

**1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (DE)<sup>(1)</sup>****Lehrabschlussprüfungszeugnis Berufsfotografie**<sup>(1)</sup> in original language**2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)<sup>(2)</sup>****Certificate of Apprenticeship 'Professional Photographer' (f/m)**<sup>(2)</sup> This translation has no legal status.**3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES****Specialist areas of competence:****1. Photography**

The professional photographer carries out a wide range of photographic work. This includes taking pictures of people and landscapes, photo shoots (e.g. weddings) as well as staging advertising shots and making short films. He/she consciously pays attention to image composition, avoids mistakes and unwanted effects such as blurring, image noise and over- and underexposure. By using optical measuring instruments such as luxmeters, colorimeters and spectrophotometers, he/she determines physical parameters such as luminance/brightness, light distribution and colour temperature. From the resulting measurement results, the professional draws conclusions about the current lighting situation and makes adjustments if necessary. He/she skilfully influences location-dependent lighting situations indoors and outdoors, e.g. with lighting devices, and therefore controls the direction of lighting. From taking a photo to choosing the correct storage medium for the collected data, he/she knows how to use and handle his/her job-specific equipment professionally. The professional selects analogue or digital camera types and lenses, tripods, flash units, studio accessories and different filters according to requirements. Beyond this, he/she applies important methods for the implementation of colour management, calibration (ICC (International Color Consortium) profiling), archiving, transport and maintenance of in-house equipment. When working with digital image processing and image editing software, he/she first imports and converts generated raw camera data professionally, assesses them (e.g. digital proof), processes them, carries out image corrections and creatively influences image results if desired. He/she processes analogue shots by scanning or digital reproduction. He/she also digitally restores images such as photographs, paintings, prints or etchings. The professional designs photos or short video recordings on the camera for saleable print and presentation applications, such as posters, flyers or small audio or video projects. He/she combines different media and prepares, for example, text and image composition drafts, also using subject-specific multimedia software.

The professional takes into account current operational and legal provisions, in particular the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the Copyright Act (UrhG), copyright contract law, personal rights and the right to one's own image.

**2. Customer advice and order organisation**

The professional photographer advises customers on the basis of their needs and develops the most suitable offer. For this, he/she draws on his/her professional expertise and knowledge of current trends in the industry. He/she ensures compliance with all operational and legal requirements, in particular copyright and copyright contract law. When preparing and carrying out an order, he/she works together with other persons, e.g. photo models, hairdressers, registrars, if necessary. The professional suggests suitable measures for acquiring new customers, taking into account various channels. He/she skilfully and professionally offers products from his/her range and additional services to potential customers. The professional deals with complaints and claims competently.

**Interdisciplinary areas of competence:**

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

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

##### Range of occupations:

Employment including in portrait and people photography, advertising, fashion and press photography, landscape, architecture and food photography in preparation, development, post-processing and further processing; in customer consulting as well as in the care, cleaning and maintenance of the equipment.

<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

<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 for 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. Information on equivalent apprenticeship occupations can be obtained from the Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs.
<b>Legal basis</b> 1. Training Regulation for the Professional Photographer BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 98/2022 (company-based training) 2. Curriculum framework (education at the vocational school for apprentices) 3. The present apprenticeship trade replaces the apprenticeship trade Professional Photographer (Training and Examination Regulation BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 141/2011), which ran out as of April 30, 2022 with the exception of article 4 to 10. Article 4 to 10 of the training regulation for the Professional Photographer as amended by BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 141/2011) will cease to have effect on December 31, 2023.	

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

1. Training in the framework of the given Training Regulation for the Professional Photographer 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:** 3.5 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. 98/2022, 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:  
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