

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

**Lehrabschlussprüfungszeugnis Metaldesign – Schwerpunkt Gürtlerei**

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

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

**Certificate of Apprenticeship “Metal Design specialising in Belt-Making” (f/m)**

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

**3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES**
**Specialist areas of competence:**
**Basics of metal design**

The specialist in metal design creates various products to order, such as lighting fixtures, furnishings, jewellery, print forms, signs, round hollow objects and works of art using various metal design techniques. To do this, he/she gathers information from customer designs, CAD drawings or 3D models and selects suitable materials based on the order and on his/her knowledge of utilisation, processing and treatment options. He/she prepares tools and machines and ensures operational quality assurance and compliance with relevant safety regulations during work processes. If necessary, the specialist replaces damaged tools and machines or repairs simple damage himself/herself. To manufacture products, the specialist carries out various cutting processes, such as cutting and sawing, depending on the order, and produces detachable and non-detachable connections using suitable tools or equipment, e.g. by gluing, riveting or soldering. Depending on the respective requirements, he/she processes metal workpieces, e.g. by drilling, bending, rolling, turning or milling, using hand tools, hand-held machines, conventional machine tools or computer-aided machines. As part of the production process, the specialist carries out simple technical calculations, such as speed and feed rate calculations. To measure and inspect workpieces, the specialist selects test equipment such as measuring sticks or protractors and identifies any sources of error when carrying out the work. He/she assesses the manufactured products in terms of quality and customer specifications. The specialist packs the products professionally and according to customer specifications, prepares units for transport or storage and takes into account the basic internal logistics process, from goods procurement, goods receipt, goods storage and internal logistics through to goods delivery. When carrying out work, the specialist observes the relevant legal regulations and technical guidelines.

**Specialisation in belt-making**

The specialist in metal design specialising in belt-making designs various products (e.g. lighting fixtures, furnishings, holy objects) based on customer designs. He/she assesses the sketches and drawings provided and recognises any errors (e.g. incompleteness, content that cannot be implemented). The specialist converts customer designs in the form of design sketches, for example, into production-ready drawings, taking into account the likes of aesthetic design and stylistics. If required, he/she also uses CAD (computer-aided design) software to make adaptations and converts the resulting 2D drawings and 3D data into production data sets. Based on designs and drawings, the specialist creates belt-making products or repairs them. To this end, he/she produces auxiliary tools such as chisels and templates. He/she processes metals and workpieces using different production techniques, aligns them and shapes them using various techniques (e.g. bending, swaging, crimping, beating and repousse). In addition, the specialist welds in various positions using different processes and carries out simple surface treatment processes. The specialist assembles products (e.g. electrical lighting fixtures) on the basis of simple electrical circuit and connection diagrams and arranges for the final assembly and acceptance of electrical components. In doing so, he/she complies with the relevant safety regulations and technical guidelines. The specialist assesses the quality of work in the field of belt-making, advises customers on technical issues and the realisation of the products to be manufactured and provides information on the timing of implementation.

**Interdisciplinary areas of competence:**

- Working in an operational and professional environment
- Quality oriented, safe and sustainable work
- Digital work

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

**Range of occupations:**

Employment including in small and medium-sized businesses in the belt-making industry and in industrial companies

<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

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 Arbeit und Wirtschaft (Federal Ministry for Labour and Economy)
Level of the certificate (national or international)	Grading scale / Pass requirements
NQF/EQF 4 ISCED 35	Overall performance: Pass with Distinction Good Pass Pass Fail
Access to next level of education/training	International agreements
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.	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 Labour and Economy).
Legal basis	
1. Training Regulation for Metal Design BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 186/2024 (company-based training) 2. Curriculum framework (education at the vocational school for apprentices) 3. The present apprenticeship trade replaces the apprenticeship trade metal design technician specialising in belt-making (Training and Examination Regulation BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 267/2002 as amended by BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 177/2005), which expired as of 30 of June 2024.	

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

1. Training in the framework of the given Training Regulation for Metal Design 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

**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 3 of the Training Regulation, BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 186/2024, 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:  
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