CERTIFICATE SUPPLEMENT (*)

Austria

1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (DE) (1)

Lehrabschlussprüfungszeugnis Polsterer/Polsterin

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(1) in original language

2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN) (2)

Certificate of Apprenticeship 'Upholsterer' (f/m)

(2) This translation has no legal status.

3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

- measurement of furniture and determination of material required
- development of own design ideas considering pattern, shape and colour
- order-related selection and cutting of materials and auxiliary materials
- execution of sewing work by hand and machine on different materials
- insertion of spring cores and/or foam combinations
- building of classic upholstered furniture with straps, places with springs, cords, and by filling, padding, stuffing, covering with cover fabrics (upholstery fabrics, imitation leather, leather, etc.), performance of finishing work
- building of modern upholstered furniture with straps, inserting spring cores and/or foam combinations, upholstering and covering with cover fabrics, performance of finishing work
- repair of upholstered furniture
- performance of tasks taking into consideration relevant safety and environmental regulations as well as standards and quality standards
- appropriate written and oral command of language and mode of expression as well as use of job-related foreign language

4. RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE (3)

Range of occupations:
Employment including in the upholstered furniture industry and in enterprises of the upholsterer's trade

(3) 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) 2018/646 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 April 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

5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

Name and status of the body awarding the certificate	**Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate**
Lehrlingsstelle der Wirtschaftskammer (Apprenticeship Office of the Economic Chamber; for the address, see certificate)	Bundesministerium für Digitalisierung und Wirtschaftsstandort (Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs)
Level of the certificate (national or international) NQF/EQF 4 ISCED 35	**Grading scale / Pass requirements** Overall performance: Pass with Distinction Good Pass Pass Fail
Access to next level of education/training Access to the *Berufsreifeprüfung* (i.e. certificate providing university access for skilled workers) or a vocational college for people under employment. Access to relevant courses at a *Fachhochschule* (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.	**International agreements** 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. More information on this topic may be obtained at the Austrian Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs.

Legal basis

1. Training Regulation and Examination Regulation for Upholsterer BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 157/2018 (company-based training)
2. Curriculum framework (education at the vocational school for apprentices)
3. The present apprenticeship trade replaces the apprenticeship trade Upholsterer (Training Regulation BGBl. II [Federal Law Gazette] No. 430/1972 as amended by BGBl. II [Federal Law Gazette] No. 177/2005 and Examination Regulation BGBl. [Federal Law Gazette] No. 578/1974), which expired as of 31.05.2018.

6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE

1. Training in the framework of the given Training Regulation for Upholsterer 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: 3 years

Enterprise-based training: Enterprise-based training comprises $^{4}/_{5}$ of the entire duration of the training and focuses on the provision of job-specific skills and competences according to Article 3 of the Training Regulation, BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 157/2018, enabling the apprentice to exercise qualified activities as defined by the profile of skills and competences specified above.

Education at vocational school: School-based education comprises $^{1}/_{5}$ 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 and www.edusystem.at

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