



Title of the qualification (FI)
Title of the qualification (SV)

Keruuuotetarkastajan erikoisammattitutkinto (FI)
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Translated title of the qualification (EN)

Specialist Qualification for Berry, Herb and Mushroom Inspectors (EN)
This translation has no legal status.

Profile of skills and competences

Composition of the qualification

The modules of the qualification are species identification; utilisation of berries, herbs and mushrooms and guidance and training. In exceptional cases, candidates may specialise as inspectors of either mushrooms or herbs, in which case the vocational skills requirements are applied accordingly.

Vocational skills and competences required for completion of the qualification

Those who have completed the qualification shall:

- identify the plants, mushrooms and berries listed in the Requirements of the Competence-based Qualification and be familiar with their properties, such as edibility and toxicity*
- be capable of assisting the authorities in identification of plants and mushrooms*
- know how to gather plants, mushrooms and berries and prepare them for sale*
- know how to preserve plants, mushrooms and berries using different methods*
- be familiar with tar and charcoal burning*
- be familiar with sapping and the methods of gathering and using other natural products*
- be familiar with legislation related to berries, herbs and mushrooms*
- be capable of training advisers on berries, herbs and mushrooms*
- be capable of planning and implementing exhibitions and publicity events within the field*

Range of occupations accessible to the holder of the certificate

Those who have completed the qualification may work as experts in assignments related to the determination of species, use, processing and marketing of natural products and train advisers on berries, herbs and mushrooms.

(*) 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	
Name and status of the body awarding the certificate <i>The qualification certificate is awarded by the Qualification Committee appointed by the National Board of Education.</i>	Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate <i>Ministry of Education National Board of Education, a central administrative board operating under the auspices of the Ministry of Education</i>
Level of the certificate (national or international) <i>Post-secondary non-university level, ISCED 4C</i>	Grading scale/pass requirements <i>Pass/fail</i>
Access to the next level of education/training	International agreements
Legal base <i>Vocational Adult Education Act (631/1998); Vocational Adult Education Decree (812/1998)</i>	

Officially recognised ways of obtaining the certificate
<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>
Entry requirements <i>Qualifications may be completed irrespective of how the vocational skills and competences have been obtained.</i>
Additional information <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>
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