

1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (DE)⁽¹⁾
Zeugnis Desinfektionsassistenz
⁽¹⁾ in original language

2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)⁽²⁾
Certificate Disinfection Assistance
⁽²⁾ If applicable. This translation has no legal status.

3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES
<p>Reduction and elimination of micro-organisms and macroscopic parasitic organisms in institutions on a doctor's order and supervised by a doctor. The graduate</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. is able to integrate into a line organisation/hospital or an institution in charge of relevant public health tasks; 2. is familiar with typical structural and process organisations with regard to cleaning, disinfection, sterilisation, disinfestation (rooms and persons), etc., as well as the role and function of disinfection assistants in them; 3. has the relevant basic knowledge of hygiene, microbiology, parasitology, virology, zoonoses and pest control and in handling chemical substances (toxicology) as required for performing tasks; 4. is familiar with the basic outline of legal and technical requirements (legislation, standards, guidelines, procedures) and knows where to access them; 5. is familiar with the medical product cycle as well as the basis for its validation; 6. is able to perform, control and document cleaning, disinfection and sterilisation processes, recognises simple disturbances in these processes and is able to eliminate them or arrange for their elimination; this means, for example, that he/she can carry out the process steps of the medical product cycle for commonly used medical products that have to be cleaned (including visual and functional checks); 7. has knowledge on the decontamination of medical products, rooms, objects, vehicles and living beings and can properly perform typical decontamination measures; 8. is able to properly perform the appropriate procedure for the disinfection and disinfestation of objects, rooms, vehicles and buildings as well as the disinfestation and delousing of persons (including quality assurance and documentation) within the framework of the tasks stipulated by a public health authority (final disinfection, decontamination, disinfestation, etc.), and, in particular, is able to ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the correct handling of necessary protective clothing and devices; – the safe and efficient use of the disinfectants and pesticides to be applied (also ensuring the required concentration and duration of exposure as well as safety measures); – the storage and disposal of protective clothing, disinfectants and disinfection devices; – the performance of head and body delousing for patients (including handling, cleaning and disinfection of devices needed for these task); – necessary documentation. 9. acts in line with the provisions on sterility and hygiene; 10. recognises the importance of a culturally sensitive and patient-oriented attitude in action situations; 11. applies basic communication skills in contact with patients and in the team.

4. RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE⁽³⁾
<p>Employment by hospitals; employment by other establishments under medical or nursing management or supervision that specialise in the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of diseases or in follow-up care, nursing of persons needing care or in collecting blood or blood components; employment by medical practitioners and group practices; employment by a self-employed biomedical analyst or radiology technologist; employment by public health authorities or research, science, industry and veterinary services.</p>
⁽³⁾ if applicable

<p>(*) 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 Decision No. 2241/2004/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 15 December 2004 on a single Community framework for the transparency of qualifications and competences (Europass). Any section of these notes which the issuing authorities consider irrelevant may remain blank. More information on transparency is available at: http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu or www.europass.at/</p>

5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE	
Name and status of the body awarding the certificate School for medical assistant professions or course on disinfection assistance; for the address, see the certificate	Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection
Level of the certificate (national or international) ISCED 351 Certificate pursuant to Article 11 (b) of Directive 2005/36/EC	Grading scale / Pass requirements Rating of the performance at the final exam before the examination commission "mit ausgezeichnetem Erfolg bestanden" (pass with distinction) "mit gutem Erfolg bestanden" (good pass) "bestanden" (pass) "nicht bestanden" (fail)
Access to next level of education/training Education in qualified medical assistance	International agreements
Legal basis <i>Medizinische Assistenzberufe-Gesetz</i> (Act on Medical Assistant Professions), Federal Law Gazette I No. 89/2012 <i>MAB-Ausbildungsverordnung</i> (Ordinance on Education and Training for Medical Assistant Professions), Federal Law Gazette II No. 282/2013	

6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE
Training in disinfection assistance under the <i>MAB-Ausbildungsverordnung</i> (Ordinance on Education and Training for Medical Assistant Professions)
<p>Additional information</p> <p>Entry requirements: Successful completion of the ninth school grade or passed basic education exam, medical fitness; trustworthiness</p> <p>Duration of education: min. 650 hours</p> <p>Theoretical instruction: <u>Subjects:</u> First aid and wound dressing; introduction to the healthcare system, including healthcare professions; ethical aspects of healthcare; introduction to general hygiene; applied ergonomics; health protection and promotion; communication and team work; medical terminology and documentation; foundations of infectiology and hygiene, including disinfection and sterilisation; advanced knowledge in the field (handling of sterile supplies, disinfestation); legislation relevant for the profession.</p> <p>Practical training: Hospital, health care authorities: disinfection, sterilisation, disinfestation sector, validated unit for preparing medical products</p> <p>Principles of education and training: <u>Theoretical instruction:</u> Orientation to situations and actions in discussing topics, issues and problems in training; learning from examples to give preference to developing and understanding basic principles and fundamental knowledge over frequently superficial knowledge transfer; consideration of the didactic principle "from simple to complex issues"; promotion of key competences as a prerequisite of the situation-specific application of professional competence in the fields of activities, including situational competence for actions in interpersonal relations; work in teams and small groups in order to practice skills and techniques, to reflect on attitudes, opinions, views, behaviours and experiences and to make them useful for further learning processes; consideration of principles of adult education; application of modern teaching, learning and examination methods; integration of theoretical and practical training to permit an optimal theory-practice transfer. In this context, it has to be ensured that within the framework of practical training, skills are only applied in patient care after the theoretical instruction relevant for the subject field in question.</p> <p><u>Practical training:</u> The course participants/students are integrated in a team in practical training and actively participate in the relevant activities. To ensure an optimal theory-practice transfer, the guidance they receive in the course of traineeships is provided in agreement with and with continuous feedback to the course or school. This requires didactic preparation, implementation, follow-up, reflexion and evaluation. The competences acquired during practical training are documented by the course participants or students and signed off by teachers or healthcare professionals or the person responsible for training. Within the framework of practical training, the course participants or students are only assigned activities that are directly related to their training. Healthcare professionals may provide guidance to a maximum of three course participants or students at the same time in the course of practical training. A sufficient number of suitable in-service training places is to be ensured by appropriate arrangements, such as cooperation agreements or other suitable measures. An in-service training place is suitable if the acquisition of the competences planned for the traineeship in question is ensured. In planning and organising the traineeships, the objective is that practical training is provided at a minimum of two in-service training places. The suitability of an in-service training place has to be ensured with a view to occupational safety and health.</p> <p>More information (including a description of the national qualification system) is available at: http://www.zeugnisinfo.at and http://www.bildungssystem.at National Europass Centre: europass@oead.at Ebendorferstraße 7, A-1010 Vienna; Tel. + 43 1 53408 ext. 684 or 685</p>