



Statement

General secondary education, intermediate level in the Netherlands (mulo)

The general secondary education, intermediate level (**meer uitgebreid lager onderwijs - mulo**) ceased to exist in 1968. The last final examinations were conducted in 1972. The mulo 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 Primary Education Act.

The course had a nominal duration of four years (age 12 to 16), after six years of primary education (age 6 to 12) and was part of the Dutch system of general secondary education.

Mulo consisted of two branches of studies:

- arts (leading to the mulo-A diploma)
- sciences (leading to the mulo-B diploma)

Mulo should be regarded principally as a preparatory course for various forms of further education, including upper secondary vocational education (middelbaar beroepsonderwijs - mbo). Mulo diploma holders also had the possibility to be admitted to the fourth year of senior general secondary education (hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs - havo), depending on the level at which they sat their examinations.

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