Educational system The Netherlands
(Onderwijssysteem Nederland)

University education
(Universiteit)

Higher professional education
(Hbo)

Level 4

Level 3

Level 2

level 1

Secondary vocational education
(Mbo)

Entrance education
(Entree-opleiding)

Work
(Werk)

Daytime Activities
(Dagbesteding)

Pre-university education
(Vwo)

6 years

Senior general secondary education
(Havo)

5 years

Pre-vocational secondary education
(Vmbo)

4 years

The Theoretical programme
(Theoretische leerweg (Mavo))

The Combined programme
(Gemengde leerweg)

The middle-management vocational programme
(Kaderberoepsgerichte leerweg)

The basic vocational programme
(Basisberoeps-gerichte leerweg)

Practical education
(Praktijkonderwijs)

4-6 years

Primary school
(Basisschool)
8 years