

**1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (DE)<sup>(1)</sup>****Lehrabschlussprüfungszeugnis Augenoptik**<sup>(1)</sup> in original language**2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)<sup>(2)</sup>****Certificate of Apprenticeship 'ophthalmic optics' (f/m)**<sup>(2)</sup> This translation has no legal status.**3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES**

- reading and application of technical documents
- specification of steps, work equipment and working methods
- appropriate selection, procurement and examination of the required material
- application of the work guidelines of optical lens-making taking into account health legislation and other rights, obligations and legal provisions
- selection, manufacture and fitting of vision aids under anatomic, physiological and pathological aspects
- instruction of customers on the use and care of vision aids under consideration of these aspects; testing of the vision; collection of biometric data; assessment of prescriptions; carrying out screening
- handling and servicing of optical and meteorological instruments
- understanding of the business background of ophthalmic opticians' enterprises (documentation of orders, price display and cost-based pricing, provision of advisory services to customers)
- appropriate written and oral command of language and mode of expression as well as use of job-related foreign language
- performance of the work taking into consideration relevant safety regulations, norms, safety and environmental standards

**4. RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE<sup>(3)</sup>****Range of occupations:**

Employment in small and medium -sized enterprises active in the field of optical equipment and contact lenses.

**Pursuit of regulated professions on a self-employed basis:**

Qualifications pursuant to the 1994 Gewerbeordnung (Crafts, Trade, Service and Industry Act): The crafts, services and trades regulated on the basis of the 2002 Amendment to the Gewerbeordnung are subject to the provisions of the Gewerbeordnung on the furnishing of certificates of competency as contained in the respective regulations. Final apprenticeship examinations completed successfully replace, in particular, those parts of the master craftsperson examination which relate to subject-specific skills and competences in the various crafts and trades.

<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 Council Resolution no. 2241/2004/EG 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](http://www.europass.at)

<b>5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE</b>	
<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 Digitalisierung und Wirtschaftsstandort (Federal Ministry of Digital and Economic Affairs)
<b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b> EQF/NQF 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 Berufsreifeprüfung (i.e. certificate providing university access for skilled workers), a bridge course or a technical and vocational college for people under employment. Access to 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.	<b>International agreements</b> International agreements on the mutual recognition of apprenticeship trades have been concluded between Germany, Hungary, the South Tyrol and Austria. More information on this topic may be obtained at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Digital and Economic Affairs.
<b>Legal basis</b> 1. Training Regulation and Examination Regulation for Ophthalmic Optics, BGBl. (Federal Law Gazette) II No. 181/00 (company- based training) 2. Curriculum framework (education at the vocational school for apprentices)	

<b>6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE</b>
<p>1. Training in the framework of the given Training Regulation for Ophthalmic Optics 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>Additional information:</b></p> <p><b>Entry requirements:</b> successful completion of 9 years of compulsory schooling</p> <p><b>Duration of education:</b> 3.5 years</p> <p><b>Company-based training:</b> 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. (Federal Law Gazette) II No. 181/00, enabling the apprentice to exercise qualified activities as defined by the profile of skills and competences specified above.</p> <p><b>Education at vocational school:</b> 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 company -based training and of widening their general education in the framework of subject - oriented part--time instruction.</p> <p><b>More information (including a description of the national qualification system) is available at:</b>            at <a href="http://www.edusystem.at">http://www.edusystem.at</a></p> <p><b>National Europass Center:</b> <a href="mailto:europass@oead.at">europass@oead.at</a>            Ebendorferstraße 7, A-1010 Wien; Tel. + 43 1 53408-684 or 685</p>