

**1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (DE)** <sup>(1)</sup>**Lehrabschlussprüfungszeugnis Metalltechnik –  
Hauptmodul Schmiedetechnik**<sup>(1)</sup> in original language**2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)** <sup>(2)</sup>**Certificate of Apprenticeship ‘Metal Technology Specialising  
in Forging’ (f/m)**<sup>(2)</sup> This translation has no legal status.**3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES****Interdisciplinary areas of competence:**

1. Working in an operational and professional environment
2. Quality oriented, safe and sustainable work
3. Digital work

**Specialist areas of competence:**

4. Test technology and material technology
5. Manufacturing technology and mechanical engineering
6. Automation and manufacturing management

**Professional profile main module forging:**

The professional is able to

1. Read technical documents, sketches, drawings suitable for manufacturing or 3D models, extract required information from them, identify and describe any defects and produce sketches and drawings suitable for manufacturing taking into account standard specifications,
2. Select and use testing and measuring equipment depending on the order, check the plausibility of the obtained results and identify any sources of error,
3. Use personal protective equipment and determine the safety of hand tools, hand-guided machines and machinery through visual inspections,
4. Carry out joining and separating techniques (screwing, gluing, pressing, welding, drilling, cutting, sawing, punching) with suitable tools, equipment and machines,
5. Carry out forming techniques (bending, straightening, pressing) with suitable hand tools and machines,
6. Manually and mechanically process metals as part of the forging and heat treatment process by heat treating, hardening, annealing, firing and heating the forging, identify any faults in the machining process, determine their causes and rectify them,
7. Produce forged products (e.g. for railings, grates, gates, doors) by forging by hand and with power hammers or forged products (e.g. open-die forgings, piston rods, connecting rods, coupling rods, perforated rings, discs, shafts) by forging with forging machines (e.g. power hammers, mechanical hammers, hydraulic presses), recognise any deviations from the specifications and rectify them,
8. Assemble manufactured components into forged products and check their function,
9. Assess substrates for fastening forged products, select and apply the correct fastening technique or select the appropriate fastening options (e.g. fittings) for the respective application on forged products and mount them using the appropriate production technique,
10. Restore and conserve historical metalwork according to specifications using the appropriate techniques and repair and refurbish professionally (ornamental blacksmith and toolsmith),
11. Within the framework of quality management, carry out work such as assessing quality and production specifications,

12. Take into account the relevant regulations and legal provisions for all work.

#### 4. RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE <sup>(3)</sup>

##### Range of occupations:

Employment in predominantly artisanal commercial enterprises including for the production of forged workpieces (such as grates, gates, railings), for the further processing of forged workpieces (e.g. by welding, riveting, grinding, milling, hardening, etc.), the repair and maintenance of commercial vehicles, construction machinery, etc. and the restoration of forged objects and building components (e.g. monuments or listed buildings). In the field of industrial manufacturing, employment in the series production of forged parts.

<sup>(3)</sup> if applicable

##### (\*) Explanatory note

This document has been developed with a view to providing additional information on individual certificates; it has no legal effect in its own right. These explanatory notes refer to the Decision (EU) no. 2018/646 of the European parliament and the Council of 2 May 2018 on a common framework for the provision of better services for skills and qualifications (Europass).

More information on Europass is available at: <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu> or [www.europass.at](http://www.europass.at)

#### 5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

<p><b>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</b></p> <p>Lehrlingsstelle der Wirtschaftskammer</p> <p>(Apprenticeship Office of the Economic Chamber; for the address, see certificate)</p>	<p><b>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</b></p> <p>Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Wirtschaft</p> <p>(Federal Ministry for Labour and Economy)</p>
<p><b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b></p> <p>NQF/EQF 4</p> <p>ISCED 35</p>	<p><b>Grading scale / Pass requirements</b></p> <p>Overall performance:</p> <p>Pass with Distinction</p> <p>Good Pass</p> <p>Pass</p> <p>Fail</p>
<p><b>Access to next level of education/training</b></p> <p>Access to the <i>Berufsreifeprüfung</i> (i.e. certificate providing university access for skilled workers) or a vocational college for people under employment.</p> <p>Access to relevant courses at a <i>Fachhochschule</i> (i.e. university level study programme of at least three years' duration with vocational-technical orientation); additional examinations must be taken if the educational objective of the respective course requires it.</p>	<p><b>International agreements</b></p> <p>Between Germany, Hungary, South Tyrol and Austria, international agreements on the mutual automatic recognition of apprenticeship-leave examinations and other vocational qualifications have been concluded. Information on equivalent apprenticeship occupations can be obtained from the Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs.</p>
<p><b>Legal basis</b></p> <p>1. Training Regulation for metal technology BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 97/2022 (company-based training)</p> <p>2. Curriculum framework (education at the vocational school for apprentices)</p> <p>3. The present apprenticeship trade replaces the apprenticeship trade metal technology (Training and Examination Regulation BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 148/2011 as amended by BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 149/2018), which expired as of April 30, 2022. Article 4 to 15 will cease to have effect on December 31, 2023.</p> <p>4. The apprenticeship 'metal technology' has been set up as a modular apprenticeship. Following the basic and main module there is the option to provide training in an additional main module. Apprentices can select the additional main module 'metal construction and steel sheet engineering'. Information on the special modules is provided in the Certificate of Apprenticeship.</p>	

#### 6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE

1. Training in the framework of the given Training Regulation for metal technology and of the curriculum of the vocational school for apprentices. Admission to the final apprenticeship examination upon completion of the apprenticeship period specified for the apprenticeship trade concerned. The final apprenticeship examination aims to establish whether the apprentice has acquired the skills and competences required for the respective

apprenticeship trade and is able to carry out the activities particular to the learned trade herself/himself in an appropriate manner.

2. Admission to the final apprenticeship examination in accordance with Article 23 (5) of the *Berufsausbildungsgesetz* (Vocational Training Act). An applicant for an examination is entitled to sit the final apprenticeship examination without completing a formal apprenticeship training if she/he has reached 18 years of age and is able to prove acquisition of the required skills and competences by means of a relevant practical or an on-the-job training activity of appropriate length, by attending relevant courses etc.

**Additional information:**

**Entry requirements:** successful completion of 9 years of compulsory schooling.

**Duration of training:** basic module and main module 3,5 years; basic, main and additional main module: 4 years

**Enterprise-based training:** Enterprise-based training comprises  $\frac{4}{5}$  of the entire duration of the training and focuses on the provision of job-specific skills and competences according to Article 9 of the Training Regulation, BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 97/2022, enabling the apprentice to exercise qualified activities as defined by the profile of skills and competences specified above (cf. job profile).

**Education at vocational school:** School-based education comprises  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the entire duration of the training. The vocational school for apprentices has the tasks of imparting to apprentices the basic theoretical knowledge, of supplementing their enterprise-based training and of widening their general education in the framework of subject-oriented part-time instruction.

**More information** (including a description of the national qualification system) is available at:

[www.zeugnisinfo.at](http://www.zeugnisinfo.at) and [www.edusystem.at](http://www.edusystem.at)

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