

**1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (DE) <sup>(1)</sup>**

**Lehrabschlussprüfungszeugnis Rauchfangkehrer/Rauchfangkehrerin**

<sup>(1)</sup> in original language

**2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN) <sup>(2)</sup>**

**Certificate of Apprenticeship 'Chimney Sweep' (f/m)**

<sup>(2)</sup> This translation has no legal status.

**3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES**

- preparation of fireplaces for sweeping, cleaning and maintenance work or inspection activities; restoration of operational readiness and final inspection of fireplaces
- sweeping and cleaning of fireplaces as well as maintenance of combustion facilities of fireplaces taking safety-relevant aspects into account as well as identification of defects in them
- sweeping, cleaning and maintenance of exhaust systems and connecting pieces taking safety-relevant aspects into account as well as identification of defects in them
- inspection and cleaning of air and fume ducts as well as air and fume shafts
- execution of the legally prescribed inspection activities and measurements, such as shell construction and use inspections, on fireplaces, exhaust systems and connecting pieces, such as new connection or modification of a fireplace, air connection inspections, exhaust gas measurements, operational tightness, free cross-section in exhaust systems, etc.
- keeping of sweep records, participation in the preparation of inspection results and measurement protocols based on the results of the inspection activities as well as in the provision of information to the customer and implementation of hazard control in the event of an emergency
- provision of advice to customers on the possibilities of energy saving, environmentally friendly heating, increasing energy efficiency, fire protection and the necessary recurring sweeps and inspections, also with regard to the safety of fireplaces, connecting pieces and exhaust systems
- cooperation in the inspection of fire extinguishers and smoke alarms
- performance of the work in compliance with the relevant norms, quality, safety and environmental standards as well as the provisions of regional legislation
- 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 <sup>(3)</sup>**
**Range of occupations:**

Employment including in small and medium-sized companies of the chimney sweep's trade

<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) 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](http://www.europass.at)

5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE	
<b>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</b>  Lehrlingsstelle der Wirtschaftskammer  (Apprenticeship Office of the Economic Chamber; for the address, see certificate)	<b>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</b>  Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Wirtschaft (Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy)
<b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b>  NQF/EQF 4 ISCED 35	<b>Grading scale / Pass requirements</b>  Overall performance: Pass with Distinction Good Pass Pass Fail
<b>Access to next level of education/training</b> Access to the <i>Berufsreifeprüfung</i> (i.e. certificate providing university access for skilled workers) or a vocational college for people under employment. 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.	<b>International agreements</b> 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 of Labour and Economy.
<b>Legal basis</b> 1. Training Regulation and Examination Regulation for Chimney Sweep BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 158/2018 (company-based training) 2. Curriculum framework (education at the vocational school for apprentices) 3. The present apprenticeship trade replaces the apprenticeship trade Chimney Sweep (Training regulation BGBl. II [Federal Law Gazette] No. 610/1995 as amended by BGBl. II [Federal Law Gazette] No. 177/2005 and Examination Regulation BGBl. II [Federal Law Gazette] No. 610/1995), which expired as of 31.05.2018.	

6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE
1. Training within the framework of the given Training Regulation for Chimney Sweep 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 <i>Berufsausbildungsgesetz</i> (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.
<b>Additional information:</b>  <b>Entry requirements:</b> successful completion of 9 years of compulsory schooling  <b>Duration of training:</b> 3 years  <b>Enterprise-based training:</b> 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 3 of the Training Regulation, BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 158/2018, enabling the apprentice to exercise qualified activities as defined by the profile of skills and competences specified above.  <b>Education at vocational school:</b> 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 within the framework of subject-oriented part-time instruction.  <b>More information</b> (including a description of the national qualification system) is available at: <a href="http://www.zeugnisinfo.at">www.zeugnisinfo.at</a> and <a href="http://www.edusystem.at">www.edusystem.at</a>

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