

SHE in the Netherlands

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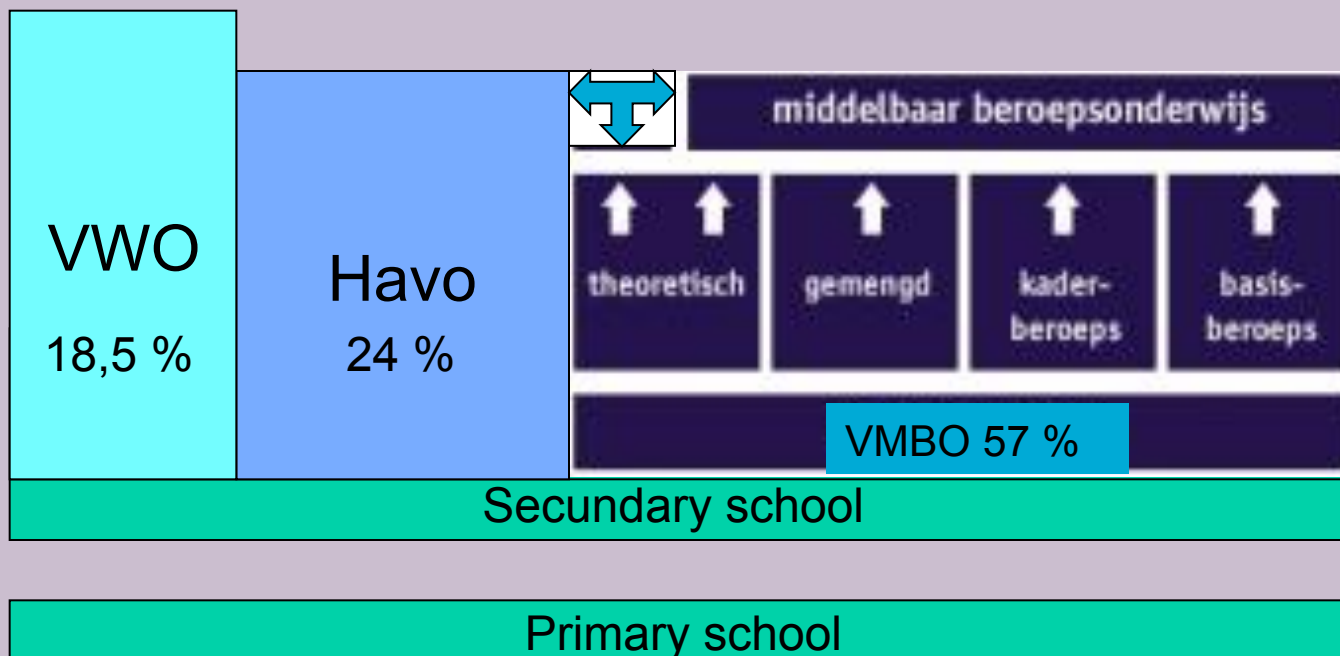
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Introduction

- Ad Vermeulen, Fontys Hogeschool Eindhoven, the Netherlands
- Fontys: university of applied science
- 1 of 24 ‘hogescholen’
- Fontys: 40.000 students, 36 institutes, 3 main locations (Tilburg, Eindhoven, Venlo)

Education in the Netherlands



HE in the Netherlands

- Higher Vocational Education and Training (havo/mbo4)
- University of applied science (hogeschool)
 - Level 5 AD (SCHE)
 - Level 6 Bachelor
 - Level 7 Master (professional)
- University of Science (universiteit) (vwo)
 - Level 6 Bachelor
 - Level 7 Master (Sc)
 - Level 8 Phd

NQF versus EQF

- 2005 ratification of EQF, 2008 EQF for LLL
- 2005: Dublin descriptors as reference for 6,7 and 8
- In 2008: 5,6,7 and 8 for LLL
- Every country a NQF
- Focus for the Netherlands:
 - Level 5, AD (the missing link)
 - VET: programmes tuning the Dublin descriptors
 - Domain competences and diploma supplement
- Bodies of knowledge and skills (BOK and BOS)
 - NVAO accreditation (QA)
- Only Ireland succeeded in time
- In spring 2011 The Netherlands: NQF as a tool

SHE = AD = level 5

Definition:

An Associate Degree is a higher education programme of nominal 2 years and (\geq) 120 EC' s.

The AD is linked to a existing bachelor and is a voucher for a 2 years bachelor (120 EC)

The AD is an official degree.

The entrée-demands for Ad are level 4 (secondary school min. havo or VET-4)



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History:

- 2006 introduction AD pilots. (until 2010)
- 2006-2007: Start pilot AD' s with 18 programmes
- 2007-2008: 55 programmes
- 2008-2009: 96 programmes
- In 2010: Extra 40 pilots within UAS (un.appl.sc) and 20 pilots, in cooperation with VET-4 (ROC' s)
- 2011: Formal introduction of AD' s

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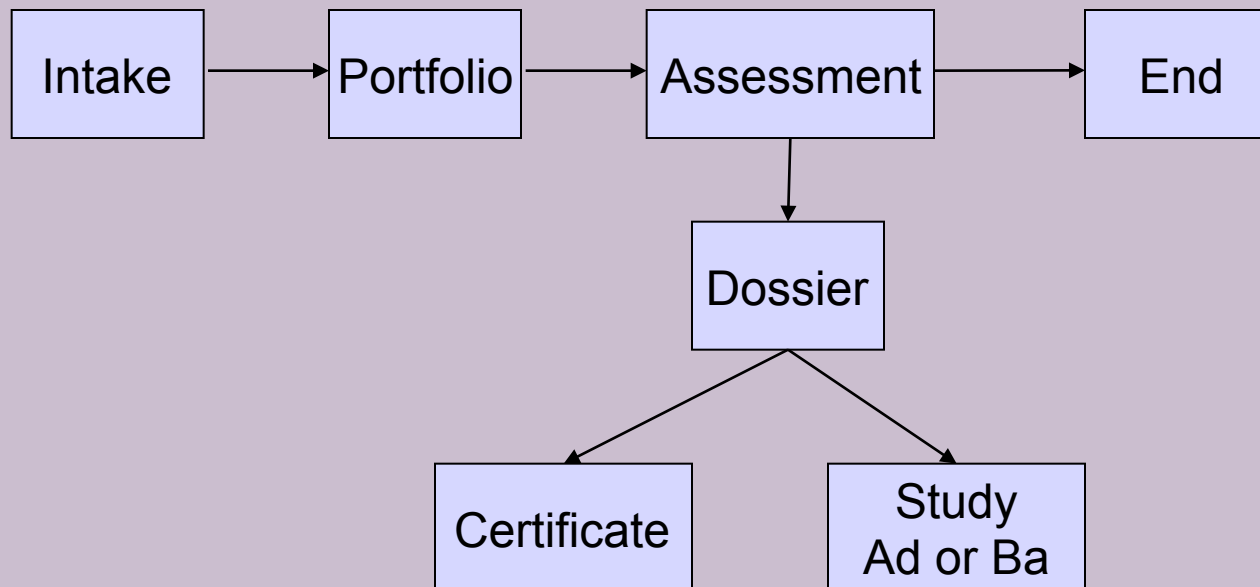
Monitoring AD: 2008

- The AD is attractive for VET-4 students that dislike the idea of another 4 years of studying but are still in for higher education.
- The AD is also attractive for employees who want to have a higher degree or need it for further grow in function.

AD en LLL

- AD part-time and dual most popular
 - Part-time mostly two evenings and projects
 - Dual: tri-partite agreement between institute, student and his/her company.
 - Learning on the job and lectures
- AD in cooperation with trade organisations, f.i.:
 - *Tax Authorities*
 - *Furniture makers*
 - *Travel agencies*
 - *Fast Food Services*
- Using EVC – procedure (already learned competences)
(2007 ->)
- Now LLL projects: tailor made programmes and modules

The EVC procedure



Life Long Learning???



Booooooring

Questions???



Statement 1

The AD deserves a separate institute (college?) to get the attention that it needs.

Statement 2

International accreditation for the AD
guaranties quality and makes
exchange or international student flow
in higher education possible.