documents (if not in Dutch, English, German or French)



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# Credential evaluation

- Credential evaluation:
  - Indication of comparable Dutch level of education
  - Personal document in Dutch
  - Status: advice (no rights can be derived)
- Which diplomas?
  - Nationally recognized + study programme of at least 1000 hours
  - Not: work experience, short programmes, language courses, private education, Dutch diplomas
  - One diploma/certificate/study programme
- Methodology:
  - Check on authenticity
  - Different factors (e.g. entry requirements, level, duration, access to HE)
  - Factors VET (e.g. learning outcomes, professional skills, responsibilities, access to labour market)
  - Comparison to Dutch formal VET qualification structure
  - Same methodology for qualifications obtained in EU and third countries



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## DIPLOMAWAARDERING

Naam	:	
Naam op document	:	
Geboortedatum	:	
Land van opleiding	:	Filipijnen
Naam onderwijsinstelling	:	City College of Naga te Naga City
Studierichting	:	Graduate in midwifery
Nominale studieduur	:	2 jaar
Afgerond in	:	2011
Behaald diploma	:	Diploma

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### Waardering

Hierdoor heeft betrokkene een opleidingsniveau bereikt dat in Nederland vergelijkbaar is met dat van een opleiding op kwalificatieniveau 3 van het secundair beroepsonderwijs (mbo), in de richting verpleging en verzorging.

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Deze waardering is afgegeven te Zoetermeer door SBB op 1 juni 2018.

# Conclusion

- Recognition of foreign VET qualifications is organised in a decentralised manner in the Netherlands
- Procedure and parties involved depend on specific situation of individual
- Credential evaluation is a tool within the recognition process of foreign VET qualifications
- Assistance centre (AC) to provide information:  
Nuffic, in cooperation with SBB
- **Questions?**