



## Statement

### Girls Secondary School in the Netherlands (mms)

The Girls Secondary School (**middelbare meisjesschool - mms**) ceased to exist in 1968. The last examinations were conducted in 1973. The mms was covered by the responsibility of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and was funded entirely by central government. It was governed by the Secondary Education Act.

The course had a nominal duration of five years (age 12 to 17), after six years of primary education and was part of the Dutch system of general secondary education.

The aim was to provide pupils with a general secondary education and to prepare them for entrance to higher professional education.

The final examinations were held in six subjects: Dutch, French, German, English, geography and history.

The Girls Secondary School leaving certificate entitled the holder for entrance to higher professional education.

To enable a comparison with the marking system in another country, here is an explanation of the marks 1 to 10 in the Dutch system:

10 - excellent	5 - almost satisfactory
9 - very good	4 - unsatisfactory
8 - good	3 - very unsatisfactory
7 - very satisfactory	2 - poor
6 - satisfactory (pass)	1 - very poor