



Title of the qualification (FI)
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Translated title of the qualification (EN)

Further Qualification for Animal Attendants (EN)

This translation has no legal status.

Profile of skills and competences

Composition of the qualification

*The qualification consists of five specialisation areas, each of which comprising three compulsory modules. The content of the modules varies according to the specialisation area. In the specialisation areas in care for small animals, care for laboratory animals and care for zoo animals, the following modules must be taken: **knowledge and care of animals, treatment and laboratory work, customer service and communication**. In addition, it is possible to take the **entrepreneurship** module. In the specialisation areas in animal boarding and pet trade, the following modules must be taken: **knowledge and care of animals, entrepreneurship, customer service and communication**.*

Vocational skills and competences required for completion of the qualification

Those who have completed the qualification shall:

- be familiar with the normal life span of an animal*
- command the basics of general biology and possess an overview of the specific biological properties of animals*
- be able to apply their knowledge of animal behaviour and of the nutritional and environmental requirements of different animal groups in caring for animals*
- possess basic knowledge of the anatomy, physiology and reproductive biology of animals*
- be familiar with the legislation and regulations of the field and its ethical principles and comply with these in their work*
- know how to use machinery and equipment required in their work*
- take occupational safety and environmental considerations into account in their actions*
- work in accordance with the principles of customer service*
- be able to guide and advise customers on matters relating to keeping and caring for animals*
- also be able to serve customers in a language other than their mother tongue*
- be flexible and co-operative in communication situations*
- know how to make use of basic IT skills, acquire information and develop their vocational skills*
- command the skills and knowledge of either the treatment and laboratory work or the entrepreneurship module, depending on their chosen specialisation area*

Range of occupations accessible to the holder of the certificate

Those who have completed the qualification are equipped to work in veterinary surgeries, zoos, animal boarding establishments, pet shops or research institutes in assignments according to their specialisation area.

(*) 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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Official basis of the certificate	
<p>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</p> <p><i>The qualification certificate is awarded by the Qualification Committee appointed by the National Board of Education.</i></p>	<p>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</p> <p><i>Ministry of Education National Board of Education, a central administrative board operating under the auspices of the Ministry of Education</i></p>
<p>Level of the certificate (national or international)</p> <p><i>EU classification level 3 Upper secondary level, ISCED 3</i></p>	<p>Grading scale/pass requirements</p> <p><i>Pass/fail</i></p>
<p>Access to the next level of education/training</p> <p><i>Confers eligibility to continue in non-university higher education, i.e. ammattikorkeakoulu/yrkeshögskola/polytechnic studies in a similar field.</i></p>	<p>International agreements</p>
<p>Legal base</p> <p><i>Vocational Adult Education Act (631/1998); Vocational Adult Education Decree (812/1998)</i></p>	

Officially recognised ways of obtaining the certificate
<p><i>The qualification is obtained by demonstrating vocational skills in competence tests. National qualification requirements have been defined in core curricula drawn up by the National Board of Education. Education and training leading to the qualification is arranged when necessary. This involves drawing up an individual study plan which includes a learning plan and a competence test plan.</i></p>
<p>Entry requirements</p> <p><i>Qualifications may be completed irrespective of how the vocational skills and competences have been obtained.</i></p> <p>Additional information</p> <p><i>The organisation and supervision of competence tests is the responsibility of Qualification Committees. The Qualification Committees represent employers, employees, teachers and, when necessary, entrepreneurs in the field.</i></p> <p>National reference point (NRP) National Board of Education P.O. Box 380 FI-00531 Helsinki, Finland recognition@oph.fi More information (including a description of the national qualifications system) is available by going to: www.oph.fi/info/recognition</p>