

Netherlands

Background

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	G3A, 9 ^{de} jaar, klas/klasse 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school if on a general/academic track. Third year of lower secondary school if on a vocational track.
Native Language(s)	Dutch, Papiamentu, West Frisian
Graduation Timeline	
$6 + 3 + 2 = 11$ or $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ or $6 + 4 + 2 = 12$ or $6 + 4 + 3 = 13$ or $6 + 4 + 4 = 14$	Varies (11, 12, 13, or 14); see document-specific timelines below

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diploma van Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs (HAVO)* [Diploma of Higher General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. *Diploma van Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)* [Diploma of University Preparatory Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs (MBO Level 2 or MBO Level 3)* [Diploma of Middle Level Vocational Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs (MBO Level 4, general/academic track)* [Diploma of Middle Level Vocational Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

5. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs (MBO Level 4, specialist track)* [Diploma of Middle Level Vocational Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brugperiode* (Transitional Period) Completion
2. *Diploma Middlebaar Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs* (MAVO) [Diploma of Middle Level General Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. *Leerlingwezen* (Apprenticeship Training) Completion
4. *Vorbereidend Beroepsonderwijs* (VBO) [Preparatory Vocational Education] Completion

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. *Vorbereidend Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (VMBO) [Preparatory Middle Level Vocational Education] Completion

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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6. *Diploma Middlebaar Beroepsonderwijs* (MBO Level 1) [Diploma of Middle Level Vocational Education]

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
10	A	4
9	A	4
8	A	4
7	B	3
6	C	2
5	D	1
4	F	0
3	F	0
2	F	0
1	F	0

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
<i>Uitmuntend</i>	Excellent	A	4
<i>Zeer goed</i>	Very good	A	4
<i>Goed</i>	Good	A	4
<i>Ruim voldoende</i>	Ample satisfactory	B	3
<i>Voldoende</i>	Satisfactory	C	2
<i>Binja Voldoende</i>	Almost satisfactory	D	1
<i>Onvoldoende</i>	Insufficient	F	0
<i>Gering</i>	Very insufficient	F	0
<i>Slecht</i>	Bad	F	0
<i>Zeer slecht</i>	Very bad	F	0

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- » [Course Title Usage guide.](#)
- » [Determination of Credit resource.](#)
- » [International initial-eligibility flyer.](#)
- » [Student account task information.](#)
- » [NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.](#)
- » [Country-specific webpages.](#)
- » [Multi-country references.](#)

