



# CERTIFICATE SUPPLEMENT (\*)



TITLE OF THE QUALIFICATION (FI)

TITLE OF THE QUALIFICATION (SV)

***Viittomakielisen ohjauksen perustutkinto 120 ov,  
viittomakielisen ohjauksen koulutusohjelma/osaamisala, viittomakielen ohjaaja (FI)***

Tutkinnon perusteiden voimaantulopäivä 1.8.2010

TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE QUALIFICATION (EN)

***Vocational Qualification in Sign Language Instruction, 120 credits,  
Study Programme/Competence Area in Sign Language Instruction, Sign Language Instructor (EN)***

Requirements of the Qualification entered into force on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010

This translation has no legal status.

PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

***Composition of the qualification***

*The compulsory qualification modules for all candidates are **command of Finnish sign language (20 cr.), children's and youth instruction and education in the sign language and communication field (30 cr.), instruction of adults and elderly people in the sign language and communication field (10 cr.) and communication methods and support for communication (10 cr.)**. In addition, candidates must take optional qualification modules that support vocational specialisation, such as instruction in expression skills, instruction for deaf-blind people, functioning in a multicultural working environment and service provision. Furthermore, it is possible to choose modules from other vocational, further and specialist qualifications. In addition, students on curricular (school-based) upper secondary VET programmes may also take qualification modules developed to meet the needs of the local world of work.*

*The total scope of vocational qualification modules is 90 credits (scopes do not apply to competence-based qualification modules). In addition, students on curricular (school-based) upper secondary VET programmes must take 20 credits of core subjects and 10 credits of free-choice qualification modules. Students may individually choose modules to expand the qualification.*

***Vocational skills and competences required for completion of the qualification***

*Those who have completed the qualification shall:*

- *know how to provide instruction and assistance especially for sign language, hearing and visually impaired and deaf-blind clients and those with intellectual disabilities as well as clients with special linguistic difficulties;*
- *be able to use Finnish sign language, sign-based methods, augmentative and alternative communication methods and plain language in assistance and instruction;*
- *be able to plan, organise and assess goal-oriented educational and recreational activities for people of different ages;*
- *be able to support development of their clients' communication and linguistic skills;*
- *be able to work in compliance with the principles of business operations;*
- *be able to function proactively, co-operatively and in a quality-conscious and service-oriented manner;*
- *know how to draw up the necessary messages and work reports, making use of information technology;*
- *be able to assume responsibility for their own work, assess their own work performance and develop their vocational skills;*
- *be able to manage in work-related interactive situations in one foreign language and both national languages.*

RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE

*Those who have completed the qualification may work in care, educational and rehabilitation assignments within social or educational services, such as learning support assignments. Their jobs may be in the public, private and third sectors, such as day-care centres, schools, camps, service housing units, care institutions, activity centres, clubs and courses. Their work assignments cover provision of instruction, education and assistance for sign language people and those with hearing, visual or speech impairments or linguistic disorders of different ages (including adults and elderly people). Sign language instructors may also work as personal or group assistants.*

OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

<p><b>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</b></p> <p><i>A vocational education and training provider authorised by the Ministry of Education and Culture. The qualification certificate for an upper secondary vocational qualification completed as a competence-based qualification is awarded by the Qualification Committee appointed by the National Board of Education.</i></p>	<p><b>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</b></p> <p><i>Ministry of Education and Culture Finnish National Board of Education, a central administrative board operating under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and Culture</i></p>
<p><b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b></p> <p><i>EU classification level 3 Upper secondary level, ISCED 3</i></p>	<p><b>Grading scale/Pass requirements</b></p> <p><i>Excellent 3 Good 2 Satisfactory 1 Lowest acceptable performance 1</i></p>
<p><b>Access to the next level of education/training</b></p> <p><i>The qualification confers eligibility to continue at higher education institutions.</i></p>	<p><b>International agreements</b></p>
<p><b>Legal basis</b></p> <p><i>Vocational Education and Training Act (630/1998); Vocational Education and Training Decree (811/1998) Vocational Adult Education Act (631/1998); Vocational Adult Education Decree (812/1998)</i></p>	

OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF OBTAINING THE CERTIFICATE

<p><i>By virtue of statutes, the qualification certificate may be obtained in one of three ways:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. The qualification may be completed as upper secondary vocational education and training, where the studies primarily take place at an educational institution. The education and training also include practical studies at the educational institution as well as studies at a workplace with a scope of at least 20 credits. The qualification certificate is awarded by the education provider with an authorisation granted by the Ministry of Education and Culture to provide education and training.</i></li> <li><i>2. The qualification may be completed as a competence-based qualification, where vocational skills are assessed regardless of how they have been acquired. The qualification certificate is awarded by the Qualification Committee appointed by the National Board of Education.</i></li> <li><i>3. The qualification may be completed as apprenticeship training. In this case, 70–80% and 30–20% of studies take place at a workplace and at an educational institution respectively. The student has a fixed-term contract of employment. The qualification certificate is awarded by the education provider or by the Qualification Committee.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>Entry requirements</b></p> <p><i>The syllabus of basic education (primary and lower secondary levels) or a corresponding previous syllabus in curricular upper secondary vocational education and training. Competence-based qualifications may be completed irrespective of how the vocational skills and competences have been obtained. No formal entry requirements have been specified for those participating in competence tests.</i></p>
<p><b>Additional information</b></p> <p><i>Learning outcomes are assessed nationally by field, either based on samples or covering all students. The Finnish National Board of Education is responsible for national assessments of learning outcomes. The statutory teaching qualifications required in upper secondary vocational education and training are a higher education degree and pedagogical studies with a scope of 35 credits. In addition, teachers of vocational studies are required to have three years of experience in their teaching field. More information (including a description of the national qualifications system) is available at: <a href="http://www.oph.fi/info/recognition">www.oph.fi/info/recognition</a>.</i></p>
<p><b>National Reference Point (NRP)</b></p> <p><i>Finnish National Board of Education P.O. Box 380 FI-00531 Helsinki, Finland <a href="mailto:recognition@oph.fi">recognition@oph.fi</a></i></p>

(\*) **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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