

Which diplomas cannot be evaluated?

General:

- Courses or training lasting shorter **than 1000 hours** (1 school year).
- Credentials that have **not been obtained in regular education**, for example at a private educational institute
- **Dutch** credentials and/or certificates.

Specifically:

- Driving licences, swimming certificates, employer references, declarations entitling you to practice a particular profession.
- Fork-lift driver certificates
- ICT courses, like Microsoft Office courses (Word, Excel, Access, Powerpoint) or typing certificates
- First Aid certificates
- Certificates from short security courses (shorter than 1000 hours)
- Business certificates, Business Management Certificates or Declarations
- Courses for uniform professions (police, fire brigade, army)
- Shipping training (shorter than 1000 hours and/or not obtained in regular education)
- Sector-specific credentials (shorter than 1000 hours and/or not obtained in regular education)
- Specialized internal hospital training (like OR assistant, Anaesthetics, etc., see College Zorg Opleidingen at www.czo.nl)

PLEASE NOTE: Sometimes, an evaluation of the diploma and/or certificate is not possible. In this case you will receive a *Bericht Geen Waardering*. A *Bericht Geen Waardering* will be issued after a substantive assessment of the application by the respective country expert. If we issue a *Bericht Geen Waardering*, the paid costs will not be refunded.

When should you contact another organization directly?

- **If you have foreign credentials and want to enroll in regular education in the Netherlands** we advise you to contact the school, college or university where you want to study. The educational institute decides on admission and possible exemptions for elements of the study. The educational institute can request a credential evaluation from SBB or Nuffic.

This arrangement does not apply to private educational institutes. In this case, you should apply for a credential evaluation yourself.

- **If you want to work as a teacher or apply for a Dutch academic title** you can contact Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs (DUO), Diploma assessment and Legalisation department
Telephone number: +31 50 599 80 36
E-mail: ks.dw@duo.nl
website www.duo.nl

Regulated (protected by law) professions

Some professions are regulated (protected by law) in the Netherlands. Examples are doctor, teacher, nurse or pharmacist's assistant. This means that you can only work in this profession after permission by the competent authority, the organisation that controls access to the profession. For instance, they check whether you meet the educational requirements for the profession.

If you want to work in a regulated profession in the **healthcare sector**, like nurse, physiotherapist, or *Verzorgende IG*, you should apply at *Centraal Informatiepunt Beroepen Gezondheidszorg (CIBG)* at the Ministerie van Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport (Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport)

BIG – information line: 0900 - 8998225
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A credential evaluation does **not** grant permission to work in a protected profession.

More information?

At www.professionalrecognition.nl you can check if a profession is regulated in the Netherlands. You will also find information about the competent authority for each profession on this website.

Do you still want to know the value of your diploma? Then you can apply for a credential evaluation.