

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

***Tuotekehitystyön erikoisammattitutkinto***  
*Specialyrkesexamen i produktutvecklingsarbete*

*Qualification requirements entered into force on 01.01.2026 (OPH-4684-2025)*

**Translated title of the qualification (EN)**

***Specialist Vocational Qualification in Product Development***

This translation has no legal status.

**Profile of skills and competences****Composition of the qualification**

The specialist vocational qualification in product development (180 competence points) is composed of compulsory units (90 competence points) and optional units (45 competence points). The compulsory unit is Proactive development (90 competence points). The optional units are Building a brand (45 competence points), Productisation in product development work (45 competence points), Service design in product development work (45 competence points), and Working as an innovator (45 competence points). It is also possible to take a unit from another further or specialist vocational qualification as an optional unit (45 competence points).

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

Holders of the specialist vocational qualification in product development knows how to refine and develop the products, services, or operating models in their sector. They know the steps of a developmental process. Based on the units they have selected, the qualification holder knows how to take a customer-based approach to shaping product development work, productise it for the market, and build a functional brand around it. They have the ability to readily utilise new tools and methods, perform quick and agile experiments as well as work as a part of a development team. Holders of the specialist vocational qualification in product development showcases the thinking of a developer acting as an innovator in their organisation.

<b>Range of occupations accessible to the holder of the certificate</b>	
Regardless of sector, holders of the specialist vocational qualification in product development work in tasks offering the opportunity and authority to conceive, plan, and implement product development projects with a development team. Product development work refers to developing a product, a service, or an operating model. In product development work, it is important to produce a new product, service, or operating model. Qualification holders may work either in the private or the public sector.	
<b>Official basis of the certificate</b>	
<b>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</b> An education provider with an authorisation to provide education and award qualifications granted by the Ministry of Education and Culture.	<b>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</b> Ministry of Education and Culture  Finnish National Agency for Education, the national agency subordinate to the Ministry of Education and Culture
<b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b> National Qualifications Framework (nqf) 5 European Qualifications Framework (eqf) 5 ISCED 4	<b>Grading scale/Pass requirements</b> pass/fail
<b>Access to the next level of education/training</b> The qualification confers eligibility for higher education studies.	<b>International agreements</b> -
<b>Legal basis</b> Vocational Education and Training Act 531/2017 and the decrees that complement it.	

<b>Officially recognised ways of obtaining the certificate</b>
The vocational skills required for completing the modules are demonstrated by performing practical tasks in authentic situations and work processes (demonstration of knowledge and skills). The student's knowledge and skills are assessed diversely by a teacher and a working life representative and compared to the competence defined in the qualification requirements. The education provider awards the student a qualification certificate once the qualification has been completed acceptably in accordance to the qualification requirements laid down by the Finnish National Agency for Education.
<b>Entry requirements</b> No formal qualifications are required to take the competence test.
<b>Additional information</b> Finnish National Agency for Education  P.O. Box 380, FI00531 Helsinki, Finland  www.oph.fi

### **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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