

# Intake of new professionals Increasing 'the pool'

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## Broadening intake possibilities for education programme as ambulance nurse

Previously, only persons with both a registration under the BIG (register of individual healthcare practitioners maintained by the Ministry of Public Health, Welfare and Sport) and a diploma as an intensive care nurse, urgent care nurse or anaesthesiology nurse could be admitted to an ambulance nurse education programme.



A study programme to become an Emergency Medical Technician has been set up for nurses without a specialisation. These nurses will go through a longer process than nurses who have completed a specialist nurse education programme.

## Making education more flexible



Along with broadening the intake into these programmes, the curricula in the programmes will be made more flexible. The CZO Flex Level project is working towards a modular system of function-based learning and follow-up training that can readily adapt to changes in the care sector.



## Regional pilot study with engagement fo junior doctors



There are currently two ambulance services running regional pilot studies to gain experience with the use of junior doctors in the ambulance. The Regionale Ambulancevoorziening (RAV, Regional Ambulance Service) is offering a traineeship for junior doctors that provides training in accordance with the national protocol for ambulance care. Junior doctors must achieve the same final qualifications as maintained for CZO-accredited ambulance nurses. This regional pilot project has been approved by the Ministry of Public Health, Welfare & Sport. The results of this pilot project are to be shared with Ambulancezorg Nederland (AZN, the ambulance care sector association for the Netherlands), following which a decision will be made on whether and to what extent to make this national policy

## Launch of the physician's assistant Bachelor's programme



Since May 2017, bachelor's students who have completed the bachelor programme physician assistant (Bacheloropleiding Medische Hulpverlening, BMH) have been permitted to work in ambulance care.

The BMH gives patients the same care as an ambulance nurse, and in so doing follows the national ambulance care protocol. This new position of BMH is being introduced in the ambulance care sector through a national pilot project. In 2019, 40 graduates of a Bachelor's Degree Programme for Medical Assistance [Bacheloropleiding Medische Hulpverlening] were working in the ambulance sector. Since September 2018, the BMH curriculum has also offered a dual variant for ambulance drivers.