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)
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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**Waardering**

Hierdoor heeft betrokken 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.

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

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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?